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SMALL CLASS SIZES

Njswim offers small group classes with a 1:3 Teacher-Student ratio. There are never more than 3 students per teacher in Njswim small group classes, as compared to most other swim schools with 4, 5 or more children per teacher in group classes. Njswim also has at least one lifeguard present on the pool deck, who is not instructing, but rather constantly observing your child at all times when they are in the water.

Njswim small group classes offer increased safety and a fun learning environment, where children feel comfortable and secure. Another benefit of smaller classes is the ability for Njswim teachers to pay closer attention to each student and their individual swim skills progression.



TEACHING TO THE STUDENT

All Njswim lessons teach to each individual student's learning pace, in a learning style that best suits their needs within the Njswim learn to swim philosophy.

Students are not bound to their class level assignment. Only when they are ready to learn something new, do they keep moving forward. Another benefit is that students can stay consistent in their schedules with the same teachers, as opposed to having to reschedule once they're ready to learn new skills.

LEARN TO FLOAT

The Njswim "Learn to Float" philosophy is the cornerstone to their safe, effective, and proprietary swim teaching and lesson progression. A Zen-like approach to swimming allows teachers to assist swim students in developing proper body position and breath control before learning stroke techniques. Their progression is appropriate for all levels and develops a sense of safety and awareness in and around the water.

WATER BABIES

Njswim has created the most effective approach to swimming that starts with "Water Babies" as early as age 3-months. The Water Babies program is designed to provide your family with a positive and safe introduction into the aquatic environment.



A swimming foundation is built in three areas: breath control, balance and buoyancy, and movement. Water Babies classes follow a Zen inspired approach to teaching and encourage both parents and children to remain relaxed as they begin their aquatic journey together.

If your little swimmer is between the ages of 3 months and 24 months, Njswim offers a trial Water Baby class so you can easily experience and evaluate their fun, award-winning program.

SWIM LESSONS FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

Njswim's safety swim lessons for preschoolers is the first level where children are independent of their parents with the teacher. Preschoolers are taught swim skills that include breath control, supported floating and how to enter and exit the pool safely.

Njswim offers FREE Swim Skills Evaluations that take only 1 to 3 minutes in the water. Once completed, a certified Njswim teacher determines the best level for your child and can present you with the best class options.

Njswim has created a safe approach to swim lessons that helps children of all ages become proficient swimmers. The swim lesson programs are age and developmentally suitable to keep kids interested in swimming and building strength as they grow.

Swimming is a life-long activity to be enjoyed as children grow. Surfing, boogie boarding, and other water sports require strong swimming skills.

INTENSIVE SUMMER SWIM 2024

Njswim's Intensive Summer Swim program provides students an opportunity to meet five (5) consecutive days per week, with a choice of eleven (11) one-week sessions for 30 minutes per day. This fun and exciting approach to summer swim lessons offers kids a swim-camp approach to the important life-skill of learning to swim.

NEW JERSEY'S LEADER IN WATER SAFETY

Drowning is the #1 cause of death for children of the ages 4-years old and younger and is entirely preventable. According to the CDC, drowning is the leading cause of death for children 1-4 after birth defects. And the second leading cause of accidental death for children 1-14. Drowning can happen quickly and silently.

88% of child drownings occur when at least one adult is present. The drowning risks change as your child grows and develops.

The toddler years bring the highest risk of drowning with the biggest threat being unexpected, unsupervised access to water such as pools, hot tubs, ponds, and standing water.

Learning to swim is the best defense every family has to prevent the horror of accidental death by drowning.

For over 20 years Njswim has been the leader in water safety for New Jersey. Njswim is a founding member of The New Jersey Swim Safety Alliance, and active members of The United States Swim School Association, Stop Drowning Now, the Safer3, and the National Drowning Prevention Alliance.

WATER SAFETY PRESENTATIONS

Njswim offers practical, in water safety awareness training and preparation for small groups such as boys scouts, girls scouts, surfing teams, camps, homeowners associations, and other community groups who are looking to increase their awareness and education on water safety.

They also offer water safety presentations to daycare centers, preschools, and youth organizations throughout the area. Every week, Njswim helps to make our communities stronger and safer by providing a water safety presentation at your location or in one of the Njswim schools.



To schedule an IN-WATER safety day and learn more about the value of water safety for your group, please contact the Njswim school near you.

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Manasquan Tourism rolls out summer events

BY ELLIOTT NGUYEN
STAR NEWS GROUP

MANASQUAN — The Manasquan Tourism Commission will be offering a number of exciting events this summer. Here are just a few.

FOURTH OF JULY

Manasquan will celebrate Independence Day with a parade, fireworks and even a concert. The parade will begin and end at the Manasquan-Brielle Little League fields, circling through eastern Manasquan. Afterward, there will be a concert on Main Beach by Wave Length, formerly known as Deep Six, and Cliff Height. These festivities

will take place on July 3 with a rain date of July 7.

BANDS ON THE BEACH

In addition to the Fourth of July celebration concert, the tourism commission will be providing weeknight concerts throughout much of the summer, all of which will take place on Main Beach.

Most of the concerts will take place on Thursday nights, though there will be one on Saturday, Aug. 31 with a rain date of Sunday, Sept. 1.

Blue Abyss and Craig Beattie will play on July 11, Don't Know Jack will play on July 18, Northern Lights will play on July

25, The Kootz and Glen Taylor will play on Aug. 8, Groove Sharks and Rich Carlson will play on Aug. 15, So Shot and Sean Rogers will play on Aug. 22, The Laura G. Band and John Russo will play on Aug. 29 and The Wallnutz and Doug Borst will play on Saturday, Aug. 31 with a rain date of Sept. 1.

OTHER EVENTS

Water lovers can also look forward to Big Sea Day on Aug. 3, which will include a sandcastle tournament, and canoe, kayak and paddleboard races on Aug. 10. See related story on page 44.

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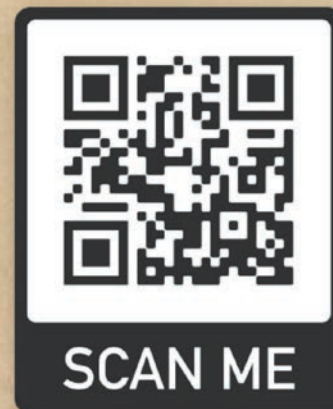


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Brick recreation department announces registration for upcoming events

BY ANTHONY ROSSICS
STAR NEWS GROUP

BRICK TOWNSHIP — The Brick Township Recreation Department has announced registration dates for camps, clinics and leagues.

Brick Township Recreation Director Dan Santaniello told Star News Group, "There is a lot to offer for all ages. We have some fairly new programs that are very popular so we are going to continue to offer them."

Programs that will be returning for adults include a cornhole league and bocce ball, which according to Santaniello, fill up quickly.

Among the programs are Summer Basketball Camp, Summer Outdoor Basketball League, Junior Lifeguard Camp, Street Hockey Clinic and the Track and Field Clinic.

The Summer Basketball camp is for residents in fourth through eighth grade. The clinic will be held June 24 to June 27 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. or July 8 through July 11 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Hank Waltonowski Park.

The fee is \$75 for the basketball camp.

The Summer Outdoor Basketball League is laid back summer sports at its best, according to the recreation department. One month long, two games per week, no practices and no playoffs.

According to the department, it's a fun summer coed league. There will be separate

divisions for grades five through eight and high school. The season is July 8 through August 11. Games will be held at Arrowhead Park.

The cost for the league is \$75 per player.

The Junior Lifeguard Camp is for residents ages 10 to 15, this camp provides young people with the experience of what it takes to become a Brick Township lifeguard.

Students will undergo professional surf training and daily team relays involving surfboard paddling, swimming, running and beach flags. Additionally, students will be instructed in the basics of first aid and CPR (no certifications given).

The course meets on four consecutive Mondays beginning June 24 from 9:45 to 11 a.m. at Brick Beach III.

The fee is \$85 per participant for the camp.

The Street Hockey Clinic is for residents in grades kindergarten through eighth grade, this program is designed to introduce young people to the sport of hockey. Participants will be taught basic skills. No equipment needed - sticks will be provided.

The clinic will be held on Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. from July 10 through Aug. 14 at Hank Waltonowski Park.

The fee is \$30 per participant for the clinic.

The Track and Field Clinic is for residents in third through ninth grade, and this program

is designed to introduce young people to all aspects of track and field.

This is a four day clinic run by experienced coaches. Participants will be instructed on running mechanics, dynamic stretching, sprints, relays, shot put, discus, javelin, long jump, high jump and pole vault. Skills learned here will translate to other sports as well, according to the recreation department.

The clinic will be held July 15 through July 18, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Brick Township High School Track.

The fee is for \$60 per participant for the clinic.

According to the township's website, "Summer is just around the corner and Brick Recreation has a variety of programs available to keep young people busy."

FUTURE ART ACTIVITIES

Santaniello told Star News Group that he and the Brick Township Recreation Department are working on art programs and activities for residents.

"We are in the works to start an arts class. A lot of things are geared towards sports, where not every kid these days likes sports. We are looking at different avenues to get everybody involved. We are excited and we are getting very close to nailing it all down and having to learn to draw

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Array of options in Brick this summer

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and learn to paint,” said Santaniello.

According to Santaniello, the recreation department is working to launch the programs by the end of summer.

PARKS

Brick Township has parks throughout the township that residents can visit. The parks include: Lake Riviera Park, Windward Beach Park, Bernard J. Cooke Park, Drum Point Sports Complex, Herbertsville Park, Joe Boland Field, Pinewood Acres Complex, Forge Pond Tennis Courts, Hank Waltonowski Park, Frede Drive Park, VFW Park, Arrowhead Park, Mallard

Point Park, Bay Harbor Beach, Edmund Hibbard Park, Angela Hibbard Park, Bayside Park, Traders Cove Marina and Park, Sawmill Trail and Airport Trail.

- Lake Riviera Park is located at 371 Lake Shore Drive and has amenities of basketball, beach, fishing pier, playgrounds and a gazebo.

- Windward Beach Park is located at 265 Princeton Avenue and has the amenities of beach, restrooms, bocce courts, gazebo, playgrounds and fishing piers.

- Bernard J. Cooke Park is located at 44 Burnt Tavern Road and has the amenities of skate park, basketball court, playgrounds and bicycle training area.

- Drum Point Sports Complex is located at 41 and 43 Drum Point Road and has the amenities of soccer, baseball/softball, restrooms, concessions, walking trail and exercise stations.

- Herbertsville Park is located at 501 Colorado Avenue and has the amenities of basketball, softball, playgrounds and walking trail.

- Joe Boland Field is located at 2000 Lanes Mill Road and has the amenities of baseball, concessions and restrooms.

- Pinewood Acres Complex is located at 1351 Route 88 West and has soccer, concessions and restrooms.

- Forge Pond Tennis Courts is located at 401 Chambers Bridge Road and has tennis courts (restrooms and vending ma-

chines available in municipal buildings during regular hours).

- Hank Waltonowski Park is located on Ashwood Drive and is home to the summer basketball camp.

- Frede Drive Park is located at 119 Frede Drive and has basketball courts and playgrounds.

- VFW Park is located at 154 Duchess Lane and has soccer, baseball and softball.

- Arrowhead park is located at 161 Village Way and has basketball, walking trail and playgrounds.

- Mallard Point Park is located at 41 Tunesbrook Drive and has a playground and an area for fishing and crabbing.

- Bay Harbor Beach is located at Bay Harbor Boulevard and has a playground and an area for fishing and crabbing.

- Edmund Hibbard Park is located at 51 Tiller Lane and has baseball,

concessions, restrooms and playgrounds.

- Angela Hibbard Park is located at 600 Drum Point Road and has playgrounds, pickleball, basketball, walking trail and dog parks.

- Bayside Park is located at 427 Route 35 South and has fishing, crabbing, gazebo and a playground.

- Traders Cove Marina and Park is located at 40 Mantoloking Road and has playgrounds, gazebo, fishing, crabbing, walking trail, boat slips.

- Sawmill Trail is located on Burnt Tavern Road and has a walking and bicycle trail and picnic tables.

- Airport Trail is located on Cherry Quay Road and has a walking and bicycle trail and picnic tables.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Brick Township Recreation Department is responsible for the co-

ordination of recreational, sports and cultural programs for citizens throughout the year.

The mission of the Brick Township Recreation Department is to improve the quality of life for all Brick Township citizens through the provision of high quality recreational facilities and a wide variety of programs that promote a healthy and enriching lifestyle and a greater sense of community while enhancing the social, cultural and physical well-being of citizens and visitors of Brick Township.

The Recreation Office is located in the Brick Township Civic Plaza, 270 Chambers Bridge Road with regular office hours Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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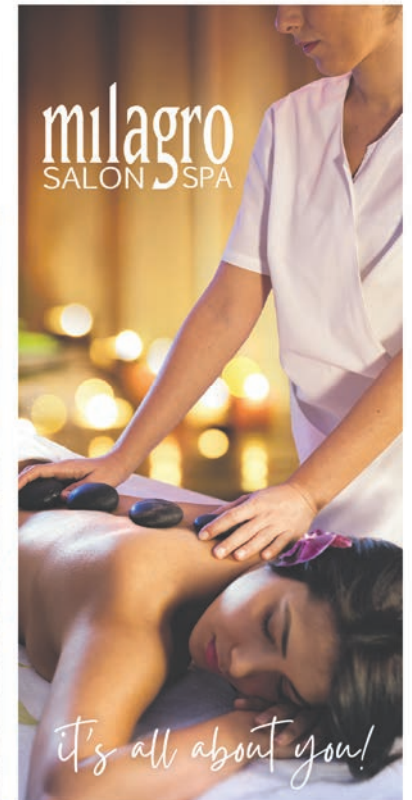
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The event brings dozens of artists to Centennial Park.

Art in the Park returns to Bay Head for eighth year

BY TOMMY WATTERS
STAR NEWS GROUP

BAY HEAD — The eighth annual Art in the Park is slated to return this summer to Bay Head, bringing 80 fine artists, ranging from painters to fine hand makers, to Centennial Park.

This free event is open to the public. It will take place, rain or shine, on Sunday, June 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the park located directly behind municipal hall, 83 Bridge Ave.

Zsa Zsa Stackles, creator and organizer for Art in the Park, stressed this is not a craft fair and is made to highlight the fine artists of both a lo-

cal level, and much more abroad.

“This is a great event. It is a fine art show that leans more towards people who have immersed themselves in various mediums from photography to oils to watercolors,” said Stackles.

Each artist will also have all their work up for sale as well, and Stackles encourages residents to stop by to not only see all the talented work these artists bring but to also see if any art catches their eye.

Stackles owns ReFind, located at 43 Mount St., which is an art studio. She said, “I opened my studio with the intent of helping to bring art back to Bay Head since it has

always been a part of the community after (Hurricane) Sandy. It was important to bring back some normality...That was my mission to bring art back into the community after a loss of so much.”

The application process starts in October, and then a panel goes through all the applications submitted from October to December. From here, individuals are selected and notified if they will be allowed to participate in the art show that year.

For those interested in getting involved in next year's Art in the Park, email bayheadaitp@gmail.com.

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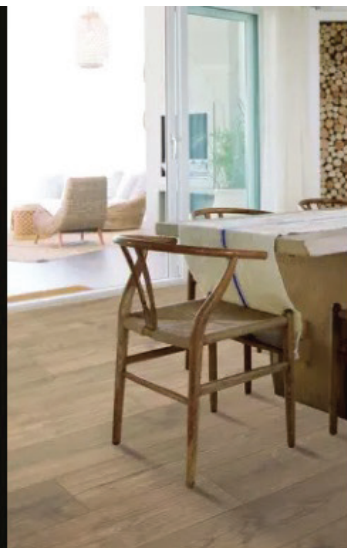
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- Movies on the Beach**
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THURSDAYS

- Fireworks** at dark

FRIDAYS

- Princess Dining** 5pm-8pm
Pavilion Oceanside Dining
- Aquarium Beach BINGO** 7pm
Meet in front of the Aquarium

- 7/10 Mermaid Meet & Greet**
6:30-8pm
- 7/10 Oldies Night Summer Concert Series** 7pm
- 7/11 Princess Palooza** 7pm
- 7/15 Science in the Sand**
6pm & 7pm
- 7/17 Oldies Night Summer Concert Series** 7pm
- 7/18 Little Mermen** 7pm
- 7/23 Christmas in July** 4-9pm & 24
- 7/24 Mermaid Meet & Greet**
6:30-8pm
- 7/25 Eyes of the Wild**
5:30pm, 6:15pm & 7pm
- 7/29 Science in the Sand**
6pm & 7pm
- 7/31 Oldies Night Summer Concert Series** 7pm

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- 6/19 Mermaid Meet & Greet**
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- 6/20 Marvel Meet & Greet** 4-9pm
- 6/24 Magic on the Beach**
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- 6/26 Oldies Night Summer Concert Series** 7pm
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- 7/1 Magic on the Beach**
6pm & 7pm
- 7/4 Independence Day Fireworks**
at dark
- 7/9 Yosi & The Superdads Family Beach Concert** 7pm

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- 8/1 Magic on the Beach**
6pm & 7pm
- 8/5 Science in the Sand**
6pm & 7pm
- 8/6 Yosi B-E-A-C-H Family Concert** 7pm
- 8/7 Mermaid Meet & Greet**
6:30-8pm
- 8/8 Eyes of the Wild**
5:30pm, 6:15pm & 7pm
- 8/12 DinoShore** 6pm & 7pm & 13
- 8/14 Oldies Night Summer Concert Series** 7pm
- 8/15 Princess Palooza** 7pm
- 8/20 Hot Halloween** 4-8pm & 21
- 8/21 Mermaid Meet & Greet**
6:30-8pm
- 8/22 Little Mermen** 7pm
- 8/27 Yosi WEE ROCK Family Beach Concert** 7pm
- 8/29 Marvel Meet & Greet** 4-9pm

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A round up of recreation events planned for Bradley Beach

BY KIERAN SULLIVAN
STAR NEWS GROUP

BRADLEY BEACH — Bradley Beach recreation is gearing up for a big summer with camps, events and weekly games throughout the season. For more information on the many events held at the Recreation Department located at 39 1/2 Main Street or hosted throughout the borough, visit recreation website bradleybeachnj.gov/recreation-department, or call the recreation center at 732-776-2999, extension 3201.

SUMMER REC CAMP

From June 24 to August 9, Bradley Beach Recreation Department summer camp is held on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rising first graders to seventh graders are invited to the seasonal camp, with a counselor in training (CIT) camp for eighth through tenth-grade students. A resident fee for individuals

from Bradley Beach and Neptune City cost \$600 for the camp, and a non-resident fee of \$750.

Camp activities include beach days, crafts, sports and games, karaoke and talent shows, walking trips throughout the town and many more summer activities. To apply for the camp, visit register.capturepoint.com

BOCCE LEAGUE

Bradley Beach's annual seasonal bocce league kicks off on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 6 p.m., starting on Monday, May 20 and running until Wednesday, July 15. Competitions are held in teams of two, each player must register, with a limit of competing one day a week. Registration is now open and can be made on register.capturepoint.com/reg. There is a \$15 non-resident registration fee, a \$10 fee for residents of Bradley Beach. Games are held at the Bocce

courts between Third and Fourth Avenues.

PICKLEBALL AND TENNIS

Bradley Beach's pickleball and tennis courts are open to the public from dawn to dusk and are located beside the recreation center at 39 1/2 Main Street. The courts operate on a first come first serve basis, unless otherwise specified for borough programs, activities or events. There is no food, glass or alcoholic beverages permitted on the court. There is a box located on the courts with rec supplied equipment if players don't have rackets and other equipment of their own. Equipment is expected to be respected and returned as it is found.

The Recreation Department also offers pickleball lessons for beginners Tuesday evenings at 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. Registration is required and spots are limited. To sign up visit bradleybeachnj.gov.

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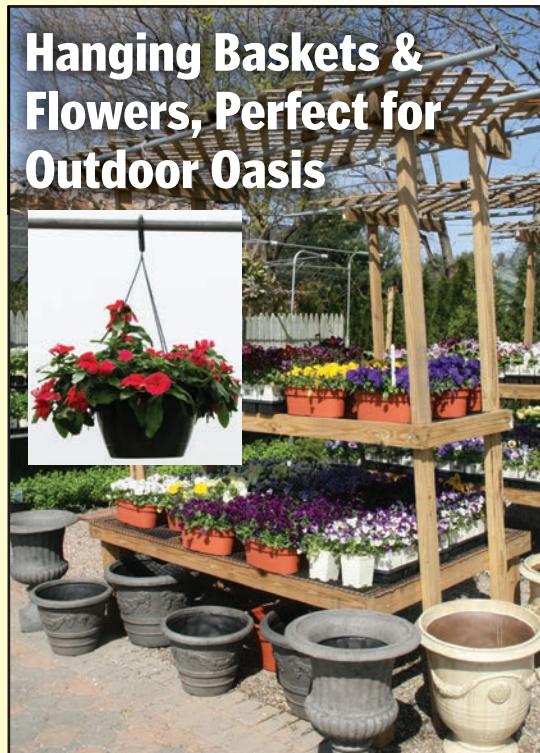
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Party by the Sea returns to Point Beach May 30

BY ALEX DYER
STAR NEWS GROUP

POINT PLEASANT BEACH — The Point Pleasant Beach Cultural Arts Committee’s Party by the Sea fundraiser returns on May 30, benefiting both the committee and the local art community with a social night of food, art and music.

The committee will also hold its Juried Art show concurrently with the party; the first time the art show will be held since prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. These events will take place at The Lobster Shanty, 83 Channel Drive.

“Our event is a fundraiser, but more importantly it’s an event to support and showcase

the arts,” said Judy Van Brunt, vice chair of the arts committee.

Committee member Tracey Jackson, who spearheaded the event’s preparations, said, “It gives the local artists an opportunity to display and demonstrate what they do in a local venue. It’s a little bit of a different, unique event. It’s not your typical fundraiser where we’re selling baskets and whatnot.”

“It’s twofold,” Jackson said. “We have performing artists — a band, a ukulele duo, a flute-guitar duo — they perform in the center of the room...At the same time, on the perimeter of the room, we have artists and chefs and crafters. But it’s not just a show

— they don’t just show you their wares the way you would do at a craft show — they demonstrate their art right there on the spot.”

Culinary art displays from local Point Beach businesses will include charcuterie board arrangements from Molly Boards and pasta-making demonstrations from Mugsy’s Mercantile. The Lobster Shanty and Wandering Sweets will also serve creations at the party.

Van Brunt emphasized the social nature of the event, saying that the committee’s intent behind the night is for attendees to mingle and discuss the breadth of artwork from different media on display.

“It’s not just a sit-down dinner; it’s a social event where...you can roam around with your cocktail and check out some beautiful art,” she said.

JURIED ART SHOW

“The Lobster Shanty has provided us with a separate room, just off the room where the party is, where we have 31 artists...with about 90 different pieces of artwork that are part of our Juried Art Show,” said Van Brunt. She explained that this will be the committee’s first in-person Juried Art Show since 2019, as setbacks hindered the event’s return for several years.

“The last time we had an in-person Juried Art Show was 2019,” she said.

“Then, due to COVID, we were planning the event for 2020 but had to cancel it. In 2021, we just couldn’t pull anything together; we had a virtual art show in ‘22 and ‘23...so, now, we’re bringing it back, live...We went to (The Lobster Shanty) last year for Party by the Sea, and they were wonderful to us this year in terms of providing us the space with a great deal.”

“They really work with us; they’re very accommodating,” said Jackson.

A prize of \$300 will be awarded after the show for Overall Best in Show. Both categories — fine art/mixed media and photography, will have first, second and third-place prizes of \$150, \$100 and \$50 respective-

ly. There will also be a People’s Choice Award of \$100 given the night of Party by the Sea based on the piece that gets the most votes.

The Juried Art Show will be judged by artist and Jersey Shore native Theresa Losa. Losa’s work, which she refers to as “modern impressionism,” was featured in award-winning Showtime series “The Affair,” leading to a partnership with interior design studio Serena & Lily, according to the website for Beach People Studio, Losa’s online art outlet.

Tickets cost \$55 and include both Party by the Sea and the Juried Art

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Third annual Mayor's Bash set for July 18

BY GIANNA MEHES
STAR NEWS GROUP

LAKE COMO — The 100th Anniversary Mayor's Bash fundraising event will take place later this summer, scheduled for Thursday, July 18 at Bar Anticipation.

The third rendition of Lake Como Mayor Kevin Higgins' Mayor's Bash will once again benefit both the recreation programs of Lake Como, specifically the beatification and redesign of Behrman Park.

The celebration is hosted on the sand at Bar Anticipation, located at 703 16th Avenue, with entertainment provided by E Boro Bandits and DJ B-Lo. Cost of admission includes food and an open bar alongside the live entertainment.

"It is the best event of the year...There may also be a surprise or two in store for those attending," Mayor Higgins said.

The fundraiser also honors two Lake Como Community Contributors of the year, with last year's honorees being Citizen of the Year Debbie Hillard and Business of the Year Joe's Surf Shack. Mayor Higgins told The Coast Star that this year's honorees have been chosen but are not yet announced.

"We are hoping to get more community sponsors this year, but we are also honoring two citizens of the year," he said.

Last year's event saw roughly 200 participants gather for a night of music and memories dressed in beach-chic attire to celebrate the community.

Ticket sales are expected to be announced closer to the event date and are available at borough hall, as well as digitally in advance of the event.

"We encourage everyone to purchase tickets ahead of time, but if someone shows and needs to pay at the door we will not turn them away," Mayor Higgins said. "Once the invite and flyer are published, guests can use the QR code to purchase a ticket."

The mayor also thanked "everyone who is involved in planning and preparing for the Mayor's Bash this year and all years."

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

In honor of the borough's centennial year, the summer season of celebratory events alongside the upcoming Mayor's Bash.

The 100th Anniversary Lake Como Day will take place on Saturday, Sept. 21, with this year seeing new additions of a special 5K race and fishing competition.

Party by the Sea set to benefit arts

PARTY
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Show as well as passed hors d'oeuvres, and can be purchased at arts.pointpleasantbeach.org/events/party-by-the-sea; artworks from the Juried Art Show will be available to purchase. A cash

bar will also be available. The event will take place from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 30 at The Lobster Shanty.

"The whole reason for Point Beach Arts is to...foster an appreciation of art and bring art to the forefront in the community of Point

Pleasant Beach," said Van Brunt. "We've done murals around town, we are doing summer kids' art classes, we also do festivals where crafters sell handmade items. We work with what we have...we try to do the best we can and promote local artists."

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Recreation Department has packed season planned in Belmar and Lake Como

BY GIANNA MEHES
STAR NEWS GROUP

BELMAR/LAKE COMO — The Belmar Recreation Department has several programs planned for the upcoming summer season that are currently open for registration.

Registration links can be found online by visiting belmar.com and clicking on the Recreation page. For questions, contact the recreation department at 732-681-3700 ext. 211 or email btrogu@belmar.com.

SUMMER TENNIS CAMP

Belmar Recreation Tennis Camp will take place from June 24 through June 27 from 8 to 10 a.m. at the tennis courts at Maclearie Park, located off of Route 35.

The camp is offered for children ages 8 to 15 who are looking to better their tennis skills this summer. Camp will be broken into two groups for ages 8 to 11 and ages 12 to 15.

Registration costs \$200 per child and is open until June 10.

SUMMER TENNIS LESSONS

The recreation department will offer a six-week tennis program starting Monday, July 1. The groups will meet once a week at Maclearie Park. Participants must bring their own rackets.

Summer tennis lessons will be offered on Mondays and Tuesdays for four age groups: ages 6 to 7; ages 8 to 9, ages 10 to 12; and ages 13 to 16. Days and times are subject to change based on class sizes.

Ages 6 to 7 meet at 8 a.m., ages 8 to 9 meet at 9 a.m., ages 10 to 12 meet at 10 a.m. and ages 13 to 16 meet at 11 a.m. Some groups may be combined if numbers are low in other groups. Spots are very limited per age group.

Registration costs \$90 per child for Belmar and Lake Como residents and St. Rose students. Out-of-town registration costs \$100.

Registration for summer tennis lessons will end June 30.

SUMMER BASKETBALL

Also available for youth is the Belmar Recreation 2024 Summer Basketball. Registration is currently open until June 9.

Boys and girls in second through eighth grade for the 2023-2024 school year can sign up for the league. Teams are split into second through fourth grades and fifth through eighth grades, for both boys and girls.

Registration costs \$60 for residents and St. Rose students, nonresidents

cost \$80. A \$25 late fee will kick in June 1.

There will be six games this season, running from June 24 through Aug. 15.

Volunteer coaches and score clock volunteers are needed. All games will be played inside the recreation gym.

KIDS RUNNING CLUB

The Belmar Recreation Kids Running Club will have open registration until June 23 and starts Monday, July 1.

The running club is geared toward children who are looking to learn the basics of running as part of a team and can be useful for students looking to run track or cross country to prepare for the upcoming season.

The running club will meet twice a week at the Gazebo near Fifth Avenue on Mondays and Wednesdays for six weeks, starting July 1 and ending Wednesday, Aug. 7. Running Club meets from 6 to 7 p.m.

The youth running club is open for boys and girls entering third through eighth grade for the 2024-2025 school year. Registration costs \$55 per child for Belmar and Lake Como residents, as well as St. Rose students. Nonresidents can register for \$80 per child.



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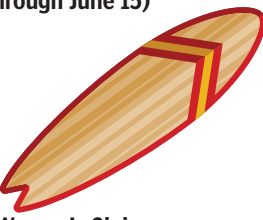


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5/27 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & SERVICES
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5/29 MANASQUAN BEACH OFFICIALLY OPENS
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JUNE



6/15 ART WALK
Presented by the Woman's Club
Main Street - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
(Rain date: 6/16)

6/15 MANASQUAN BEACH OPEN EVERY DAY THROUGH LABOR DAY

6/27 MEET ME ON MAIN STREET PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY
Presented by Manasquan Chamber of Commerce
Algonquin Theatre "Cats" Family Night
Main Street closed to traffic starting at 6 p.m.

JULY



7/3 FOURTH OF JULY PARADE, BEACH CONCERT & FIREWORKS
• Bicycle decorating contest - 5:15 p.m.
• Parade - Beachfront- beginning at Manasquan Coast Guard Station - 6:30 p.m.
• Wave Length - 7:30 p.m. - Main Beach
• Fireworks display to follow at dusk
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7/7 CRAFT SHOW IN THE PLAZA
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Squan Plaza - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

7/11 BEACH CONCERT
Blue Abyss - Craig Beattie
Presented by Manasquan Tourism

7/11 MEET ME ON MAIN STREET PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY
Presented by the Manasquan Chamber of Commerce
CAR SHOW - Main Street Closed to traffic - 6 p.m.

7/18 BEACH CONCERT
Don't Know Jack
Presented by Manasquan Tourism

7/18 MEET ME ON MAIN STREET PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY
Presented by the Borough of Manasquan
Main Street Closed to traffic - 6 p.m.

7/25 BEACH CONCERT
Northern Lights
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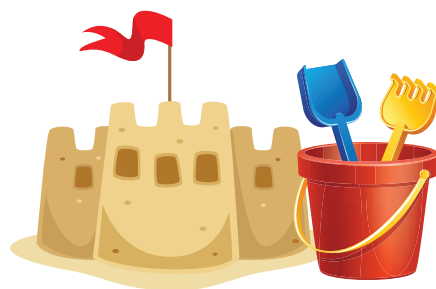
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CHRISTMAS IN JULY
Main Street Closed to traffic - 6 p.m.



7/30-8/3 FIREMAN'S FAIR
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AUGUST

8/2 & 8/3 SUMMER SIDEWALK SALE
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10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Downtown Business District



8/3 BIG SEA DAY SANDCASTLE TOURNAMENT
Presented by Manasquan Tourism
(Rain Date 8/4)



8/4 BERRYFEST MARKET
Presented by Manasquan Seniors
Squan Plaza - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

8/6 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

8/8 BEACH CONCERT
The Kootz - Glenn Taylor
Presented by Manasquan Tourism

8/8 MEET ME ON MAIN STREET PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY
Presented by the Manasquan Chamber of Commerce
CAR SHOW
Main Street Closed to traffic - 6 p.m.

8/10 KAYAK/CANOE/PADDLEBOARD RACE
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- July 11
- July 18
- July 25
- August 8
- August 15
- August 22
- August 29
- August 31



MEET ME ON MAIN STREET PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY

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Presented by The Manasquan Chamber of Commerce and the Borough of Manasquan

- June 27
- July 11, 18, 25
- Aug. 8, 15, 22, 29

C A L E N D A R

8/15 BEACH CONCERT
Groove Sharks - Rich Carlson
Presented by Manasquan Tourism

8/15 MEET ME ON MAIN STREET PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY
Presented by the Manasquan Chamber of Commerce
LADIES NIGHT OUT
Main Street Closed to traffic - 6 p.m.

8/19-24 SURFBOARD ART CONTEST
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8/22 MEET ME ON MAIN STREET PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY
Presented by the Borough of Manasquan
Main Street Closed to traffic - 6 p.m.

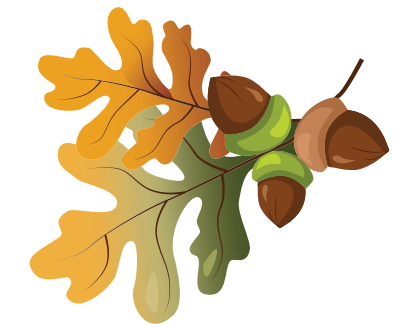
8/22 BEACH CONCERT
So Shot - Sean Rogers
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8/24 SUMMERFEST CRAFT SHOW
Presented by Manasquan Chamber of Commerce
Squan Plaza - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
(Rain Date: 8/25)

8/29 BEACH CONCERT
The Laura G Band - John Russo
Presented by Manasquan Tourism

8/29 MEET ME ON MAIN STREET PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY
Presented by the Manasquan Chamber of Commerce
CAR SHOW
Main Street Closed to traffic - 6 p.m.

8/31 BEACH CONCERT
The Laura G Band - John Russo
Presented by Manasquan Tourism
(Rain Date 9/1)



SEPTEMBER

9/14 MANASQUAN BANK COMMUNITY DAY
Squan Plaza - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

9/28 FALL FESTIVAL AND CRAFT SHOW
Presented by the Manasquan Chamber of Commerce
Squan Plaza - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
(Rain Date 9/29)

OCTOBER



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10/26 HALLOWEENFEST CRAFT SHOW
Presented by the Manasquan Chamber of Commerce
Squan Plaza - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
(Rain Date 10/27)

NOVEMBER

11/14 LADIES NIGHT OUT
Presented by the Manasquan Chamber of Commerce
Downtown Business District
4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

11/23 MANASQUAN TURKEY RUN
Starts at 10 a.m.

11/27 THANKSGIVING GAME PARADE & BONFIRE
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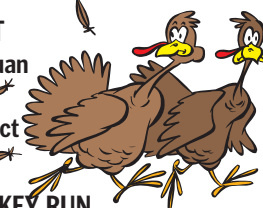
12/1 CHRISTMAS IN MANASQUAN
Downtown Business District
Presented by Manasquan Tourism - 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.
(Rain Date 12/6)

12/6 CANDY CANE HUNT
Main St. & Squan Plaza - 6 p.m.
(Rain Date 12/13)
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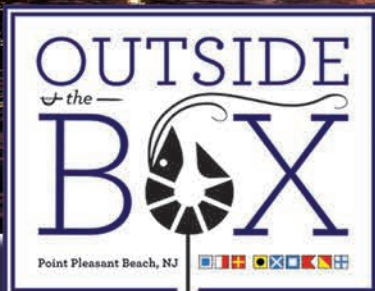
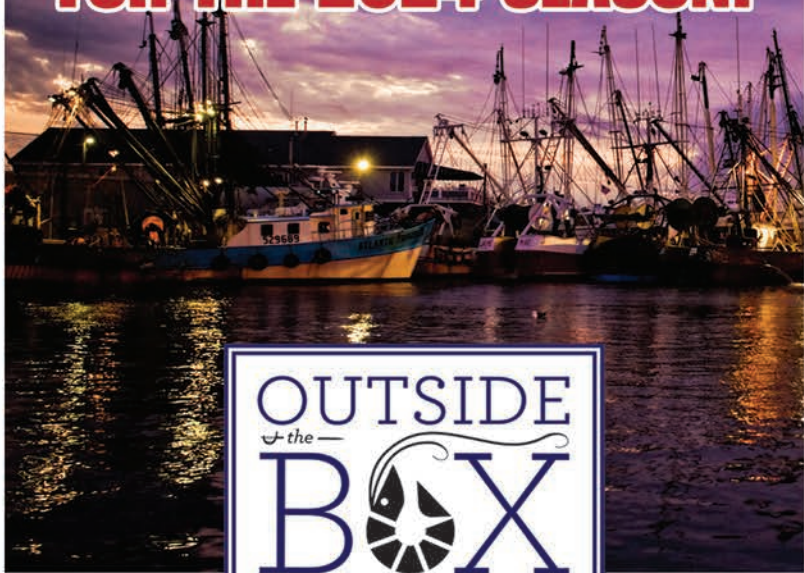
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Spring Lake summer recreation roundup

BY ELLIOTT NGUYEN
STAR NEWS GROUP

SPRING LAKE — As summer approaches, residents of the Jersey Shore or those who plan to spend time there may be looking for ways to fill their time. Spring Lake will be offering a variety of activities for those eager for fitness in the sun.

Registration for some of these activities can be completed on CommunityPass, and a link can be accessed from the Spring Lake website, springlakeboro.org, in the tab for the recreation department.

For more information on each activity, email recreation@springlakeboro.org or call 732-449-0800 ext. 602.

PICKLEBALL OPEN PLAY

There will be six Monday instructional sessions of open play pickleball from June 3 to July 8, each lasting from 6 to 8 p.m. at the newly-refurbished Marucci Park.

Each session will be limited to 20 players. Registration for each session opens at 8 a.m. on springlakeboro.org the morning of the Tuesday before the game. For example, registration for the June 3 session would open at 8 a.m. on May 28.

There will be coaching, tips, team strategy

and game analysis available. Some pickleball experience is required. Each session costs \$15.

YOUTH TENNIS SUMMER CLINICS

Throughout the months of June and July, the recreation department will offer youth tennis clinics at Divine Park, with separate sessions for five to nine-year-olds and 10 to 14-year-olds. Registration for these clinics are currently open and accessible from the Spring Lake website.

For children ages five to nine, there are clinics on Mondays from 4 to 5 p.m. or 5 to 6 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For children ages 10 to 14, there are clinics on Wednesdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

The Monday sessions last from June 24 to July 29, whereas the Wednesday sessions last from June 26 to July 31.

KARMA BARRE YOGA

Local studio Karma Barre will offer yoga and fitness classes at the South End Pavilion from June 15 through Sept. 2.

Friday and Monday classes will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday classes will begin at 9:15 a.m.

Sign-ups can be completed at karmabarre.com/beach-classes, but

drop-ins are also welcome, though spots are not unlimited. For more information and pricing, contact the studio by email at karmabarreyoga@gmail.com or by phone at 732-359-8787.

TWISTED SISTER YOGA

Twisted Sister Yoga, located in Wall Township, will also hold yoga classes on the beach. They will take place on the second floor of the South End Pavilion on Mondays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from May 26 to Sept. 2.

Monday and Friday classes will last from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., whereas Saturday and Sunday classes will last from 8 to 9 a.m. Registration is available at twistedersisteryogallc.com/beach-yoga or by drop-in.

Drop ins cost \$25. The studio also offers a one-month deal for \$159 and a summer-long deal for \$499, which amounts to \$9 per class and guarantees a spot, as space is limited.

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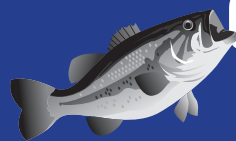


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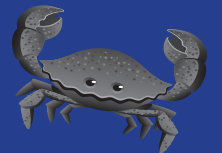


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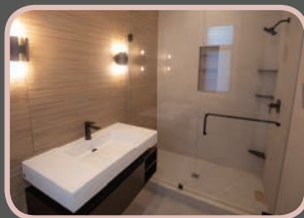
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Brielle gets set for summer

BY KIERAN SULLIVAN
STAR NEWS GROUP

BRIELLE — Brielle Recreation is gearing up for a busy summer in the borough bringing back some of the most popular events most notably, the annual North vs South Celebration. For more information on the many events being held by the recreation department this summer, visit the website, briellenj.gov/parks-recreation.

CHILDRENS SUMMER REC CAMP

The Brielle Recreation Summer camp is open for registration through the online Community Pass and is running from June 26 through August 4, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. Children entering first grade up to sixth grade are eligible to participate in the camp. Registration cost per child in the month of may is \$250, after June 1 a \$35 late fee will be charged per child.

NORTH V SOUTH

Brielle Recreation has announced the 2024 North vs South sports challenge fundraiser will be held on June 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Brielle Park.

The 12th annual North vs South fundraising event will honor two Brielle families, the Schambach family and the Dubicki family, both of whom have a family member battling cancer. Lynn Schambach has battled non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and Joe Dubicki fought off stage-four colorectal cancer as well as cardiac tamponade. All proceeds from the event will be divided equally between the families.

The event cost \$20, and the deadline to register is May 13. All sign-ups can be made on the CommunityPass portal. There also will be a donation page set up on the portal website for those who cannot attend but would like to contribute to the cause.

Sponsorships are available for the event at a cost of \$100. The sponsorship form can also be found on CommunityPass. Sponsorship forms must be sent to John Devereux no later than May 13, with all checks payable to Borough of Brielle.

“As we get ready to participate, let’s remember why a handful of us created this event, to raise money for a cause that Brielle Recreation feels is in need of some financial support. We have done this 11 times in the past, and we have raised well over \$150,000 for our community members. I am sure this year will be no different.” said Devereux.

For 2024, the Team South line has been moved to Union Lane. Those who reside on the south side of Union lane, are now considered to be on the South Team. Those who reside on the north side of Union Lane, will remain on the North Team. Other streets that now fall under the south portion of town include Howell Drive, Evergreen, Melrose and Schoolhouse Road south of Union Lane.

Leading Team North is Jennifer Gaffey. Team South will be led by team captain Mandy Schwartz. A food stand will be set up and serving break-

fast sandwiches, lunch, treats and cold drinks throughout the day.

The Recreation Department is currently finalizing the events for the day; however, sports already scheduled for this year's event include tennis and pickleball.

If interested in playing tennis, reach out to Kristy DeCresce to sign up in advance to play. To register or find out more information reach out to klee723@yahoo.com.

Pickleball will return this year with the contest once again being organized by Sue McWade and Katie Conte. To register for pickleball, reach out to contehockey3@yahoo.com.

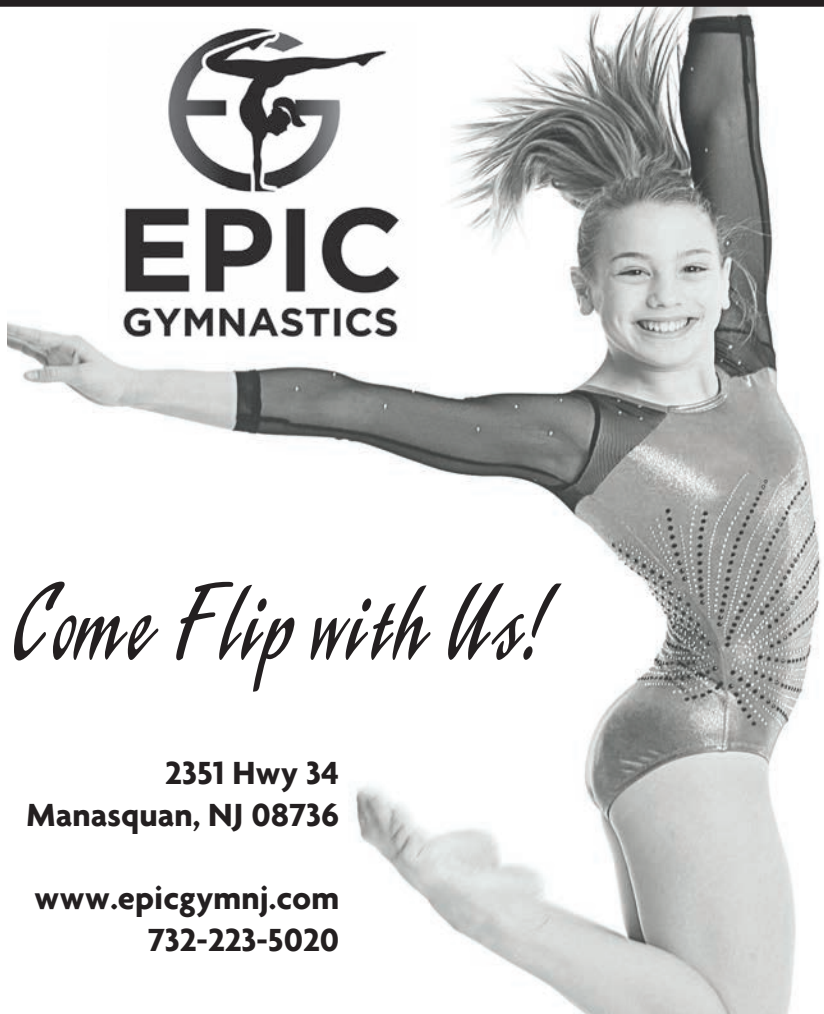
No dogs are permitted in the park the day of the event. As a reminder, alcohol is not

permitted in Brielle Park.

T-shirt pick up is at Rella's on Thursday, May 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. Shirts can also be picked up on the day of the event. For more information, visit the recreation department's website briellenj.gov/parks-recreation.

BRIELLE 10K HILL AND DALE RACE

The Brielle 10K Hill and Dale Race is scheduled for September 22. The race is run throughout the borough of Brielle and invites residents and competitors from beyond the rolling hills to the borough to compete in the tough race. Online registration is open on the recreation website briellenj.gov/parks-recreation, \$35 early bird pricing is available until August 2.



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Big Sea Day to feature returning events like Beach Smash, sandcastle contest

BY ELLIOTT NGUYEN
STAR NEWS GROUP

MANASQUAN — A highly anticipated annual event in Manasquan each year, Big Sea Day is currently scheduled for Aug. 3 with a rain date of Aug. 4.

Organized by the Manasquan Recreation Department, Big Sea Day offers numerous activities each year, including the popular recurring wiffleball tournament, Beach Smash. During this activity, dozens of teams compete for the title.

Another activity that appeared last year, the sandcastle building competition, will return for this year's Big Sea Day.

Though it has undergone many changes, Big Sea Day has been a tradition in Manasquan for many years, even dating back in some form to the 1800s.

For decades, it was planned by the Squan Village Historical Society but, in 2016, was turned over to the Manasquan Tourism Commission as

well as the recreation department.

Last year, some of the activities also included a fishing contest and a surfing competition. Of course, the Big Sea Day activities have changed over the years, so those who are excited should look forward to finding out what will be in store for them this year.

Recreation superintendent Erik Ertle said that more details will be announced about Big Sea Day as it approaches.



Surfers take on the waves during the surfing competition last year, which was part of Big Sea Day. STEVE WEXLER STAR NEWS GROUP

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Point Boro's Summerfest will kick off season

BY TOMMY WATTERS
STAR NEWS GROUP

POINT PLEASANT - Summerfest is set to return to Community Park on May 31 and June 1 to begin the summer season in the borough.

The kickoff party will be held on Friday, May 31 at Community Park from 6 to 10 p.m. and the main event will take place on Saturday, June 1 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday will feature the opening of a beer-and-wine garden, along with food vendors and entertainment on stage.

Saturday will feature all of the vendors, the beer-and-wine garden and bands on stage.

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Summerfest is slated to return this year to Community Park in Point Pleasant, featuring live music and plenty of food and fun for the whole family.

Point Pleasant Borough High School to the event at Community Park on Bridge Avenue and Beaver Dam Road. The shuttle service will be located in the parking lot by the tennis courts, and will be picking up people at the high school every half hour.

Along with the many vendors present at the event, there will be activities for children including inflatables, play equipment and a rock climbing wall.

Summerfest 2023 will feature over 100 vendors over the two days of the event, according to the Chamber of Commerce.



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Summerfest is slated to return this year to Community Park in Point Pleasant, featuring live music and plenty of food and fun for the whole family.

Vendors included market vendors and arts and crafts vendors. Vendors can sell art, clothing, accessories, pet treats and accessories, handmade jewelry, candles, among many other types of arts and crafts.

Food vendors included: ice cream trucks, gyros, shaved ice, cotton

candy, funnel cake, hot dogs, hamburgers, empanadas, woodfire pizza, seafood, Italian, among other delights.

Mayor Robert Sabosik said, "Summerfest is the official event signaling the beginning of our summer, where new residents can gather and interact with long-time

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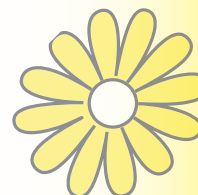


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Slew of summer fun on the horizon in Avon-By-The-Sea

BY SAMANTHA SMITH
STAR NEWS GROUP

AVON-BY-THE-SEA — The Avon-By-The-Sea Recreation Commission has planned a variety of summer activities for residents of all ages and interests. To register for any of these events, visit avonbytheseanj.com under the 'Recreation' tab, where you will find links for registration or the necessary forms and applications directly on the page.

If interested in obtaining an Avon Pool membership, which is open to residents and non-residents, visit the borough website.

For questions or concerns contact recreation@avonbytheseanj.com.

SWIM TEAM

Swim Team practices are offered for children in grades Pre-K through 8 who are pool members and have a badge at the Avon Pool, located on Ocean Avenue. All swimmers must be able to swim at least one pool length.

The program costs \$65 per child.

Practices will begin Monday, June 17 and run through Friday, Aug. 9, held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays from 5 to 6 p.m. for ages 8 and under, and from 6 to 7 p.m. for children 9 and above. The swim meet schedule is still to be determined.

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The Avon Pool, located at Ocean and Norwood avenues in Avon-By-The-Sea, not only offers leisurely swims and a place to cool down during the summer months, but also a variety of water sport classes including water ballet, pool aerobics and swim teams.

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Avon plans for summer fun

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The first swim meet is scheduled for the first week of July.

This program allows the opportunity for children to “learn the next level of swimming and help to build their confidence and strength in the water.” The classes are run by two lead coaches who possess plenty of experience, joined by a lifeguard present at each practice.

To register, visit parks-rec.egov.basgov.com. There are a limited number of available spots (125), and it is advised to sign up sooner than later.

WATER BALLET

Avon Water Ballet practices will begin Monday, July 1 through Wednesday, July 31 and cost \$45 per child. This program is open to Avon Pool members only, who hold a badge.

Practice times will vary depending on the grade the child will be entering in the fall of this year.

Times for kindergarten through fourth grade in the mornings are as follows: kindergarten on Mondays from 8 to 8:30 a.m. and Wednesdays from 8:30 to 9 a.m.; first grade Mondays from 8:30 to 9 a.m. and Thursdays from 8 to 8:30 a.m.; second grade on Tuesdays from 8 to 8:30 a.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9 a.m.; third grade on Tuesdays from 8:30 to 9 a.m. and Fridays from 8 to 8:30 a.m.; fourth grade on Wednesdays from 8 to 8:30 a.m. and Fridays from 8:30 to 9 a.m.

Times for fifth through ninth grade in the eve-

nings are as follows: fifth grade on Mondays from 7 to 7:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 7 to 7:30 p.m.; sixth grade on Mondays from 7:30 to 8 p.m. and Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8 p.m.; seventh grade on Mondays from 8 to 8:30 and Wednesday from 8 to 8:30 p.m.; eighth grade on Mondays from 8:30 to 9 p.m. and Wednesdays 8:30 to 9 p.m. and ninth grade on Mondays from 9 to 9:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 to 9:30 p.m.

The final show performance is scheduled for Wednesday, August 7, with a rain date of Thursday, August 8. Dress rehearsal will be on Sunday, August 4 between 5:30 and 7 p.m.

To register, visit parks-rec.egov.basgov.com. There are a limited number of available spots (120), and it is advised to sign up sooner than later.

SURF CAMP

Avon Surf Camp will open on the week of July 1 through 5 from 8 to 10 a.m., open to beginner and moderate surfers consisting of Avon residents or Avon tuition students only, at the Avon Surf Beach. Children must be a minimum of eight years old to participate.

Depending on the number of surfers, ages 8 to 10 will surf Monday, Wednesday and Friday and ages 11 and above will surf Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

To register, visit parks-rec.egov.basgov.com. There are a limited number of available spots (40) per age group, and it is advised to sign up sooner than later.

The group will not surf if ocean or weather conditions are poor. In this case, the days will not be rescheduled.

LEISURE CITIZENS POOL AEROBICS

Leisure Citizens Pool Aerobics classes will be held at the Avon Pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 1 p.m. beginning Tuesday, July 16 and running until Thursday, Aug. 22.

Interested students must either have a seasonal pool badge or a sponsored guest.

BOARDWALK CONCERTS

A series of Avon summer concerts are back for another year at the Woodland Avenue Boardwalk/Pavilion. Concerts are from 7:30 to 9 p.m., for the exception of the children’s DJ, which starts at 7 p.m.

On the following Tuesdays: July 16, July 23, July 30, Aug. 6 and Aug. 13 (rain date: to be determined) N&D Electric Duo will perform.

On the following Thursdays: July 11, July 18, July 25, Aug. 1 and Aug. 8 (rain date: Aug. 15) Erich the DJ Guy (Tot Dances) will perform.

On the following Fridays: July 5, July 12, July 19, July 26, Aug. 2 and Aug. 9 (rain date: Aug. 16) the Ragtimers are set to perform.

On the following Saturdays: July 6, July 13, July 20, July 27, Aug. 3 and Aug. 10 (rain date: Aug. 17) Full of It will perform.

On their website it states that the borough will not be able to provide chairs so it is advised that attendees bring their own on concert nights.

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Lavallette's recreation offerings include one of the borough's favorite pastimes, pickleball, at the courts.

Lavallette recreation badges for sale for pickleball and tennis

BY ALEX DYER
STAR NEWS GROUP

LAVALLETTE — Pickleball and tennis are popular pastimes in the borough of Lavallette, and recreation badges are currently available for use of facilities for those sports.

Lavallette recreation badges are currently for sale at the in-season price of \$65 for the season.

Seniors 65 and older \$20 with no change.

“Badges are required for use of the tennis and pickleball courts, they are not needed for any other activities in the recreation area,” according to the website for the borough of Lavallette. “Service members can acquire a badge with a military ID at no charge.”

All sales for recreation are cash or check only; daily wristbands are available from the attendant at the courts during the season. Tennis and

pickleball courts are located at Magee Avenue and the bayfront.

“Lavallette also has several recreation facilities available for use throughout the town,” the website states. “Smoking or vaping is prohibited on the boardwalk, ocean beaches, bay beaches, Chandler Field, the playground area, the gazebo grounds and parks.”

In addition to pickleball and tennis, the Magee Avenue and bayfront facilities include a bocce court, basketball courts, volleyball and a shuffleboard court. Senior shuffleboard takes place at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in season; equipment is provided. The website advises those who do not have a volleyball or basketball to see an attendant, as there may be available equipment to use.

Reservations for Chandler Field, a baseball field located at Jersey City

and Baltimore avenues are “managed through the Lavallette municipal building,” located at 1306 Grand Central Ave.

Playgrounds for the youngest Lavallette residents and visitors can be found throughout the borough, including: Jacobsen Park at White Avenue and the bayfront, Reese Avenue and the bayfront and Brooklyn Avenue and the bayfront.

Additionally, for a leisurely walk and picturesque view of the Barnegat Bay, guests and residents can visit Memorial Park at Brooklyn Avenue and the bayfront, Hankins Park at Camden Avenue and the bayfront and the gazebo and Centennial Gardens at Philadelphia Avenue and the bayfront.

A full list of summer recreation activities and facilities can be found at lavallette.org/recreation.html.




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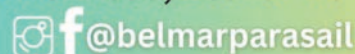


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Loads of summer fun in Sea Girt coming soon

BY SAMANTHA SMITH
STAR NEWS GROUP

SEA GIRT — The Sea Girt Recreation Commission is hosting an abundance of summer fun throughout the coming months and welcome community members to come out and take part of all the town has to offer. For more information and to register, visit the borough's website seagirt-nj.gov under the 'Recreation' tab.

SEA GIRT 5K

The Sea Girt Recreation Commission's annual 5K is ringing in its 33rd time this summer on Saturday, Aug. 3 from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

Registration is open and available on the website at seagirt5k.com for the 5K Run/Walk and Kids' Races and Activities.

The run/walk is \$30 per person and will begin at 8:30 a.m. Kids' race and activities cost \$12 per child — with the race starting at 10 a.m. and the activities from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

Registrants can pick up their t-shirts and race bibs on Friday, Aug. 2 from 3 to 7 p.m. or Saturday, Aug. 3 from 6 to 8 a.m. at the tents located across from Fratello's Restaurant and Bar/start and finish line.

This year's race will benefit The Samaritan Center at the Jersey Shore, a local nonprofit organization with a mission of providing counseling services to individuals, couples and families with easy acces-

sibility, quality care and comfortability.

The foot race will include four live bands along the course with the Billy Lawlor Band on the main stage at the start/finish lines. T-shirts, medals and awards will be given to those participating in the 5K and goody bags and T-shirts will be given for the kids' races.

Activities for kids will include an inflatable, pony rides, face painting and more. After the conclusion of the race, all are welcomed to join at Fratello's Restaurant and Bar for the after-party event.

For more information on the Sea Girt 5K and The Samaritan Center at the Jersey Shore or to sign up or make a direct contribution, visit seagirt5k.com or njsamaritan.org.

BIG BAND CONCERT

On Wednesday, June 19 (rain date of Wednesday, June 26) Sea Girt Library and the Music Performance Trust Fund will present Big Band Concert Sentimental Journey from 7 to 8 p.m. in The Plaza.

The co-sponsors invite local community members out for a fun summer evening with 1940s swing and jazz from Sentimental Journey Big Band.

It is recommended to bring a chair and some snacks and drinks.

SUMMER REC CAMP

The recreation department is holding its Summer Rec Camp for locals

running Monday, June 24 through Friday, July 26 from 9 a.m. to noon at Baltimore Park, with new camp director Holly Boyer.

The camp offers fun and creative outdoor activities for both boys and girls ages four to 13 years old. Full summer, weekly and daily registration is available.

Cost is \$285 for residents, \$335 for non-resident campers. To register, visit register.capturepoint.com/Sea-GirtBorough.

SUMMER ADVENTURE CAMP

The Summer Adventure Camp is being held from Monday to Friday from July 1 to July 12 from 1 to 4 p.m.

The camp is intended for girls and boys ages seven to fourteen to build outdoor skills in the areas of fishing, seining, crabbing, clamming, birding and nature walks.

The program costs \$175 per child and includes all necessary equipment.

There will be no camp on Thursday, July 4 and instead children will explore the beach, Wreck Pond and Edgemere Park.

For further questions, email recreation@seagirtboro.com.

GUITAR & UKULELE ON THE BEACH

The Manasquan Music Academy and Sea Girt Recreation are holding its annual Guitar & Ukulele on the Beach from

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6 to 7 p.m. at the Beach Pavilion.

On Thursdays from July 13 through Aug. 17 is Guitar on the Beach and Thursdays from July 11 through Aug. 15 is the ukelele portion. Rain dates are set for Aug. 22 and Aug. 29.

The program costs \$130 for six weeks. Guitar students must bring their own instrument. Ukuleles are available to purchase for \$40.

Register on the borough's website through CommunityPass.

SEA GIRL YOGA

Yoga classes are held Monday through Saturday at various times throughout the day, of-

fering morning, afternoon and evening classes for all ages and abilities. Classes are held at St. Uriel's Church, 219 Philadelphia Blvd. It is recommended you enter on Third Ave at Miller Hall.

Classes are by drop-in for \$15 each (cash only) or by membership punch card which can be found through CommunityPass on the borough website.

Attendees are asked to bring their own mats and a water bottle. For more information and to learn more about the instructors, visit seagirt-nj.gov under Recreation.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL CAMPS

Beach Volleyball Camp is being offered from July 22 through Aug. 14, including USYVL-trained (United States Youth Volleyball League) in-



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In 2023, the Sea Girt Library and the Music Performance Trust Fund presented Big Band Concert Sentimental Journey to community members in The Plaza. This year's concert is set for Wednesday, June 19 from 7 to 8 p.m.

structors, beginner and experienced training stations, fundamental mechanics, competition small & full court games with drills.

The program will be broken into two age groups: Group One ages

six to 10 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and Group 2 ages 11 to 17 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 5 to 7 p.m.

Group One costs \$160 and includes a volleyball

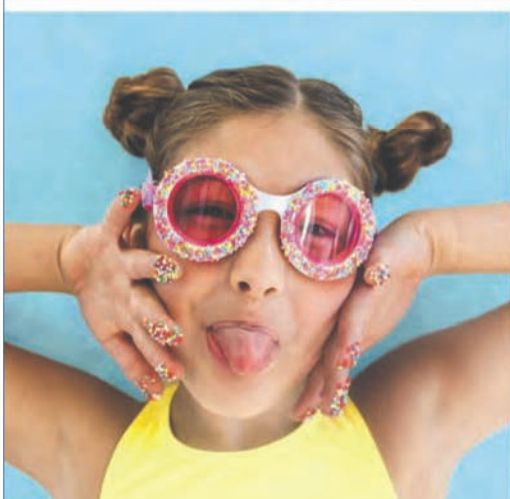
and Group Two costs \$240.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER

The Sea Girt Fire Company #1 is holding its 22nd annual fundraiser at the Parker House,

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Hey there, Allaire! Every July, Allaire Village celebrates the birthday of its founder with birthday cards and games for all ages. Races, tours of the late founder's mansion and cake are just a few parts of the festivities.

Allaire Village features multiple summer historical events

BY ALEX LAMATTINA
STAR NEWS GROUP

WALL TOWNSHIP — Celebrating the works of master mechanic and iron mogul James P. Allaire, the diverse Allaire Village, which is tucked away in woody confines of Allaire State Park, is

running events all summer long to educate and entertain. Here are some of the headliner events taking place at the site this summer.

ALLAIRE ARTS FESTIVAL
In collaboration with The Art of Monmouth County, the village dis-

plays vibrant colors and canvases of artwork throughout its site for guests to explore. A one-day event on Saturday, June 1 this year, there are crafts for kids and one-of-a-kind pieces of art from

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Vendors take to a wide open field of the village every month to display their businesses. Doves of people come out every month, especially in nicer weather, to potentially purchase the homegrown offerings of the Jersey Shore.



FILE PHOTO STAR NEWS GROUP

The village's Rolling Iron Antique Auto Show is a hit for the summer, welcoming automobiles from all over the past century and state.

Allaire Village summer events

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vendors as they will be selling their fine art, photography and sculptures. There's also live demonstrations of various art mediums throughout the village during the entire day; watercolor painting, oil painting and so much more. Tickets are \$6 for ages over 10.

FLEA MARKETS

The village is holding multiple flea markets this summer, one in each month, for vendors to showcase their home-grown passions. The flea markets have been a hit at the site for years running, bringing in big turnouts and exposure of small businesses on the Jersey Shore. The flea markets will be held June 8 and 9, as well as July 13 and August 10. Tickets are \$5.

JAMES P. ALLARE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The village celebrates its founder's birthday every year, this year being

on July 20. Mr. Allaire bought the property in 1822, where he would create the largest iron-producing site in the state. In honor of our founder's birthday, guests can enjoy special historical demonstrations, children's games/activities, tours of the historic homes and craft shops and more. The day includes signing a birthday card for Allaire, Games on the Green with water races, delivering a toast to Allaire at the General Store and then taking to his home for a piece of cake and a tour. Tickets for this event are \$6 for ages 4 and up.

HISTORY KIDS SUMMER PROGRAM

History Kids Day is an engaging event welcoming children and young adults aged 5 to 13 to the Historic Village at Allaire, where they can delve into history firsthand. Participants will explore the experiences of life and labor in an industrial village like the Howell Iron Works in the

1830s through interactive activities. From historical water races to gardening, cooking, and games on the green, attendees will immerse themselves in the past. This event celebrates our budding historians, bringing together families and friends for a day of learning and fun! Tickets are \$10 ages 4 and up. The dates for the summer are June 15, July 14 and Aug. 2 and 9.

ANNUAL ROLLING IRON ANTIQUE AUTO SHOW

For the 29th year in a row, the village is having its Rolling Iron Antique Auto Show. Owners of cars prior to 1998 can show off their rides for automotive enthusiasts to take in. A five-hour event on Aug. 18, family cars, firetrucks, motorcycles, and more will be included, as well as the usual activities the village has in store. Tickets are \$20.

Tickets for all village events are available at eventbrite.com.

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Parades planned throughout area for Memorial Day Weekend

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Throughout Monmouth and Ocean Counties, events are planned for Memorial Day weekend, serving as the unofficial kickoff to the start of summer.

BRADLEY BEACH

Bradley Beach will be holding its annual Memorial Day Weekend (MDW) Festival on Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26. The festival includes a memorial parade along Ocean Avenue, with a promising procession along with an array of boardwalk activities and live music to kick off the 2024 summer. Additionally, on May 27 at 11 a.m., a service will take place in honor of Memorial Day.

Bradley Beach's annual parade represents the unofficial summer kickoff for the borough through a march down the Ocean Avenue promenade and features food trucks, music and more.

The Bradley Beach MDW parade kicks off at 10 a.m. and will highlight some of our nation's finest, and commemorate those who made the ultimate sacrifice in a memorable parade. A wreath honoring American servicemen and women will be placed at the beachfront with flags placed on Ocean Avenue near the gazebo.

Starting from the intersection of Bradley Blvd. and Ocean Ave, the summer kick off parade will feature police, firefighters, U.S. Army personnel, first responders and many others that will be



STEVE WEXLER STAR NEWS GROUP

The Bradley Beach Memorial Day Parade and festivities will be returning this year on Ocean Avenue at 10 a.m.

participating in the procession.

The parade has been very well attended in the past, not only by Bradley Beach residents but by visitors from the state and beyond. Past parade participants have included members of Congress, State Senators and Assemblymen, County Freeholders, and mayors and other representatives of neighboring towns, as well as Bradley Beach town departments, agencies, school bands, pipe and drum bands and veterans organizations.

The procession will feature an array of live performances from dancers and bands, adding a ceremonial tune to the patriotic parade.

So far, the procession of entertainers includes the Pipes and Drums from the Atlantic Watch, the Ocean Township High School Marching Band, Neptune High School Marching Band, the 501st Legion Storm Troopers, the Ocean Avenue Stompers and the Crescent Shine Clowns, to name just a few of the many marchers in this years procession.

FESTIVAL

A ceremonial festival will be held on the boardwalk following Saturday's parade and on Sunday. Arts and crafts, local vendors, food and music will continue the celebration along the Bradley Beach promenade.

DJ Jay will be playing music from 1 to 5 p.m., followed by Little by Little, a local band that will be playing from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday in the 5th Avenue Gazebo.

Kiddie rides, miniature golf and more will also be featured in the festivities, not to mention Bradley Beach's shining shore line and illustrious sandy beaches.

BRICK TOWNSHIP

Hosted by the American Legion Post 348, VFW Post 8867 and the Township of Brick, the Annual Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 27. The parade, which will feature veteran service organizations, marching bands, local youth groups and more, steps off at 10 a.m.

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and will march on Chambers Bridge Road, which will be closed from 9:30 to parade completion, from Route 70 to the Municipal Building. A ceremony will follow the parade.

MANASQUAN

Hosted by the VFW Post 1838, the Annual Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 27. The parade, which will feature veteran service organizations, marching bands, local youth groups and more, steps off at the high school at approximately 10:30 a.m. with a ceremony in the Plaza at 11 a.m.

POINT PLEASANT BEACH

Point Beach's annual Memorial Day Bike Parade will be returning to the borough's roads this

year on Saturday, May 25, giving patriots of all ages the opportunity to deck their bikes, wagons, strollers and other means of transportation in red, white and blue to commemorate the holiday.

The parade, this year in its 22nd iteration, will begin in the parking lot of For Shore Pools and take participants down the borough's main thoroughfare, Arnold Avenue, to the Silver Lake parking lot at the corner of Arnold and Baltimore avenues.

Parade co-coordinator Tracey Jackson explained the route that the parade will take on May 25, the Saturday before Memorial Day.

"We begin gathering in the For Shore Pools lot (815 Arnold Ave.) at 9:30 a.m., and then the parade kicks off at 10 a.m. It goes from there down to the parking lot by the band-

shell and it ends there. Then, there's a short ceremony to honor veterans on Memorial Day," Jackson said, which will last approximately 20 minutes.

SEA GIRT

The borough's annual Sea Girt Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony is set to take place on Monday, May 27 starting at 8:30 a.m. in front of Sea Girt Elementary School (SGES) at Bell Place.

Participants will meet at Bell Place at 8:30 a.m. The parade will then leave Bell Place and travel to Washington Boulevard at 8:45 a.m., before the ceremony begins at 9 a.m. at The Plaza.

The parade route will travel from SGES to Washington Boulevard to Fifth Avenue and then to Boston Boulevard, before finishing off at The Plaza.

Register now for pickleball, summer camp in Spring Lake Heights

SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS — Time is running out to register for the Heights beginner and intermediate pickleball league.

Interested parties need to register by June 4, to begin with the league on Tuesday, June 11. Games will be played every Tuesday and Thursday for seven weeks, with 2 Sunday rain dates.

Games will be played at 5 p.m. at the Joseph E. Robertson Park (Al-

laire Rd) and Bicentennial Park (Ocean Rd) and played every 45 minutes. Sign up costs \$175 for each two-person team. You can register on CommunityPass at https://register.capturepoint.com/reg/cat_program_list_detail.cfm?sea-son_id=33125&program_id=2291442.

The recreation department also notes that from June 24 to August 9, a summer recreation camp

that features arts and crafts, sports, games, and activities like field trips, will be held at Spring Lake Heights Elementary School from Monday to Friday, from 9 a.m. to noon. Campers are asked to bring snack and water.

Registration costs are \$325 for residents and \$375 for nonresidents. Trips will be finalized and advertised. Interested parties can register via CommunityPass.



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Plethora of summer events coming to Bay Head

BY TOMMY WATTERS
STAR NEWS GROUP

BAY HEAD — A jam-packed summer is coming to Bay Head, with many returning and new events happening throughout the borough.

At a council meeting in March, the mayor and council passed a resolution approving the dates of events coming to Bay Head.

“We have a very eventful summer planned, a lot going on,” said Councilwoman Holly MacPherson, who chairs the recreation committee.

SUNSET GATHERINGS

An event previously called the Mayor’s Sunset Paddle is happening on the first Sunday of every month, when residents can gather along the shores of Twilight Lake, starting at the intersection of Twilight and Lake avenues.

The Sunset Gatherings is hosted by the Bay Head Mayors Wellness Campaign. Residents can bring paddleboards, kayaks or canoes to cast out onto the lake, or bring a chair or towel and enjoy the sunset from the shoreline. Mayor William Curtis welcomes all residents to join him on the lake.

This event will take place the first Sunday of every month. The remaining dates for this event are June 2, July 7, Aug. 4, Sept. 1 and Oct. 6. All these events are weather permitting.

This event is a part of the Mayor’s Wellness Campaign, which is a

part of the New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute. The campaign is a statewide program to promote health and wellness throughout the state, according to Meryl Clement, co-chair of Bay Head Life Mayor’s Wellness Committee. Bay Head has been designated a “healthy town” by the institute, which is the highest honor they can bestow upon a town.

WALK AND TALKS

Also returning this year are the Mayor’s Walk and Talks. These walks start at 9 a.m. at the clocktower on Bridge Avenue.

Each walk has a different destination in mind. Last year, the three walks were about wellness, walking to various places and businesses in Bay Head that promote health, and history, walking over to the New Jersey Museum of Boating and art visiting all the art shops and crafting shores in town.

This is also a part of the Mayors Wellness Campaign. This year, the walks will take place on June 12, July 10 and Aug. 14. The themes for these are still to be determined according to Ms. Clement.

FOUNDER’S DAY

Founder’s Day returns again this year with the speaker series. Last year, the outdoor side of this event had to be canceled due to the weather, but the speaker series will continue regardless of weather.

This will be Bay Head’s third annual Founder’s Day, an event that is put on by Bay Head Life and Bay Head Recreation.

Returning on June 29, the speaker series will be from 4 to 5 p.m. at municipal hall, located at 83 Bridge Ave.

BIKE PARADE

The Fourth of July Bike Parade will be held on July 4 once again. Check-in begins at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, located at 751 Main Ave.

Residents and participants are encouraged to decorate bikes, wagons, strollers or any other type of vehicle excluding a car. The parade officially begins at 10:30 a.m.

Winners and prizes will be selected for the best decorated “vehicles” in the parade.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Music in the Park returns this summer on July 6 and August 10.

Local artists will perform in Centennial Park, located behind borough hall, for any and all residents who wish to attend. Residents are encouraged to bring chairs, towels or blankets to sit on.

Last year, the band Side Hustle played in the park for a few hours in the afternoon. More information about the bands playing and start times will be available as the event grows closer, according to Councilwoman MacPherson.

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Bay Head offers summer events

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MOVIE NIGHT

Centennial Park will also be the home of the returning Movie Nights this year. Two movies will be shown on July 13 and Aug. 3 starting at dusk. Residents are encouraged to bring something to sit on. Popcorn will also be provided by the recreation committee in partnership with the Bay Head Business Association.

More information about the movies being played will be available as the events grow closer.

MAYOR'S CUP RACES

The annual Mayor's Cup Races returns this summer to Twilight Lake on Aug. 3, with check in starting at 4 p.m. for the 5 p.m. race. This year will be the fifth annual race, with competitions in kayaks, canoes and paddle boards, along with best spectator.

Last year's event saw Bay Head residents race their canoes, kayaks or paddle boards around Kellogg Island in Twilight Lake, for a chance to have their names engraved onto a plaque that will be displayed at Bay Head Borough Hall

for the year, along with a gold, silver or bronze medal for first, second and third places.

Mayor Curtis said the event, which started in 2020, began very small, but especially after last year, the event has grown exponentially, seeing many residents come out to not only race, but show support to fellow neighbors and community members.

Dozens of residents came out to cheer, with just as many competing in the event.

Last year's winners were: George Nicholas, for kayaks, Mayor Curtis and Chip Tilson, for canoes and Eddie Okinsky for paddle boards.

Sign-ups will be available on CommunityPass and on the day of the race.

MAYOR'S CHILI COOK-OFF

A new event coming to Bay Head this year will be the Mayor's Chili Cook-Off. Ms. Clement said this is an event Mayor Curtis has wanted to do for sometime.

On Sept. 14 from 12 to 2 p.m., residents can bring their best chili to be judged by fellow residents and members of the community. Prizes will be awarded to the best one, according to Ms. Clement.

She also asked that anyone participating or wanting to try the chili to bring a nonperishable item to be donated to St. Gregory's Pantry in Point Pleasant Beach.

The event will be held in Centennial Park, as the gazebo has recently been upgraded both in appearance and with electric running to the structure.

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Point Pleasant Beach Recreation Committee hosts summer programs

BY ALEX DYER
STAR NEWS GROUP

POINT PLEASANT BEACH — Point Beach's recreation committee is currently accepting registration for several programs throughout the summer months, including youth sports, summer camp and music programs.

PARK SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp at Pleasure Park will be provided by the recreation committee for youngsters in grades kindergarten through eighth grade (as of Sept. 2024).

According to the Point Pleasant Beach Recreation Committee's Facebook page, the camp will take place Monday through Friday from July 8 to Aug. 16. Campers will be able to take part in fun activities such as games, crafts, treasure hunts, storytelling, dancing and music in an outdoor setting.

Dropoff begins at 8:15 a.m. on camp days, and pickup is at 12:45 p.m. Kids will not be able to be dropped off prior to 8:15 a.m. and they must be picked up at 12:45 p.m.

For full-time and weekly campers, the rates vary depending on whether or not they are a Point Pleasant Beach resident. The rate for Point Pleasant Beach full-time residents is \$375, while the non-Point Pleasant Beach resident rate is \$500.

According to the recreation committee's web-

site, the weekly camper option is only available if space allows. The rate for Point Pleasant Beach full-time residents is \$125, while the non-Point Pleasant Beach resident rate is \$200.

Point Pleasant Beach residents were afforded an early registration window of May 1 to May 20, but anyone, resident or otherwise, can register after May 20 but on a first-come, first-served basis. Spaces for residents are not guaranteed after May 20.

Spots for non-residents will be given out first-come, first-served based on camp numbers and spots available.

"If you are a resident of Point Pleasant Beach and a first responder in Point Pleasant Beach, please reach out to recreationcommittee@point-beach.org prior to registration," the registration page says.

The registration window for weekly campers, if space allows in the given week, is June 10 through one week prior to the start of the registered week.

If space is not available during the week requested, it will be blocked off as an option upon trying to complete registration.

FOOTBALL CAMP

This summer, the Point Pleasant Beach Recreation Committee will be hosting a three-day football camp for first through eighth grades (as of Sept. 2024).

Groups are divided by grades: first and second, third through fifth and sixth through eighth.

"The camp will include flag football scrimmages, varsity coach and player instructors, punt, pass and kick competitions and agility/strength/stamina drills," says the registration page.

The camp will take place Monday, June 24 through Wednesday, June 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with rain dates of Thursday, June 27 and Friday, June 28 at the football practice field at G. Harold Antrim School, near the corner of Yale and Chicago avenues.

The camp costs \$45 per registrant and will be open to both residents and non-residents. This fee includes one T-shirt per participant. Registration opened May 8 and lasts through June 5.

"Please note, if you register beyond June 5, there will be a \$10 late fee added to the original price," said the registration page. "Also, shirts are not guaranteed for any player after registered after June 5. However no registrations will be accepted after June 23."

SUMMER SKATEBOARDING

Summer skateboarding lessons are also returning to Point Beach, run by coach Dave Farrell.

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Beach Recreation hosts summer programs

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The camp will take place Monday, July 8 through Friday, July 12 from 9 to 11 a.m., with rain dates of Saturday, July 13, Sunday, July 14 and Monday, July 15 at the football practice field at G. Harold Antrim School, near the corner of Yale and Chicago avenues.

Point Pleasant Beach residents were afforded an early registration window of May 1 to May 20, but anyone, resident or otherwise, can register after May 20 but on a first-come, first-served basis. Spaces for residents are not guaranteed after May 20. The registration cost is \$120.

The beginner class, "Introduction to Skateboarding," will be held from 9 to 10 a.m.; the intermediate class, "Expand your Skills in Skateboarding," will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. According to the registration page, "if you can go down a ramp, you are intermediate." There is a maximum of 10 children per class.

For information about Dave Farrell, visit david-farrellskateboarding.com.

UKULELE/GUITAR ON THE BEACH

This year, ukulele and guitar lessons hosted by the recreation committee and teachers of the Manasquan Music and Dance Academy (MMDA) return to Point Pleasant Beach.

Lessons are open to those ages six and up. They begin at Maryland Avenue beach on Mondays from 6 to 7 p.m. starting July 8 and continuing through Aug. 12. Rain dates are Aug. 19 and Aug. 26.

Ukuleles are available for purchase at an additional fee, but attendees must bring their own guitar if that is their instrument of choice. Registration for the season with ukulele purchase costs \$170. Registration without purchasing a ukulele is \$130.

To register for these events and programs, visit pointpleasantbeachnj.myrec.com.

SUMMER CONCERTS

The recreation committee's Summer Concert Series is returning to the bandshell on the corner of Baltimore and Arnold avenues from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays this summer. The first of these concerts on June 25, featuring DJ Paul, is geared toward younger concertgoers, according to recreation committee Chair Erica Susko. As such, it ends at 8:30 p.m.

The rest of the concert series events end at 9:30 p.m. and the dates and performers are as follows: July 9, The Britles; July 16, Spare Parts; July 23, Big Bang Baby; July 30, Anthony DiDio; Aug. 6, The Hound Dogs (coinciding with the return of the recreation committee's car show); Aug. 20, Mike Dalton.

In addition to this concert series, the MMDA will also be holding its Summer Jazz Concert on Friday, Aug. 2 from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. at the bandshell. This program serves as the MMDA's program-ending concert for young jazz musicians who attend the academy.

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