

# SUMMER FUN

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# GUIDE



- ADVERTORIAL -

# Summer Swim Programs for Kids of All Ages

Njswim Summer Swim programs & Summer Swim Camps begin June 20th for kids of all ages! Njswim has been running fun and developmentally appropriate swim lesson camps since 2001. Their brand of small group classes and intensive summer swim lessons is geared to teach water safety to children of all ages, and create safer swimmers in a loving environment. Njswim's nationally acclaimed "learn to float" philosophy will ensure your child's success in and out of the water.

## SUMMER SWIM PROGRAMS

Families can choose from several different summer swim programs available at Njswim Jersey Shore locations in both Brick and Manasquan. Both locations offer summer swim programs from June 20th through August 26th.

Njswim Brick features their award-winning Summer Swim curriculum for kid of all ages. This intensive summer swim program provides students an opportunity to meet five (5) consecutive days for 30-minute lessons during the week of their choice this summer. Weekly sessions are scheduled Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Njswim Manasquan features two summer swim programs.

1. The Safety & Developmental Swim Camp for kids ages 3-years and up program consists of two 45-Minute Small Group Lessons, dry land activities and snack time. Those weekly sessions are scheduled Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

2. The Power Swim Camp for ages 7-15 focuses on stroke techniques, endurance training, fun in the water, developmental swim workouts to improve strength and endurance, dry Land activities and snacks.

You can find the entire list of Summer Swim programs and register at Njswim.com

"Our Summer Swim programs are absolutely the best method of teaching kids of all ages the fundamentals of water safety and how to feel comfortable in the water...and really learn how to swim!" said Joe Oehme, Jersey Shore native and the founder of Njswim.

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owner and founder of the company to the directors and managers, are all swim teachers. Their team training program is the gold-standard of the swim school industry. They hire and train teachers, deck supervisors and lifeguards, and automatically enroll them in their Swim Teacher Career path.

The Njswim curriculum is built on a gentler, nurturing approach to what can be a very intimidating lesson in a child's life. They hire, train, and develop the most dynamic, friendly, and kind individuals to share and instill the values and importance of the vital life skill of learning to swim.

Each Njswim location is staffed with experienced, certified swim teachers who have completed coursework in lifeguard training, water safety, first aid, personal fitness training, psychology, and early childhood education.

Since 2001, Njswim's passion to teach safer swimming has fueled growth and expansion to seven New Jersey locations in Brick, Manasquan, Florham Park, Warren, Turnersville, Landing, and Sparta and their 'learn to float' philosophy has made them the largest year-round swim school in the state of NJ.

## CONVENIENT LOCATIONS NEAR YOU

Njswim Brick is the new 8,000 sq. ft. flagship aquatic center in Brick, NJ that opened in 2021. It is custom-built and designed to be family and water baby friendly. Njswim Brick features a 64' x 26' heated indoor pool with state-of-the-art water and air filtration systems. The pool is tailor-made for small group swim lessons, open family swimming, and even pool parties. Njswim brick is complete with custom changing rooms, stroller parking, and hair drying stations.

Parents can observe lessons from a large viewing area. The Njswim Brick Summer Swim Programs begin June 20th through August.

Njswim Manasquan is located on the beautiful Atlantic Club Campus, featuring both indoor and outdoor pools. The Atlantic Club is Monmouth County's premier health and fitness club. Swimming lessons are offered year-round by Njswim Manasquan on The Atlantic Club campus. The warm water and small group class sizes create a perfect environment for children of all ages to learn to swim. Njswim Manasquan's Summer Swim Program and Intensive Summer Swim Camp are in full swing from June through August.



## SWIM LESSONS FOR KID OF ALL AGES

Njswim's safety swim lessons for preschoolers are 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.

To help families get started, Njswim offers a free swim skill evaluation for all children, that only takes a few minutes in the water and helps their team of certified teachers to determine the best level for each child and present the best class options for each skill level.

## WATER BABIES

For families with infants and very young children, starts with "Water Babies" as early as 3-months old. The Njswim Water Babies curriculum is an award-winning approach that is designed to provide families with a safe and positive introduction to an aquatic environment. The goal is to achieve a relaxed demeanor in the water for both children and parents.

All Water Babies classes for 3 to 15-month-old babies are taught entirely with parental assistance. The next progression is for children between the ages of 16-30 months, and the goal is to wean children into lessons using less parental assistance.



## AWARD-WINNING CURRICULUM

Njswim offers year-round swim lessons for people of all ages and abilities. Their program features an effective skill progression at each level that makes learning to swim fun.

Students enrolled in Njswim are led through a series of safety skills designed to enhance the aquatic experience and instill self-confidence in a safe and positive atmosphere.

Their developmental approach to swimming starts with Water Babies at 3 months. Although, the robust program offers a variety of lessons for any skill level.

## Njswim - LEADERS IN WATER SAFETY

Njswim is an active member of the American Red cross, The National Drowning Prevention Alliance and owner and founder Joe Oehme sits on two water safety Boards - Stop Drowning Now and national nonprofit organization as well as the New Jersey Swim Safety Alliance here at home. Joe is a national thought leader and advocate for water safety and actively helping write legislation to bring water safety education to the public schools in New Jersey.

## HOW TO REGISTER

You can view all Njswim programs and schedules online by visiting njswim.com. Sign up for a swim skills evaluation or try out a free Water Babies class today!



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# Annual Avon 5K to be held Saturday, June 4

BY ALISSA DELEO  
STAR NEWS GROUP

**AVON-BY-THE-SEA** — This year's Avon 5K will be held on Saturday, June 4, rain or shine, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The race will start on Ocean Avenue and Woodland Avenue and proceed throughout the borough making a loop with runners crossing the finish line on Ocean Avenue near the Avon Pavilion.

All proceeds from the race go to support the Avon Volunteer First Aid Squad.

John Kennedy and Fred Mayer, members of the First Aid Squad will be co-chairing the event.

Mr. Kennedy said that he is excited about seeing the race return to being held in person as last year

it was held virtually, and in 2020 it was canceled due to the pandemic.

"We're really looking forward to getting everyone together and having a really good day with nice weather," he said. "Hopefully everyone will have a great time."

Each year the race draws between 1,300 to 1,400 participants from the region, although one year Mr. Kennedy recalls runners from Great Britain participating.

The Jersey Shore Running Club [JRRC] also participates in the run each year, noted Mr. Kennedy.

This year the runner who has signed up to participate in the race is traveling from Centennial Colorado, a distance of 1,791 miles.

The three towns with the greatest number of runners participating are Avon with 126 runners, Belmar with 54 and Neptune with 32.

The annual seaside race takes place on a flat, partially shaded course. Clocks and water stops are set up at each mile of the race.

Shirts are guaranteed to the first 1,500 registered runners.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three male and female overall, as well as the top male and female finishers from Avon who will receive cash prizes.

The top three male and female participants in each age group will also be awarded a trophy for their efforts.

According to Mr. Kennedy, the age groups will be broken down by decades. Racers will be competing against the field as well as their own age bracket. The groups are as follows, 19 and under, 20- to 29-year-olds, 30- to 39-year-olds, 40- to 49-year-olds, 50- to 59-year-olds, 60- to 69-year-olds, 70- to 79-year-olds and the 80-year-olds and above.

All runners will be eligible for raffle prizes once the race has concluded. The prizes include season beach badges to the borough's beach and a beach cruiser bicycle. Winners of the raffle must be present to claim their prize.

Participants can register for the race online by visiting [https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Avon-](https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Avon-ByTheSea/Avon5KRun-Walk)

[ByTheSea/Avon5KRun-Walk](https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Avon-ByTheSea/Avon5KRun-Walk).

On the day of the race, there will also be in-person sign-ups taking place leading up to the race.

If participants sign up prior to May 20, the cost to enter is \$25. If they sign up after May 20, the cost goes up to \$30.

Early number and shirt pickup will be at the Avon First Aid Building, 520 Main St., Avon, on Wednesday, June 1 and Thursday, June 2 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Regular shirt and number pickup will take place on Friday, June 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Avon Pavilion, on the Boardwalk at Norwood Avenue.

In the past, the proceeds of this event have gone to specific purchases like a hydraulic

stretcher, but this year the proceeds will go towards various operating costs for the first aid squad.

"All of our costs we fund through the race and donations - it is a completely self-supported organization," said Mr. Kennedy.

The Avon Volunteer First Aid Squad is a not-for-profit, 501c(3) organization that provides emergency medical and rescue services 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at no charge, to residents and visitors to the Borough of Avon-by-the-Sea.

It has provided these services since 1931. The squad is staffed by volunteer EMTs and relies entirely on charitable contributions for all operating expenses.

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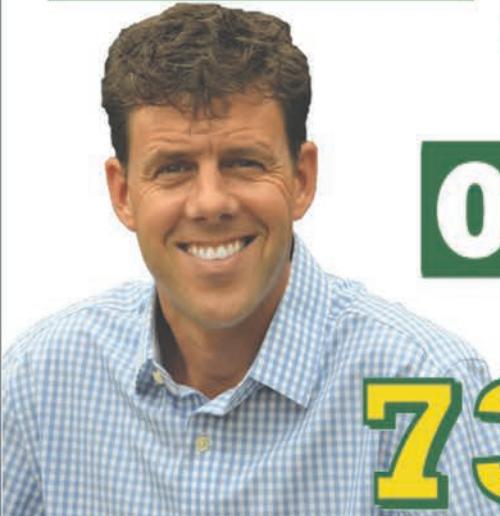
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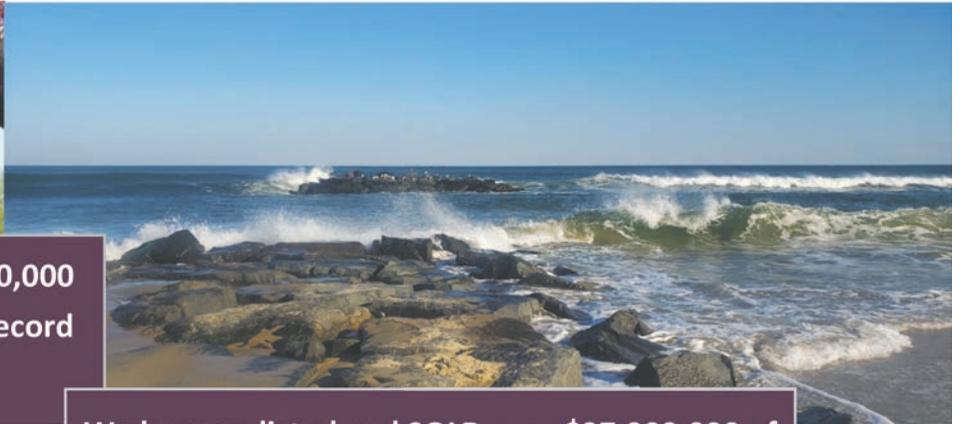
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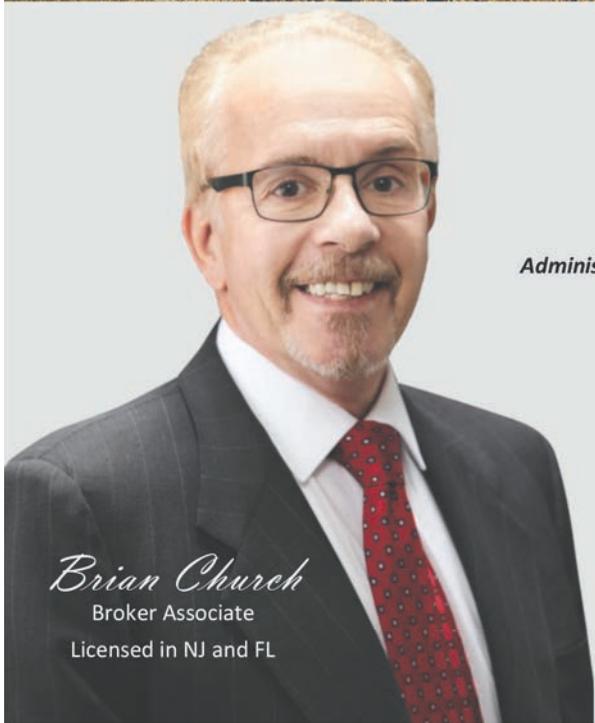
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## Rotary Club's 13th annual Fun Run and 5K

BY ANTHONY ROSSICS  
STAR NEWS GROUP

**POINT PLEASANT** — The Point Pleasant Rotary Club is gearing up for their 13th annual Fun Run and 5K as a part of the organization's efforts to help the community.

The Father's Day 5K and Fun Run is scheduled for Saturday, June 18 and will kick off at 8:30 a.m.

Each race starts and finishes in Point Pleasant Borough's Community Park at the intersection of Bridge Avenue and Beaver Dam Road.

Bernadette Antonelli, Rotary Club President said, "For over a decade our race has been a community-wide and family-friendly event that generates proceeds to help various charities such as St. Gregory's Pantry, Panthers Eat, Melanoma Research Foundation and many other worthy causes."

Ms. Antonelli continued, "And after two years of not being able to have our race due to COVID, we are looking forward to getting it going again."

Online and mail registration for both the 5K is underway and for registrations completed by June 11, the fee will be \$25 per participant. After June 11, it will be \$30.

The fee for the Fun Run will be \$15 up to and including the day of the race.

Runners who pre-registered by June 11 can pick up their race packets on Friday, June 17 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 706 River Avenue.

Interested parties can visit [runsignup.com/Race/NJ/PointPleasantBoro/PointPleasantBoroRotaryFathersDay5kRun](http://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/PointPleasantBoro/PointPleasantBoroRotaryFathersDay5kRun) for online registration and for race information.

Mail registrations can be sent to the Point Boro Rotary, PO Box 496, Point Pleasant, NJ 08742.

Mary Borree, race committee member, said, "Experience has shown the important role of the residents, business community, the borough administration, Police, Recreation and Public Works departments and our First Aid squad undertakes with us to put a positive face on this event."

The top three overall male and female 5K finishers will receive trophies. Medals will be given to leading female and male finishers in the age groups 14 and under; 15-19; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60-69; 70-79; and 80-plus.

A trophy will be awarded to the first father to finish. Trophies will be given to the first place male and female finishers in the Fun Run. T-shirts are guaranteed to the first 400 runners registered.

Rain or shine on race day, runners will experience a fast and flat out and back course.

Beginning just outside the park on Beach Boulevard participants will travel through the Bay Head Shores section of town as they make their way to Marine Parkway, Riviera Parkway, Blaze Drive, Barnegat Boulevard and Rue Lafayette.

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ing sponsor and major sponsorship support has come from All American Ford, Manasquan Bank, both from Point Pleasant and the WAWA Foundation.

Food before and after the race will be on hand for the runners and South Jersey Race Timing LLC will generate expedited electronic results on race day.

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Information about race registration and sponsorship can be obtained also by contacting John Barone at 908-839-5579 or [jgbconsulting.com](http://jgbconsulting.com)

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It was founded in 1905 in Chicago. The Point Pleasant Boro Club, established in 1971, meets the first and third Wednesday of the month at 6:15 p.m. at Graziano's Restaurant in Point Pleasant.

The Club's next major undertaking is its 32nd annual Car Show on August 16 at Crystal Point Marina, River Road in Point Pleasant Boro.

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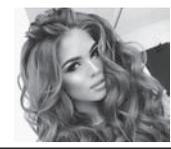
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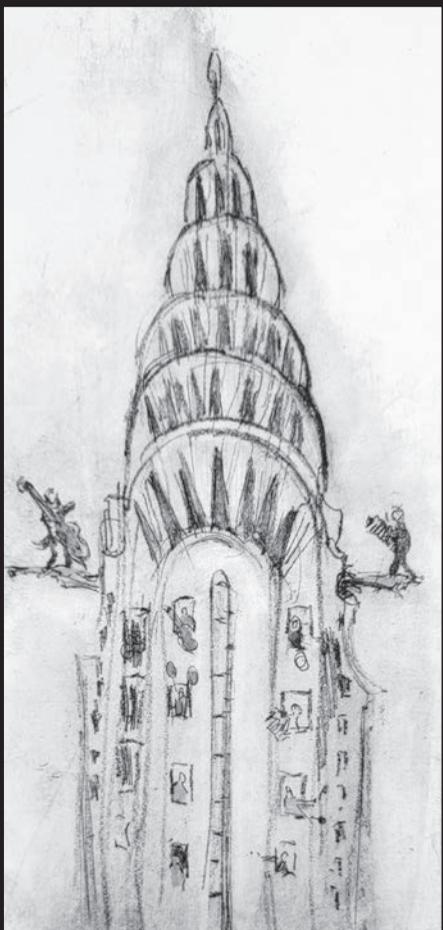
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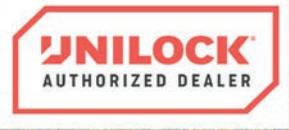
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# Manasquan set for tourism upswing

BY SANNE YOUNG  
STAR NEWS GROUP

**MANASQUAN** — The Manasquan Tourism Commission is expecting an outstanding summer season this year.

“We have a full slate of events. I think 2022 will really be a banner year

for Manasquan,” following a so-so year 2021 and washout in 2020 due to the pandemic, said commission member Jamie Biesiada.

The festivities began on May 25 with the Summer Kickoff Cocktail Party held at Leggett’s Sand Bar, 217 First Ave.

“We started that a few years prior to the pandemic. It’s fun. A lot of people come to town for it and locals attend as well. It’s a nice way to kick off the season. It’s always a very high-energy event,” Ms. Biesiada said. The party featured a 50/50 raffle and several

free drawings throughout the night for ticket-holders, with prizes such as Manasquan beach badges and parking passes.

The commission will offer its Fourth of July weekend celebration on Saturday, July 2. The annual patriotic bicycle-decorating contest, which will be handled by the borough recreation department this year, will take place at

the Fourth Avenue Little League area.

“We will have a parade immediately following the contest,” with fire trucks, EMS rigs and historic cars, Ms. Biesiada said. The bike parade will go down First Avenue to Whiting Beach. Parade-goers and participants can then proceed down the beach walk to Main Beach, where a concert and fireworks will follow.

“That’s always a really well-attended event. There are a lot of people both local and from outside our area that plan on being in Manasquan then. It’s a lot of fun and it’s a really nice way to bring everyone together,” Ms. Biesiada said.

Additional Main Beach concerts are set to return on Thursday nights on

July 7, 14 and 21, as well as Aug. 4, 11, 18 and 25. There will not be a beach concert on July 28 because that is the week of the Fireman’s Fair.

The tourism commission again will offer its annual sandcastle contest, with a variety of age-group categories, during Manasquan’s annual Big Sea Day set for Saturday Aug. 6 at Manasquan Beach. Other events will include a surfing contest, children’s tattoos, Beach Smash baseball tournament and more.

Kayak, canoe and paddleboard races will be held at Stockton Lake on Saturday, Aug. 13.

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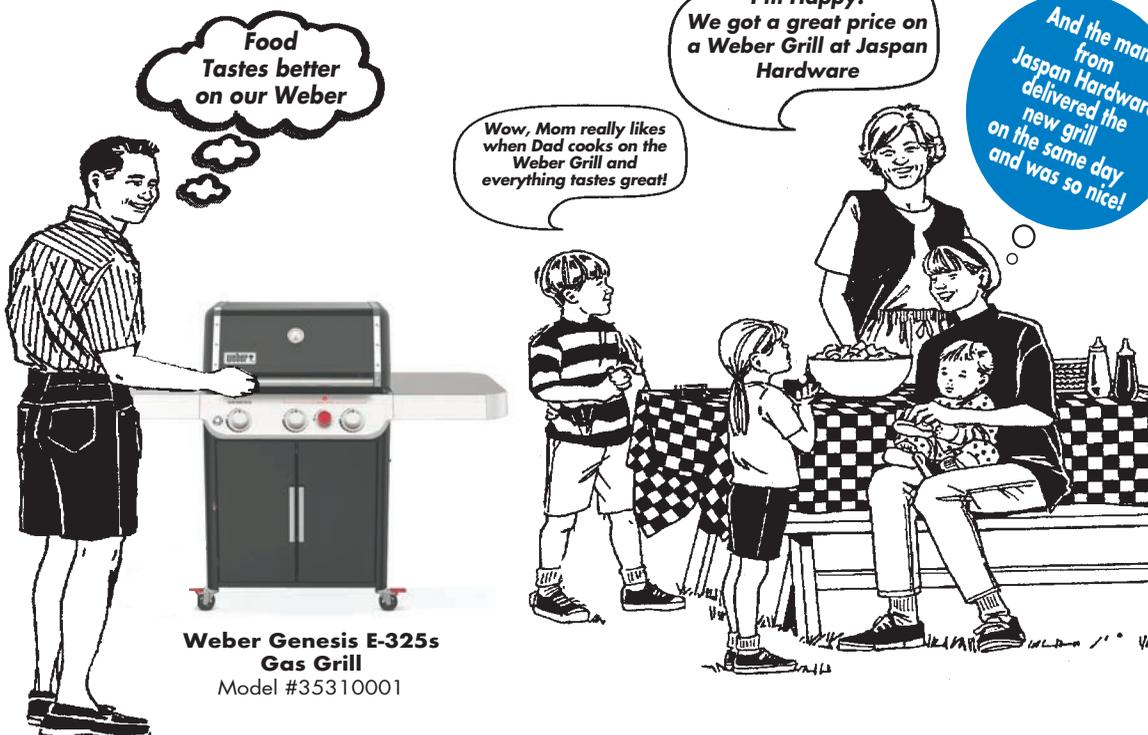
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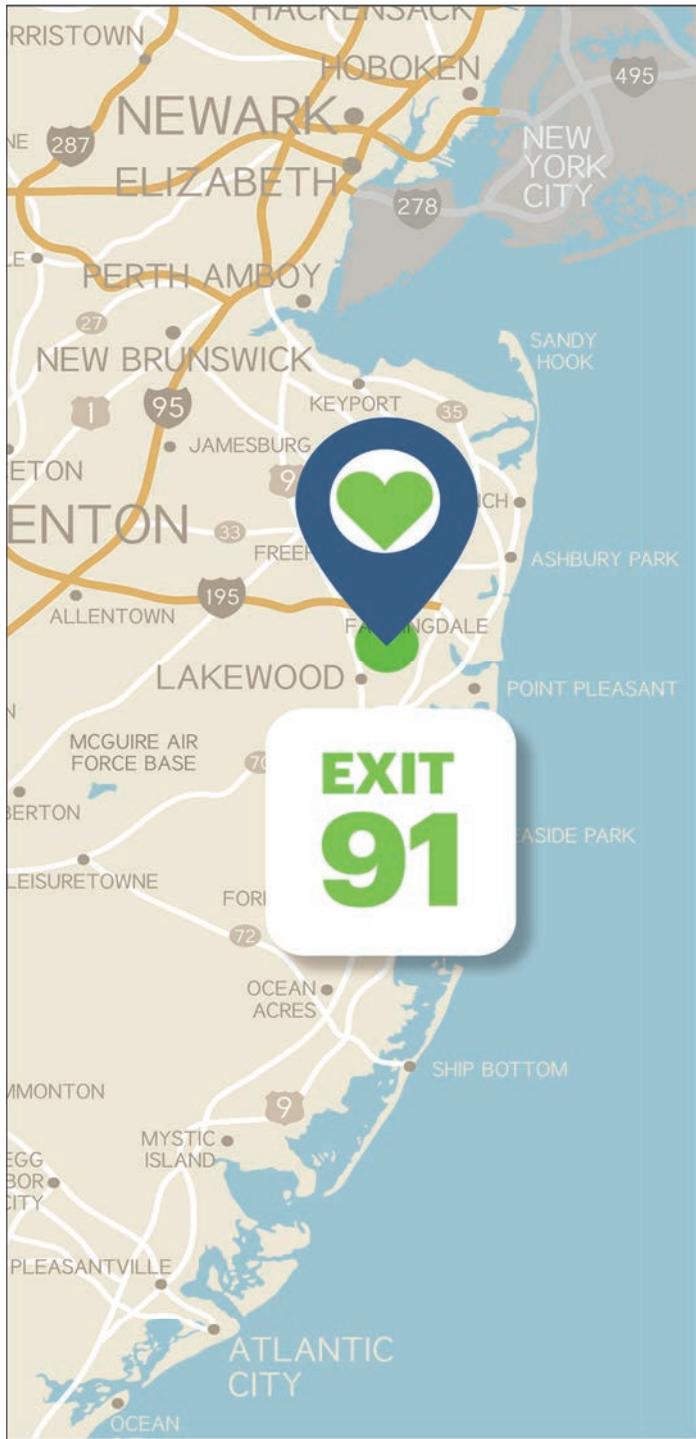
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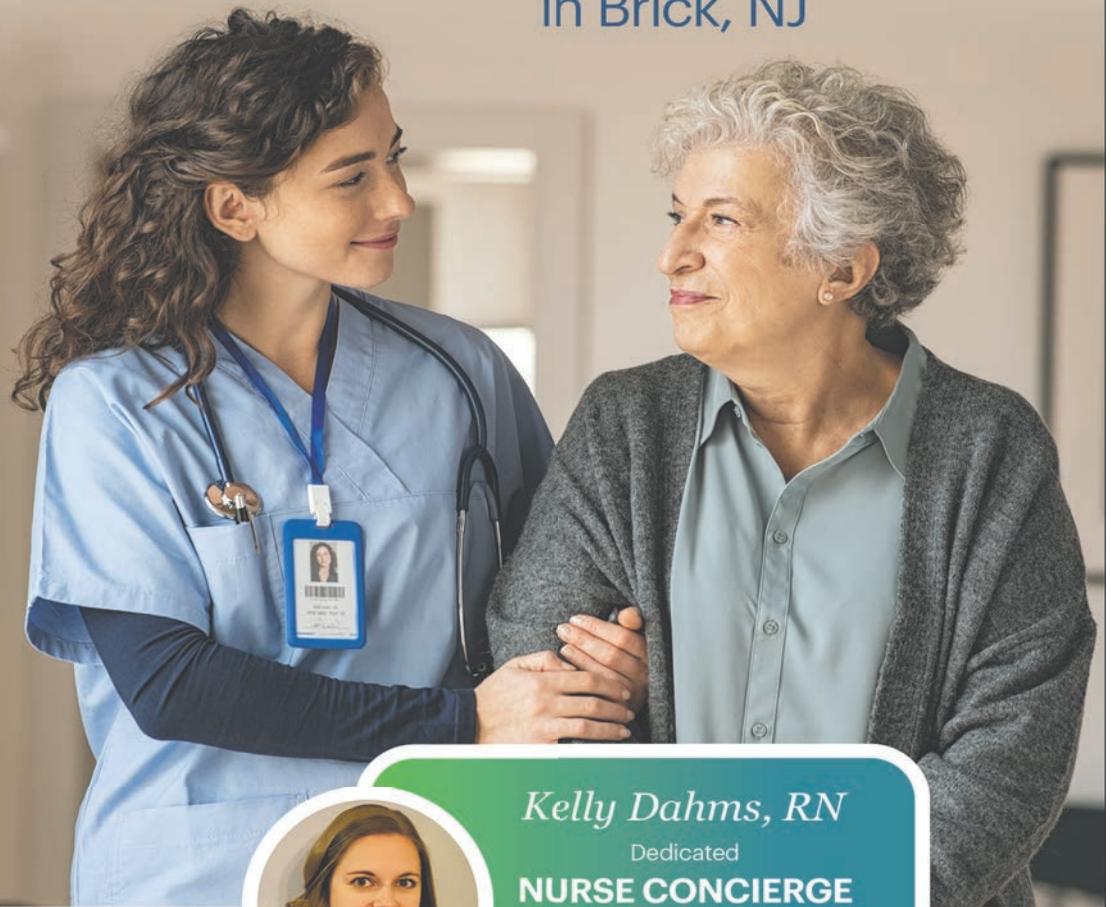
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## Belmar summer rec registration opens

BY JACK SLOCUM  
 STAR NEWS GROUP

**BELMAR** — The Belmar Recreation Department has announced a number of summer programs and that registration has opened. Some of the programs available include tennis camp, running club, Junior lifeguards and more. Interested participants can register online at [belmar.com](http://belmar.com), or reach out to recreation director Barry Trogu at 732-681-3700 Ext. 211.

### TENNIS

Registration for a children's tennis program has opened, and will remain open until June 19. The 6-week program begins on June 28 and runs every Tuesday until Aug. 4.

There are four age groups; 6-7, 8-9, 10-12 and 13-16. Times are from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., and 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. According to borough officials, the time goes by age group, and younger groups meet first. Additionally, there is a max of six players per age group, however if registration is high the sessions could be held more than once a week.

The cost for the lessons are \$90 for Belmar

residents, Lake Como residents and St. Rose students, and \$100 for out of town residents. Additionally, participants need to bring their own tennis racket.

### JR. LIFEGUARDS

Belmar's Junior Lifeguard program has been announced, and registration is open from now until June 19.

The program is for ages between 9 and 17, as of July 1 of this year.

"Our stellar coaches have all gone through the Belmar Junior Guard program themselves," the borough's website states. "And are here to make sure every kid gains the right skills, builds confidence and forms new friendships that will last a lifetime."

The 4 week program will meet Monday-Thursday throughout July.

### KIDS RUNNING CLUB

Registration for the Belmar Recreation Kids Running Club is open from now until June 30.

This program is for boys and girls entering grades 4-8 for the 2022-2023 school year.

Participants will "Learn the basics of running and

be part of the team while working on your individual self," according to the borough. "This is a good opportunity for those children who might decide to run cross country in school to get ready for the upcoming season."

The price for the program is \$55 for Belmar and Lake Como residents, as well as St. Rose students, and \$80 for out of town residents.

The group meets twice a week starting July 12 at the Gazebo near 5th Avenue.

### BASKETBALL

Registration for basketball is from now until June 5. Boys and girls in grades 2 through 8 are eligible to participate.

The season begins in the first week of July, and costs \$60 for Belmar and Lake Como residents, as well as St. Rose students, and \$80 for non-residents.

The season will consist of six games, and kids in 2nd through 4th grade will play on lower hoops.

Additionally, volunteer coaches and clock keepers are needed. Reach out to the recreation department if interested.

### RUN

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Some of the club's efforts have been providing assistance to St. Gregory's Food Pantry; presenting a dictionary to each third grade student in the Nellie Bennett and Ocean Road schools; aiding the Point Pleasant Challenger

football program and the Hudanish Foundation.

The club continues to support the Police Unity Tour and awards \$15,000 in scholarships to local high school graduates.

The Rotary Club of Point Pleasant is a primary partner with the Point Pleasant Boro Police Department in the Law Enforcement against

Drugs Education [LEAD] program in the elementary schools and Memorial Middle school and underwrites a related self-esteem poster contest.

More information about the Point Pleasant Boro Rotary Club's activities and additional history about the race can be obtained by visiting [www.ptbororotary.com](http://www.ptbororotary.com).

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# Beach Art Festival set for July 21

BY ALISSA DELEO  
STAR NEWS GROUP

**POINT PLEASANT BEACH** — The Point Pleasant Beach Cultural Arts Committee and Point Pleasant Beach Chamber of Commerce are teaming up to celebrate art and highlight

the importance of local artists in the community. On July 21, the second Beach pARTy Art Festival will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. in the borough's downtown area along Bay Avenue. A rain date of July 28 has been set. "Last year was such a success, we are expecting

the same terrific collaboration between our artist vendors and businesses," said Lauren Goldfarb-Edwards, chair of the cultural arts committee. "We are hoping to draw an even larger crowd to enjoy the evening of music, art and fun."

Community members of all ages are invited to come out and enjoy an evening of unique art, photography, fine crafts, music and more. Kristine Monticello, vice-chair of the arts committee told The Ocean Star that she is looking forward to bringing the beach pARTy to life again this year.

"So far, we have received 60 vendor applications. We are going to be closing down Bay Avenue and we are going to have music locat-

ed in different locations throughout Bay Avenue," Ms. Monticello said. The types of mixed media art that will be on display include photography, paintings, home-made jewelry and sea glass art.

"We have some really good and different types of art. We have regular photography and oils. We have some regular painters. We have a lot of fine crafts and jewelers, so a good array of all different types of art coming," noted Ms. Monticello.

Local artist Melissa Hood will assist Ms. Monticello with planning the event and will also have a table set up as a vendor.

Ms. Hood specializes in painting brightly col-

ored, whimsical Jersey Shore beach scenes. "The show is really fun. It's party-themed which makes it very unique," said Ms. Hood, adding, "We try to make sure that everybody's having a good time."

Ms. Hood joined the cultural arts committee in 2020.

"They were only a few years old at that point. They have just been fantastic...so supportive," said Ms. Hood. "I've met other artists through the committee and also just people who are genuinely interested in the arts because it's important for us to see who in our community loves art so that we could start making connections and planning things together."

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# Environmental Commission announces upcoming events

BY SOFIA IANNUZZO  
STAR NEWS GROUP

**MANTOLOKING** — In its spring newsletter, the Mantoloking Environmental Commission board has announced events and activities planned for the coming months.

The newsletter also includes recycling tips and tricks, information on New Jersey's new ban on single use plastic bags, and a guide on how to garden sustainably.

“The Mantoloking Environmental Commission/Green Team is proud to present a series of events this spring intended to keep our community and local waterways clean and support and promote biodiversity and stewardship of our natural heritage in the

form of native plants,” stated Ms. Benz.

Councilwoman and environmental commission chair Barbara Benz informed residents on the events on the spring newsletter such as the Barnegat Bay Blitz on June 4, the Back Dune Planting taking place on June 11, the Diane Lewis and the Great Healthy Yard project on June 23 and Native and Pollinating Plants Education on July 4.

“The Barnegat Bay Blitz intent is to pick up all the garbage along our inner roadways and any of our properties that are public, that butt up next to our waterways, to make sure garbage does not end up in the bay,” said Ms. Benz at the Environmental Commis-

sion meetings Tuesday April 26.

To continue to address the importance of native plants, The Back Dune Planting is aimed to plant native Seaside Goldenrod and educate residents of the borough further about the importance of native dune plants.

This is a strong theme with the Mantoloking Environmental Commission team. From the native seedlings that were distributed on Earth Day, the Back Dune Planting, and the Native and Pollinating Plants Education, where individuals will receive free seed packets with participation in the event.

Mantoloking borough also has invited Diane Lewis to present and

educate residents of her non-profit organization, The Great Healthy Yard project, to talk about lawns and the impact it has on the health of individuals and the environment.

“It will be fascinating for anyone interested in their health and how it relates to what we put in our yards and ultimately the impact on water quality. Native plants inherently assist with keeping our waterways clean. They have natural tolerance to harmful insects and pests and therefore require fewer to no pesticides and require less water and fertilizer than non-natives. This in turn keeps our water cleaner by decreasing the quantity of pollutants that rainwater runoff can carry

into our waterways, and of course they provide shelter and food for wildlife, therefore supporting pollinators,” stated Ms. Benz.

The spring newsletter along with details on all the upcoming events can be found on the Mantoloking website, [www.mantoloking.org](http://www.mantoloking.org).

### MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Mayor Lance White posted a statement regarding the importance of keeping cars locked due to the recent car theft that took place on Downer Avenue, April 22. “The owner left the key fob in the car to go for a walk on the beach and returned one half hour later. The car was recovered in Delaware

unattended on a street.” stated Mayor White.

“Installing a camera can be inexpensive, offer excellent picture quality and are motion sensitive. I installed one and if I can do it, anyone can,” stated Mayor White encouraging others to be proactive due to an increase of car thefts in the area.

Mayor White also noted that installing a camera can be extremely helpful to police when investigating these crimes.

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# Historic AJ Meerwald to return to Point Beach in August

BY ALISSA DELEO  
STAR NEWS GROUP

**POINT PLEASANT BEACH** — The historic AJ Meerwald, New Jersey’s official tall ship, will return to Point Pleasant Beach for a two-to four-week stay this August, according to Mayor Paul Kanitra.

The AJ Meerwald will sail back to Point Pleasant Beach right after it completes its multi-million dollar refurbishment in Maine.

In preparation for the Meerwald’s arrival, the municipality is seeking an approval from the Ocean County Commissioners to take ownership of the portion of Baltimore Avenue between Channel Drive and the Manasquan River so a dock can be built.

The ship is to be docked off Channel Drive at its intersection with Baltimore Avenue.

“We had a very productive conversation with the county and they are putting a proposal together to see if we can make the handing over of that small section of Baltimore Avenue work,” the mayor said.

The mayor said issues that need to be considered include the existing bulkhead and future maintenance of the road.

“It’s all positive and it all seems to be moving in a good direction,” he said.

The mayor added that the municipality hopes to obtain state historic funding to construct a new dock, which he anticipates will take over a year to complete.

“We think having the Meerwald will be a big attraction to any of the developers who are going to take on the overall Channel Drive project because the Meerwald itself is highly sought after. Just even the look and feel of having it adjacent to the property should be a big benefit to whoever comes in,” noted Mayor Kanitra.

Last summer the Meerwald visited Point Pleasant Beach during the last week of August into early September.

Upon the Meerwald’s return, the mayor hopes to host another dockside event, sailings on the boat, and some fundraisers. “It’s going to be even better this year than it was last year,” he said.

The AJ Meerwald is a restored, 115-foot-long

oyster-dredging schooner, whose New Jersey home port is in the town of Bivalve, along the Delaware Bay. Launched in 1928, the vessel was one of the hundreds of schooners built along South Jersey’s Bayshore before the decline of the shipbuilding industry during the Great Depression.

Today, the tall ship is used by the Bayshore Center at Bivalve as a traveling classroom along the area’s waterways. The AJ Meerwald was added to the National Register of Historic Places in November 1995.

## CHANNEL DRIVE REVITALIZATION

Last year, Point Pleasant Beach was awarded a \$1 million streetscape grant from the state’s Department of Transpor-

tation to improve Channel Drive and revitalize the area.

“We’re hoping that it creates a nice nautical theme and goes along with our plans of bringing that hotel restaurant bar to the waterfront and opening up the waterfront for access to the general public and overall making Channel Drive a high-end year-round destination that will provide jobs and help our businesses all 12 months,” said the mayor.

The funds are from the \$8.8 million Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside program by the NJDOT and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority.

The mayor stated that the municipality is in the process of selecting a design group, having re-

cently met with over four design firms to discuss the conceptualization of what the area’s improvements will look like.

“The state is going to give us grant funding to pay for that, which should save the taxpayers about \$300,000 to \$400,000,” said the mayor. “It will involve moving telephone poles a little further back, widening sidewalks, repaving the road, doing stamped concrete intersections, new lighting and landscaping.”

The first phase of the revitalization of Channel Drive will bring new six-foot-wide sidewalks, ADA-compliant ramps, curbing, benches, bike racks, signature signage,

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The historic AJ Meerwald, New Jersey's official tall ship, will return to Point Pleasant Beach for a two- to four-week-long stay this August, according to Mayor Paul Kanitra. The ship is to be docked off Channel Drive at its intersection with Baltimore Avenue.

## Historic ship to return

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stormwater catch basins and pipes, relocated obstructions and improved lighting and landscaping.

According to Mayor Kanitra, it's a huge step forward for Point Pleasant Beach, and the updates will boost tourism. "That's certainly a big part of it. I think having more high-end over-

night accommodations is something that is definitely needed in Point Pleasant Beach and it will bring in the corresponding tourists that will have the income to spend with our local businesses."

## The Historic Village at Allaire offers unique experiences and new events for summer 2022

BY COREY ROTHAUER  
STAR NEWS GROUP

**WALL TOWNSHIP** — The Historic Village at Allaire offers visitors a summer full of fun and affordable events which features their new extended operating plan.

With the extended operating plan, which includes Allaire Village's buildings, craft shops, homes and retail shops will be open Wednesday through Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition,

visitors on weekdays will be admitted free of charge during this time, and admittance to the village on weekends will be \$5 for ages four and up.

On top of the village's existing features like guided tours and museums, guests have many opportunities to attend one-of-a-kind events throughout the summer.

"Allaire Village has so many family-friendly events planned for the

summer of 2022. With our extended weekly schedule, we welcome everyone to visit the village and enjoy all that Allaire has to offer," said Hance M. Sitkus, the Executive Director of the Allaire Historic Village.

All of the information on the events and the tickets for them are available at the Allaire

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Historical Village's Eventbrite.com page.

### HISTORY KIDS DAY

On June 4, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the village hosts History Kids Day, a "hands on" history event that encourages children ages 5-12 to experience the day-to-day lives of the villagers at Allaire through interactive and engaging activities. Children will go to each historic building and try their hands at an activity that represents the history of that building.

The activities are designed for children to learn more about the village operations and have a fun, memorable experience. After they complete a station, they will be given an 'Allaire Dollar.' When they collect six Allaire Dollars, they can bring them to the General Store and exchange them for a prize.

Tickets are available at The Historic Village at Allaire's page at eventbrite.com for \$5 per person. Age 3 and under are allowed to join for free. All event pricing, dates, times and events are subject to change. No refunds or exchanges. All events are rain or shine unless otherwise noted. No event day ticket purchases will occur if the event is sold out.

### SUMMER FLEA MARKETS

On June 11, from 8:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., The Historic Village at Allaire has its monthly flea market, where visitors can hunt for bargains among vintage treasures, thrifted items, books, art work, handmade items, knick-

knacks and more. The rain date for the flea market is the following day, Sunday, June 12.

Admission for the flea market is sold at the door. Tickets are \$5 per person for ages 12 and up. With the \$5 charge to enter the flea market, guests also get access to all of the village's offerings. Food options for the event include Pilsen Gourmet Food Truck, the village's General Store and bakery. The Flea Market is a monthly event and as such, guests will have three of them to go to over the summer on June 11, Jul. 9 and Aug. 13.

### 19TH CENTURY BASEBALL GAME

On June 18, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. the Historic Village of Allaire hosts a game between baseball reenactor clubs Monmouth Furnace and New York Mutuals for the 19th century Baseball game.

Guests can enjoy peanuts, hotdogs, popcorn, and choose their favorite team as the village roots for hometown favorites going head to head. Games will feature the rules, uniforms, equipment, and customs of a baseball game in 1864. Tickets are \$5 per person, and ages three and under get in for free.

### BRAND NEW ANTIQUE AND VINTAGE MARKET

On June 25, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. the village starts a brand-new event for guests to enjoy; The Antique and Vintage Market. The event features vintage and antique vendors from the tri-state area. This juried show includes items made prior to 1985.

Admission for the Antique and Vintage Market is sold at the door. Tickets are \$5 per person

12 and up.. With the \$5 charge to enter the flea market, guests also get access to all of the village offerings. Tickets include free admission to the Historic Village at Allaire.

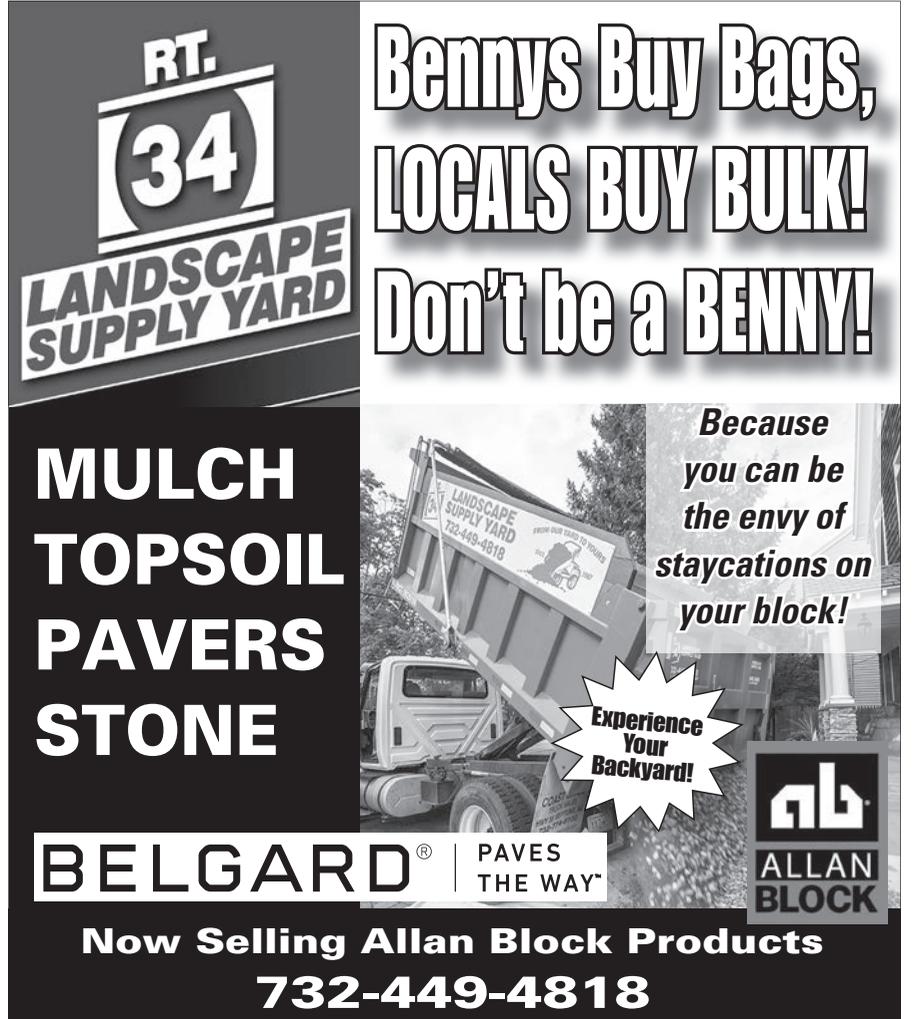
### HISTORIC AMERICAN FLAG COLLECTION ON DISPLAY FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND

From July 2 to July 4, guests can learn about the history of the American flag firsthand with the village's one-of-a-kind historic American flag collection on display that weekend only. There will be over five historic flags on exhibition, with the oldest flag dating back to around 1850 and authenticated by the Smithsonian Institute. The event is included with general admittance to the village.

### 27TH ANNUAL ROLLING IRON AUTO SHOW

On August 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Historic Village at Allaire hosts its 27th annual Antique Rolling Iron Auto Show. The famous car show features around 200 antique cars, including family cars, fire trucks, motorcycles and more.

Participation Awards and Dash Plaque Prizes to be presented at the event for the best cars. Attendees can enjoy the "Event Area" featuring the pre-registered Show Cars, DJ, sponsored vendors, Pilsen Gourmet food truck, Your Sister's Balls Food Truck, quilting and other historic demonstrations while exploring the Historic Village at Allaire. The Village General Admission is free the day of the car show. The rain date is set for Aug. 28.



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# MAY

**25** COCKTAIL KICKOFF PARTY  
Leggett's - 6 p.m.

**28** MANASQUAN BEACH OFFICIALLY OPENS for the season - (Weekends Only Thru June 18).

**CRAFT FAIR IN THE PLAZA**  
PRESENTED BY THE WOMAN'S CLUB  
Squan Plaza - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**30** MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & SERVICES  
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# JUNE

**18** MANASQUAN BEACH OPEN  
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**ART WALK**  
PRESENTED BY THE WOMAN'S CLUB  
Main Street - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**23** MEET ME ON MAIN STREET PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY  
PRESENTED BY THE BOROUGH OF MANASQUAN  
Main Street Closed to traffic - 6 p.m.

**30** MEET ME ON MAIN STREET PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY  
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# JULY

**2** FOURTH OF JULY PARADE, BEACH CONCERT & FIREWORKS  
• Bicycle decorating contest - 5:15 p.m. - Little League Field, Sponsor: MBIA  
• Parade - Beachfront - beginning at Manasquan Coast Guard Station - 6:30 p.m.  
• *Billy Lawlor Concert* - 7:30 p.m. - Main Beach  
• Fireworks display to follow at dusk - Main Beach. (Rain Date: TBD).  
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**3** CRAFT SHOW IN THE PLAZA  
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Squan Plaza - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**7** BEACH CONCERT  
9 South, Main Beach - 7:30 p.m.

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PRESENTED BY THE MANASQUAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
**CLASSIC CAR SHOW**  
Main Street Closed to traffic - 6 p.m.

**14** BEACH CONCERT  
*enjoy!*, Main Beach - 7:30 p.m.

**MEET ME ON MAIN STREET PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY**  
PRESENTED BY THE BOROUGH OF MANASQUAN  
Main Street Closed to traffic - 6 p.m.

**21** BEACH CONCERT  
*Don't Know Jack*, Main Beach - 7:30 p.m.

**MEET ME ON MAIN STREET PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY**  
PRESENTED BY THE MANASQUAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
**CHRISTMAS IN JULY**  
Main Street Closed to traffic - 6 p.m.



**26-30** FIREMAN'S FAIR  
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**4** BEACH CONCERT  
*The Kootz*, Main Beach - 7:30 p.m.

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PRESENTED BY THE MANASQUAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
**CLASSIC CAR SHOW**  
Main Street Closed to traffic - 6 p.m.

# 2022



## SPECIAL EVENTS

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*Follow Manasquan Tourism on Facebook for updates and additions to this schedule.*

**5 & 6** SUMMER SIDEWALK SALE  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Downtown Business District  
PRESENTED BY THE MANASQUAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**6** BIG SEA DAY  
Fishing contest, tug-o-war, family fun. Sand Castle Contest  
PRESENTED BY MANASQUAN TOURISM (Rain Date: Aug. 7).

**7** CRAFT SHOW IN THE PLAZA  
PRESENTED BY THE MANASQUAN SENIORS - Squan Plaza - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**11** BEACH CONCERT  
*Reggae Plus*, Main Beach - 7:30 p.m.

**MEET ME ON MAIN STREET PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY**  
PRESENTED BY THE BOROUGH OF MANASQUAN  
Main Street Closed to traffic - 6 p.m.

**13** KAYAK/CANOE/PADDLEBOARD RACE  
Stockton Lake - 8 a.m. start.

## JULY & AUGUST BEACH CONCERTS

- Main Beach 7:30 p.m.
- July 7
- July 14
- July 21
- August 4
- August 11
- August 18
- August 25

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- June 23, 30
- July 7, 14, 21
- Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25
- Sept. 1

# CALENDAR



**18** LADIES NIGHT OUT  
Downtown Business District - 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
SPONSORED BY THE MANASQUAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**BEACH CONCERT**  
*Mike Dalton*, Main Beach - 7:30 p.m.

**MEET ME ON MAIN STREET PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY**  
PRESENTED BY THE MANASQUAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
Main Street Closed to traffic - 6 p.m.

**22-27** SURFBOARD ART CONTEST  
Downtown Business District  
PRESENTED BY THE MANASQUAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**25** BEACH CONCERT  
*Wallnutz*, Main Beach - 7:30 p.m.

**MEET ME ON MAIN STREET PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY**  
PRESENTED BY THE BOROUGH OF MANASQUAN  
Main Street Closed to traffic - 6 p.m.

**27** SUMMER FESTIVAL & CRAFT FAIR  
Squan Plaza - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
PRESENTED BY THE MANASQUAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
(Rain Date: Aug. 28).

# SEPT.

**1** MEET ME ON MAIN STREET PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY  
PRESENTED BY THE BOROUGH OF MANASQUAN  
Main Street Closed to traffic - 6 p.m.

**3** LABOR DAY CONCERT & FIREWORKS  
• Concert - *Deep Six* - 7:30 p.m., Main Beach  
• Fireworks display to follow at dusk - Main Beach (Rain Date: Sept. 4).

**24** FALL CRAFT FAIR  
Squan Plaza - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
PRESENTED BY THE MANASQUAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# OCT.

**1** INTERCOASTAL TUG-O-WAR  
(Rain Date: Oct. 2).

**17-31** HALLOWEEN SCARECROW CONTEST  
Downtown Business District - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
SPONSORED BY THE MANASQUAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**22** OKTOBERFEST CRAFT BEER TASTING  
PRESENTED BY THE MANASQUAN FIRST AID - 2 to 6 p.m.

**29** HALLOWEEN CRAFT FAIR  
Squan Plaza - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
MANASQUAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
(Rain Date: Oct. 30).

# NOV.

**10** LADIES NIGHT OUT  
Downtown Business District - 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
PRESENTED BY THE MANASQUAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**13** HOLIDAY MARKET/CRAFT FAIR  
Squan Plaza, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
PRESENTED BY THE MANASQUAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**19** MANASQUAN TURKEY RUN - Starts 10 a.m.

# DEC.

**2** CANDY CANE/HOLIDAY HUNT  
Main St. & Squan Plaza - 6 p.m. (Rain Date: Dec. 9).  
PRESENTED BY THE MANASQUAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**4** CHRISTMAS IN MANASQUAN  
Downtown Business District - 12 p.m. (Rain Date: Dec. 11).

**10** HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR - 4 p.m.

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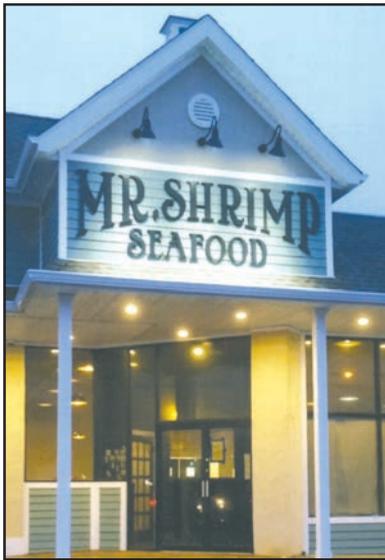
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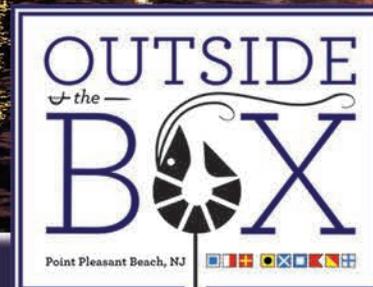
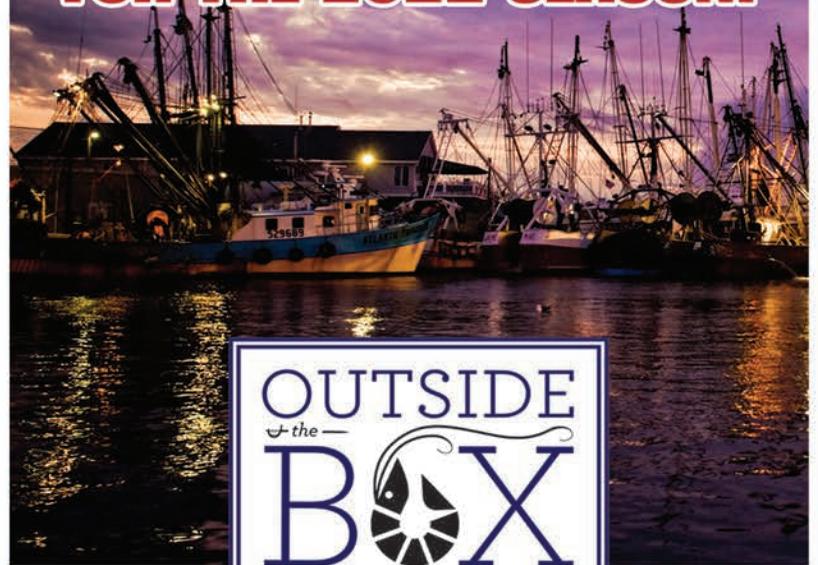
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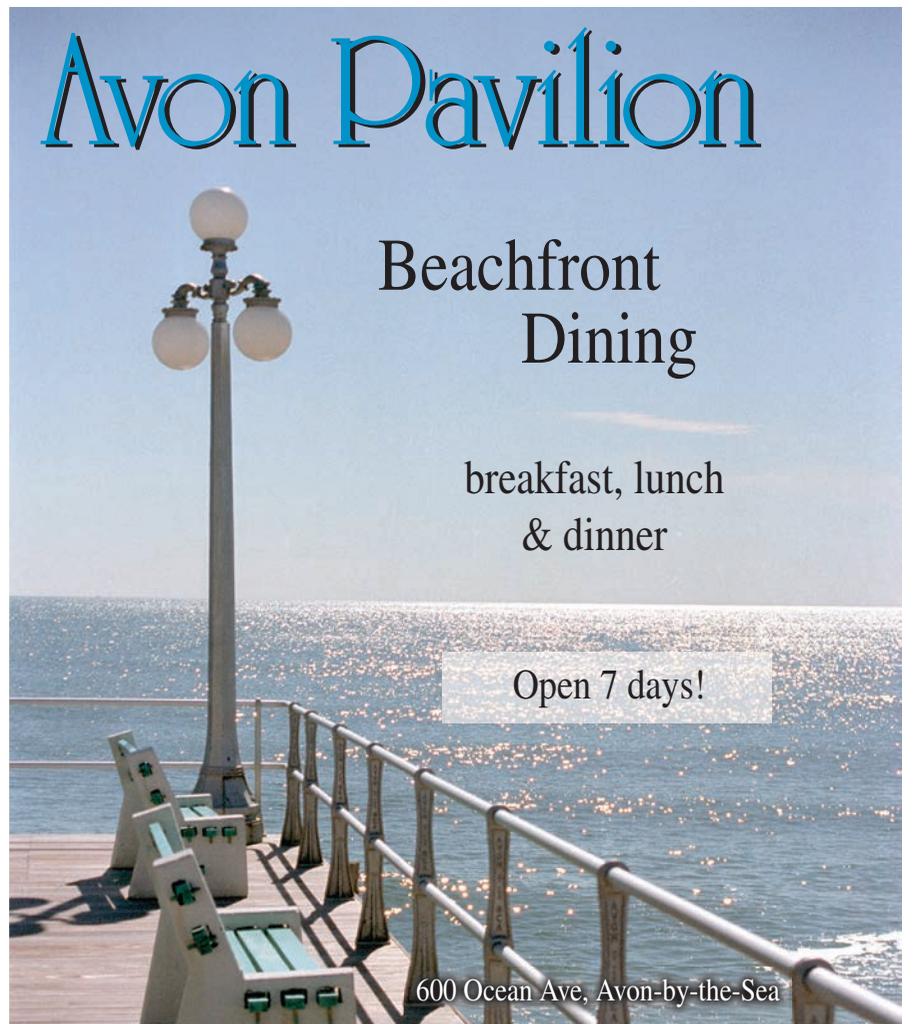
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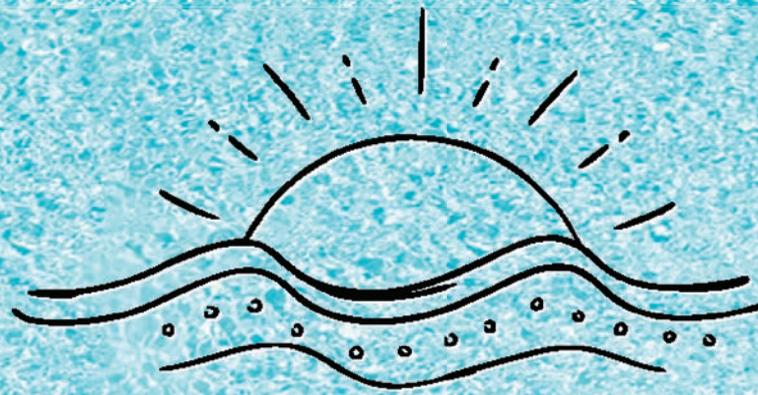
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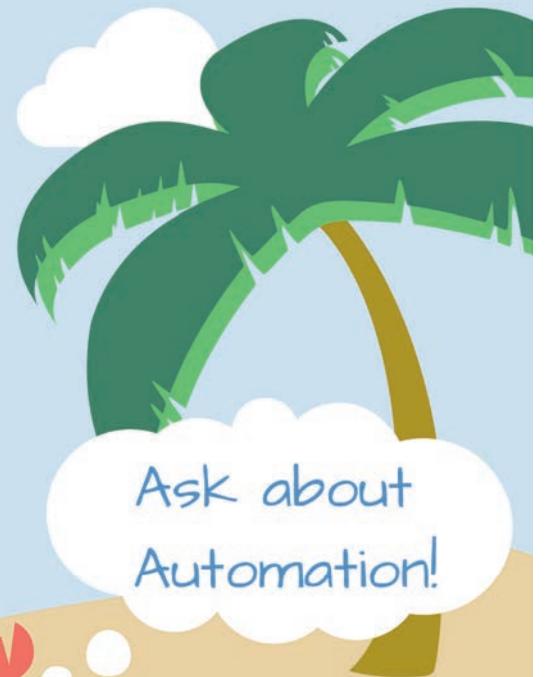
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# Brielle Chamber to host Family Fishing Tournament on June 10

BY BRIGIT CARLSON  
STAR NEWS GROUP

**BRIELLE** — The Brielle Chamber of Commerce is hosting its 18th annual Family Fishing Tournament this year from Friday, June 10 through Sunday, June 12. The event will kick off the evening before the competition, with a Captain's meeting at Rella's Italian Tavern on Thursday, June 9 from 5-7 p.m. Prospective captains can still register at the meeting and get more information on the competition ahead. Anyone who would like to register ahead of time for a reduced rate can do so at the Chamber of Commerce's website, brielle-chamber.com. Entry fees are \$125 per boat until

May 31, when they go up to \$150 per boat.

Anglers can fish any or all of the three weekend days of the tournament, with one goal in mind: catch the biggest fish.

"Participants will start from Captain Bill's Landing in Point Pleasant Beach and will check in there throughout the weekend to measure their catch," said Heidi Wittenberg, member of the Brielle chamber of commerce fishing tournament committee. "We'll ask anyone competing in the striped bass category to take a picture proving the size of the fish and then release it back into the sea."

She continued, "We started the competition 18 years ago to celebrate

our town's rich fishing history. Brielle was known as one of the top sport fishing locations in the world. This tournament is a great opportunity to get the whole family involved in the sport. A highlight every year is seeing the kids' faces light up when they bring their fish in to be weighed and measured at the docks."

At the end of the weekend, awards will be presented to participants who catch the largest fish in each of the three categories: Striped Bass, Bluefish and Fluke. Participants will be divided into Adult and Junior Angler categories, with those 14 years old and younger being consid-

ered for the Junior Angler category.

Winners in the junior angler category will be presented with trophies, and the angler who catches the biggest fish will have their name engraved on a bowl, which they are allowed to take home for several weeks. Winners in the Adult category will be awarded a gift certificate good at any merchant that is a member of the chamber of commerce.

"Not only is this a great opportunity to celebrate the history of our town, but also to give back to the local community," said Mrs. Wittenberg. "The gift certificates given as awards put the money right back into the town -- which

is wonderful. This event is all about building and celebrating our community."

Entry fees will also go to a good cause, with the Chamber donating them back to the town to support youth programs.

Mrs. Wittenberg explained that the Chamber will decide on the final details in the coming weeks, but that in the past, entry fees have gone towards New Jersey Recreation and used to help young local residents pursue higher education, "in the past, entry fees have gone towards scholarships for Brielle students pursuing college studies in Marine Biology. We've also donated the funds to Manasquan High School to provide

scholarships for graduating seniors. It's another great way that this tournament helps us give back to Brielle."

She continued, "we wouldn't be able to host this event without our local businesses. This year we have sponsors in three categories: Master, Gold and Silver."

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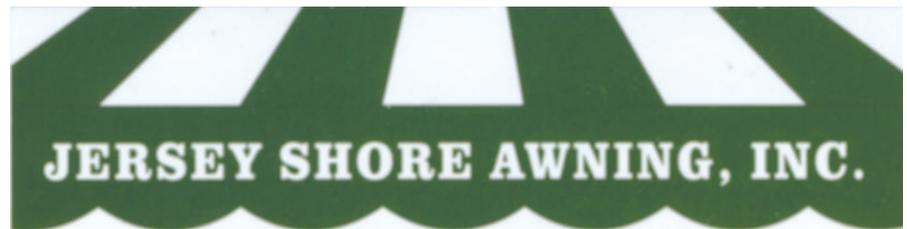
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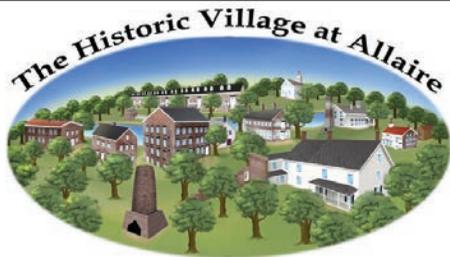
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# Lavallette's Kickoff to Summer 5K, food truck festival return

BY ANTHONY J. GARCIA  
STAR NEWS GROUP

**LAVALLETTE** — The second annual Kickoff to Summer 5K organized by the Lavallette Business Association will be held on Saturday, June 25.

"It's going to be a 3.1 mile run around Lavallette. It starts on Bay Boulevard and it goes around West Point Island and back. It's more of a fun run, though we will have it timed and we will be giving out awards for first, second and third place," Beth D'Aloisio, treasurer of the Lavallette Business Association.

"We're really excited. Last year we did it and we had a good turnout, although we didn't get approval right away, so we didn't have a lot of time to promote it. So this year we got the approval earlier, and I'm looking forward to it being bigger and better."

Following the walk/run, which begins at 9 a.m., a Kickoff to Summer Food Truck Festival will be held from 3 to 9 p.m.

Ms. D'Aloisio told The Ocean Star that runners for the event will get a



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The Kickoff to Summer 5K held by the Lavallette Business Association is back for the second year.

free ticket to use at the food trucks, which will be scattered around Bayfront, Philadelphia and Washington Avenues.

Live music and activities for kids will be included. Admission is \$5, and children are free.

More information on these events can be found at [www.enjoylavallette.com](http://www.enjoylavallette.com)

### MORE SUMMER FUN

The Lavallette Business Association will be holding weekly treasurer hunts this summer on

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# Belmar to celebrate 150th anniversary

BY JACK SLOCUM  
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Belmar is celebrating its 150th anniversary, or the sesquicentennial this year and has plans for a commemorative event. The event, which is set for Belmar's 'birthday' on Aug. 31, will also feature the unveiling of a brand new clock on 10th and Main.

The clock, along with a commemorative plaque, was paid for with funds raised from Mayor Mark Walsifer's Mayor's Ball last December.

"I knew the 150th anniversary was coming up, so in December we had a Christmas Mayor's Ball,"

the mayor told The Coast Star. "All the money from that event is going to go towards the purchase of the clock and the rebuild of that little section on 10th Avenue where we're going to place the clock."

Additionally, the borough sold personally engraved bricks to be placed around the clock in an effort to raise money for the project.

Plans are still being made as to what the rest of the day will entail, borough officials are considering a public picnic.

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# Chamber Family Fishing Tournament set for June 10

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to be a great event," said Mrs. Wittenberg.

The event will close on the evening of Sunday June 12 with an awards party at Shipwreck Grill in Brielle, where winners in each category will be honored and all participants can enjoy food and drink.

Last year, 25 boats participated in the event. The largest fish caught included a 13 inch strip-er, 5.4 inch bluefish, and

a four inch long flounder. For the adult division, the largest striped bass measured 50 inches long, the largest bluefish 9 inches and fluke 4.7 inches long. The 2021 fish proved to be quite large and this year's anglers will have their work cut out for them to beat the records.

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# Brielle Rec spring season in full swing

BY BRIGIT CARLSON  
STAR NEWS GROUP

**BRIELLE** — Brielle Recreation is off to a busy start this summer. The department announced that there are 400 people signed up for North vs. South, which will be taking place on June 4 this year. Additionally, it announced that enrollment for the Brielle Recreation Summer Program will open after spring break.

### SPORTS

The town bocce league is in full swing, and while the league is no longer accepting players, spectators are welcome at the games.

“Our bocce league has gotten to be incredibly popular since we started the program about seven years ago,” said Mrs. Wheeler. “We had a fantastic opening weekend – the teams really have fun with it and include residents of all ages.”

Mrs. Wheeler continued, “There were only eight teams and 48 competitors when we started and now we’re up to 36 teams with over 200 people, and we have teams on the waiting list. We try to accommodate as many people as possible, but we’re somewhat limited by the amount of time we can use the courts. It’s been really exciting to see the league expand into what it is today.”

Bocce games take place Friday evenings and Saturdays from 1-7 p.m. in the park and will be played weekly throughout April and May. Starting in June, the games will

go to a tournament style single-elimination playoff until a winner is determined. Last year, playoffs started June 10 and lasted until July 21.

For those who’d rather make their own fun than participate in an organized activity, a new option was unveiled. Brielle Troop 63 completed work on a gaga pit in the park, sponsored by Brielle Recreation and built with lumber donated by Woodhaven Lumber.

Gaga ball is a type of dodgeball developed by a camp counselor named Steven Steinberg in 1975. Players start the game touching the sides of the hexagonal pit and throw the ball up in the air while yelling “ga-ga” to count two bounces before play can commence. Players must hit the ball with one hand, aiming for other players. A hit below the knee knocks a player out, and the last one standing wins.

Michael Wheeler led construction on the pit as part of his Eagle Scout project. A ball will remain in the pit for anyone who wants to play.

### SUMMER FUN AHEAD

Brielle Recreation also recently announced that North vs. South will be taking place on June 4 in the park. The day once again promises to be fun-filled and proceeds from registration will go to support a family in town. Over the past 10 years, the event has raised well over \$100,000 to give back to residents in need.

The department announced in an email

communication that this year, the Anderson family has been selected to benefit from the event to help Doug Anderson in his ongoing recovery from COVID-19. The Anderson family have been Brielle residents for the past 18 years and have always given back to the community. Mr. Anderson is well known from his time coaching recreation sports, and his wife, Kristine Anderson, was an active member of Brielle Parks and Recreation Commission and the Brielle Education Foundation.

The full schedule of events will be released in mid-May, but residents can expect the return of favorite events including tennis, outdoor volleyball, ultimate Frisbee, kickball, softball and kids games like flag football and dodgeball. The day will end with a tug-o-war and the awarding of the coveted town cup.

### SUMMER REGISTRATION

Additionally, the department announced that registration for the summer recreation program will open after spring break. The program will be open to children who are entering first through sixth grade in the 2022-2023 school year, and will run from June 27 through Aug. 5. The program will take place on weekdays at Brielle Elementary School from 9 a.m. – 12p.m., with the exception of Monday July 4. Registration cost is \$180 for the first child and \$130 for each additional child.



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# Ocean County highlights tourism tools

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With the 2022 summer season approaching, Ocean County officials are highlighting travel and tourism opportunities throughout the county, where tourism is a \$6 billion industry and creates an estimated 40,000 jobs annually.

“We want to recognize all the businesses and individuals in Ocean County that contribute to our robust tourism industry,” said Ocean County Commissioner Joseph H. Vicari, liaison to Tourism and Business Development.

The Ocean County Board of Commissioners recently recognized the week of May 1 through 7 as National Travel and Tourism Week.

“Every tourism dollar spent circulates in the county seven times,” Commissioner Vicari said.

“Every year, our year-round population of 630,000 residents more than doubles during the tourism season as people flock to our beaches, boardwalks and attractions,” Mr. Vicari said.

“Tourism is a strong economic engine in Ocean County and we are doing all we can to attract visitors and make certain they enjoy their time here.”

Commissioner Vicari noted that the Ocean County Division of Business Development and Tourism recently

launched a new website that is more interactive and provides potential visitors to the county with everything they need to know to enjoy their stay here.

“As the number of travelers using the internet to arrange their trips substantially increases, it is crucial to have an effective online presence,” he said. “We know that travelers are using the Internet more than ever.”

Mr. Vicari said it was key to offer dynamic visuals, online travel brochures, tourism guides, and other visual media which are all valuable methods of showcasing destinations in all of the Ocean County’s 33 municipalities.

“We have something to offer every visitor and we can highlight that through social media where you can link to Facebook/Instagram as we take you through a virtual tour of all of our municipalities and their various industries,” he said.

Sandra Lazzaro, the county’s director of Tourism and Business Development said that the new website can be accessed at [oceancounty-tourism.com](http://oceancounty-tourism.com). She added that social media connections can help deliver an outstanding user experience on a wide range of devices, including tablets, laptops, and the latest mobile phones.

“Many people use their phone to explore their getaways and we want them to choose Ocean County,” she said.

In addition, the division with the county’s Information Technology Department developed a resource for the business community as well,” Ms. Lazzaro said.

“On our website you can link out to many websites, whether state, local, federal programs and others that may assist our small businesses. It was designed as a navigator so we can help ensure economic health in Ocean County by educating, informing, and working together with businesses, residents, the community as a whole in each of our 33 municipalities to empower economic growth, strength, and success.”

John P. Kelly, director of the board of commissioners, said the governing body provides a great deal of support to help promote tourism.”

“We are doing it with the dedicated volunteers of the Tourism and Business Advisory Council, the Chambers of Commerce, business associations and individual small business owners,” Kelly said. “It’s everyone working together that makes Ocean County a great place to live and visit.”

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# Wall Township's four-day summer fair returns

BY COREY ROTHAUER  
STAR NEWS GROUP

**WALL TOWNSHIP** — The Wall Township Fair is back for the first time since 2019 and kicks off celebrations on Thursday, June 30, and concludes with a roughly 25-minute firework show starting at 9:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 3.

The four-night Wall Fair runs from 5 to 10 p.m. on Thursday, June 30; from 5 to 11 p.m. on Friday, July 1; from 4 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, July 2; and from 4 to 10 p.m. on Sunday, July 3.

There's plenty for Wall residents to get excited about, including live entertainment, food and drink, a craft fair and tons of carnival rides.

Ride tickets will be available at ticket booths throughout the grounds at 1870 Baileys Corner Road behind the Wall Municipal Complex. Mega wristbands, all you can ride for all four nights, are \$50; and nightly wristbands are \$30.

### MUSIC AND DANCE

Thursday, June 30, will feature Wall Intermediate Jazz Ensemble from 5 to 6 p.m.; the Shore Stars Dance Academy from 6:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.;

MMDA Rock Bands from 7:30 to 8:39; and the Flocks from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Friday, July 1, will feature White Wing from 5 to 5:30 p.m.; Rouges on the Run from 6 to 7:15 p.m.; the 63rd Army Band from 7:30 to 8:30; and the Sean Patrick Band from 9 to 11 p.m.



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Wall Township's four-day fair returns after its hiatus since 2019 due to COVID-19 and features live entertainment, food and drink, a craft fair, tons of carnival rides and a firework show on July 3.

Saturday, July 2, will feature EN Pointe Dance and Acrobatics from 5 to 5:30 p.m.; Red-1-2-3 from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m.; and Mike DiRocco from 8 to 11 p.m.

Sunday, July 3, will feature the Milltones from 5 to 6 p.m.; the Eddie Testa Band from 7 to 8:45 p.m.; and the National Anthem with fireworks from 9:15 to 10 p.m.

### FOOD AND DRINK

Many restaurants are available for fair-goers, including Pasquale's Pizzeria from Belmar and Ivy League from Howell Township.

In addition to the local restaurants, there are also tons of food trucks signed up for the fair, including Magic Mike's Smoked Meats, Fit Chicks, Latin Bites, Simply Southern and Peaches and Cream, to name a few. The adults can enjoy

the beer and wine garden available all four days.

### FIRE CRACKER FIVE MILE RUN

There's still more fun for residents after the fair ends; the next day is the Fire Cracker Five Mile Run on July 4, starting at 8:35 a.m.

Hundreds of runners will gather at the starting line at Wall Municipal Complex for the 34th time in the town's history.

Registration for the run is available online on Wall Township's website, under the Recreation Department's page. The entry fee is \$35 if submitted before July 1 and \$40 until the race day.

Prizes will be awarded after the race to the top three men and women of each age group, and the first-place winners each get the Mayor's Trophy. Age groups are split up into intervals of five years.



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# Brick Rec and Coastline Adventures present summer watersports

BY ANTHONY J. GARCIA  
STAR NEWS GROUP

**BRICK TOWNSHIP** — Dive into water sport programs this summer, including surfing, bodyboarding and paddleboarding. The classes are offered through the township's recreation department and presented by Coastline Adventures Surfing School.

"We are a shore community so it's always good to offer these types of programs," said Dan Santaniello, the township's recreation director.

Jennifer Steffener, co-owner and operator for Coastline Adventures, told The Ocean Star that they are expecting a large turnout attending the camps, similar to years prior.

"We're excited and honored to work with Brick Township and offer the residents ways to enjoy our local beaches and waterways, she said. We're delighted our camps are filling up already and look forward to a busy and healthy summer."

Ms. Steffener said that her passion for surfing began when she was ten-years old.

"I love sharing surfing and bodyboarding with our guests," she said, adding, "I feel like it's the ultimate challenge to practice internal and external balance on a wave while you're surfing and enjoying Mother Nature. The same with paddleboarding, it's very inspiring to see both

young people and adults develop an appreciation for the beautiful Jersey Shore from a new perspective."

When asked about what inspires her to teach the lessons she said, "I enjoy sharing my passion for all things water and educating others on ways to interact safely and respectfully with our environment. And best of all, I love the joy, excitement, and sense of accomplishment our guests experience when they surf their first wave or glide along the water on their paddleboard. It's such a pleasure and an honor to be a part of that. Also many of our staff members are former students and we appreciate the opportunity to continue to be a part of their evolution into lifelong watermen and women"

### SURF CAMP

Kids Surfing Adventure Camps for residents ages 10 to 16 will be held at Brick Beach III, 394 Route 35 north. The fee is \$175 per participant, per camp.

This novice-through-intermediate level camp will provide children with the opportunity to learn and practice ocean awareness and surfing techniques while they explore the art and science of surfing.

The 12-hour curriculum includes both land and water based lessons and progressive skill building to ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment.

"We include a land lesson prior to going into the water," said Ms. Steffener. "We share important tips such as beach and water safety, board handling skills, surf etiquette, and wipe out and recovery techniques. Guests practice "popping up" or how to transition from laying to standing when catching a wave. We believe in educating our guests on ocean safety and weather conditions so they can recognize potential dangers such as rip tides, currents, and unsafe conditions whether their surfing or not."

"Once we enter the water, our instructors work with our guests on skills and drills that help them understand where to position themselves in the ocean, how to handle and paddle their boards, and techniques to catch and ride waves and dismount safely."

Instruction includes equipment orientation, wave selection and riding techniques, ocean and beach safety, etiquette, environmental and conservation tips, beach games and wave, weather and tide reports.

There will be eight sessions being held beginning in June going until August. In the event of inclement weather or dangerous surf conditions a make up day will be held on Friday.

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# Clambake to return to Bay Head Fire Department Aug. 20

BY ANTHONY ROSSICS  
STAR NEWS GROUP

**BAY HEAD** — The annual clambake returns to the Bay Head Fire Department rain or shine on Saturday, Aug. 20 from noon to 5 p.m.

The clambake is the one and only fundraiser held by the fire department for the sole benefit of the department. No other fundraisers are held throughout the year and according to the department, it's five hours of good people, good fun and good food.

Prior to the clambake, a T-shirt design contest is being held to determine the official T-shirt for the 2022 clambake.

The T-shirt contest is open to anyone and everyone, according to the Bay Head Fire Department.

Original artwork submissions can be sent in to be considered for the contest and may be digital or hand drawn, but must be the original design of the person entering.

The winner will receive \$100, two free T-shirts, two free tickets to the clambake, plus bragging rights, according to the department.

The design is limited to 12 inches wide and 15 inches in height, which is restricted to the size of a t-shirt. There may be a maximum use of five colors and entrants may enter as many designs as they like.

Submissions must have the entrant's name, address and phone number on the back of each entry and can be dropped off at the Firehouse any Wednesday morning, mailed to the Bay Head Fire Department at PO Box 111, Bay Head, NJ 08742, sent to Town Hall at 83 Bridge Avenue, Bay Head, NJ 08742 or emailed to bhfirecompany@gmail.com. All must be made to the attention of the Bay Head Fire Department.

All entries must be received by Wednesday, May 25.

Deirdre Einhorn, a member of the Bay Head Fire Department said, "In the past we've had all forms of reference to firefighters, fire trucks, clams, Bay Head and seashore living in general, but we're open to any designs really. We love seeing all the submissions. We've got no shortage of really talented and creative people around here so let's see what you got!"

On the clambake, Ms. Einhorn said, "I think the best thing about the clambake is seeing practically everyone in town come out in support of the fire department. It's a great tradition that started 49 years ago and we love that we see the same faces year after year [and of course, new faces too]. The clam chowder, generously donated by the Bay Head Yacht Club,

and the clams themselves don't hurt either."

According to Ms. Einhorn, some groups form their own clam eating contest during the clambake, which is also highly entertaining to watch.

"It's just a really fun, super casual day when everyone comes together to enjoy lots of great food, great music and plenty of craft beers for a great cause," said Ms. Einhorn.

The clambake was not able to be held during the pandemic and Ms. Einhorn said, "We didn't hold the clambake during the pandemic for obvious safety reasons, but our former Chief Bruce Sutphen decided we ought to make up some 'year without a clambake' T-shirts so to speak. Along with the tradition of the clambake itself, people collect our commemorative T-shirts and he thought if we couldn't have the clambake then we could at least keep the T-shirt collectors happy. We sold out fast and had to order a couple hundred more."

Ms. Einhorn said, "We hope to see the same smiling faces this year and hope to make it a tradition for all the newcomers as well. Mark your calendars, everyone!"

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# Brick summer watersports

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### CO-ED ADULT SURF CAMP

A Co-Ed Adult Surf Camp is also being offered for residents ages 16 and up.

Through discussions, demonstrations, beach and water training, drills and personal attention participants will learn the fundamentals needed to stay safe, have fun and catch some waves.

There will be two sessions, the first will be held the week of July 10 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and the second will be held the week of August 7 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. It is \$90 a session.

"Safety is our number one priority when we're teaching people how to surf," said Ms. Steffener. "We use foam boards, which have a built in learning curve because they're bigger and have more volume or float. They provide a more stable platform to paddle, stand up, and balance on. Our foam boards also have rounded noses and rubber fins for extra safety."

### BODYBOARDING CAMP

Kids Bodyboarding Adventure Camp is open to children ages six to 10. It is \$155 per participant per camp.

The 12-hour land and water-based camp will teach participants bodyboarding, also called boogie boarding in a progressive skill and team building setting.

Session one will take place from June 27-30 from 1 to 4 p.m., session two will take place from July 11-14 from 1 to 4 p.m., session three will take place from August 8-11 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and session four will take place from August 22-23 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

### PADDLEBOARD PROGRAMS

Brick residents are invited to take part in paddle boarding lessons at Traders Cove Marina and Park, 40 Mantoloking Road.

The goal of these lessons is to guide learners through paddling techniques and to explore the local waterways.

Youth stand up paddleboarding camp is open to ages eight to 16. It is \$150 per paddler, per class.

This interactive STEM friendly 12-hour camp creates lasting memories, builds fitness and provides lifelong water skills.

The sessions include equipment familiarization and proper fit, location and condition assessment, on and off water safety and self-rescue skills, fundamental paddling techniques and navigation and local wildlife and environmental awareness.

The interactive camps offer residents an opportunity to explore nature and learn about the ecosystem. "We're lucky to have such a great location," said Ms. Steffener. "After the land and

water lesson, our guests can explore our beautiful bayside scenery while practicing their paddling techniques. Our kids' programs also include interactive games and nature activities to add to the fun."

Session one, which is teen camps ages 13 to 16, will take place from July 5-8 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Session two, which is youth camps ages eight to 12, will take place from July 25-28 from 9 a.m. to noon. Session three, also teen camps will be from July 25-28 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Session four will be a youth camp from August 1-4 from 9 a.m. to noon, session five also a youth camp will be from August 15-18 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Group Stand Up Paddleboarding Lessons are open to ages 16 and over.

The 1.5-hour lesson will be \$50 per paddler, per class. Session one will be the week of July 2 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and session two will be the week of July 30 from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

When asked how paddleboarding compares to surfing, Ms. Steffener said, "It provides such a different perspective. It's really cool to stand up and glide on top of the water. You get a really good view of what's going on around you. If the water's clear, you can sometimes see right down to the bottom and observe fish, crabs and other wildlife. Paddleboarding is accessible and versatile so most anyone can enjoy it. You can paddle in the bay, ocean, lake, or even rivers."



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# Sea Girt 5K returns for 31st year

BY ANTHONY J. GARCIA  
STAR NEWS GROUP

**SEA GIRT** — Registration for the Sea Girt 5K presented by Walker Wealth Management at UBS is now available.

Now in its 31st year, the race will be held on Aug. 6 to benefit the Sea Girt Recreation Department and Ashley Lauren Foundation.

"This 5K is awesome. It's going to be huge and it benefits a local charity," said Janeen Yodakis, recreation director.

The event, which is one of the largest 5K's in New Jersey, begins at the Sea Girt Plaza outside of Fratello's Restaurant and takes participants through a scenic course with live music playing along the way.

The 5K run/walk begins at 8:30 a.m. with kids races starting at 10 a.m. There will be activities

for kids including a giant obstacle course, pony rides, a bouncy castle and more from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. After the race, an after party will be held at Fratello's Restaurant.

Proceeds from the event will mainly benefit the Sea Girt Recreation Department. Funds will be utilized for improvements to programs and facilities. In the past 16 years, this event has raised over \$500,000 for Sea Girt Recreation and other charities.

This year, the Ashley Lauren Foundation has been chosen as the charitable beneficiary. The foundation will use the proceeds from the 5K to ease the journey of children with pediatric cancer after initial diagnosis. The funds go towards medical expenses and emotional assistance.

"We are so honored and grateful to have been

chosen as a beneficiary of this year's amazing Sea Girt 5K. The 5K is a much anticipated annual event and we are so happy to be part of it. It affords us the wonderful opportunity to partner with our local community in order to spread the message of our mission of bringing hope and help to children with cancer in New Jersey," Monica Vermeulen of the Ashley Lauren foundation stated.

"The proceeds will be used to help the children that The Ashley Lauren Foundation assists. It will give us the ability to continue to provide much needed financial relief for the devastating daily burdens thrust upon these families."

Each year, the Sea Girt 5K attracts nearly 2,500 participants. For more information visit [www.seagirt5k.com](http://www.seagirt5k.com) or email [seagirt5k@gmail.com](mailto:seagirt5k@gmail.com).

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## Lake Como summer recreation

BY SOFIA IANNUZZO  
STAR NEWS GROUP

**LAKE COMO** — The children's running club registration begins May 1 until June 30, for both boys and girls from the grades four to eight, Councilwoman Albala-Doyle said. The running club is stated to meet twice a week starting July 12 for six weeks at the gazebo near Fifth Avenue.

Registration for the Belmar-Lake Como-Avon Soccer League is also

open to the public and will continue until Aug. 7.

Belmar summer camp registration for Belmar and Lake Como residents will be on March 23 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. inside the Belmar Recreation Gym.

The Belmar website states that summer camp is to start on Monday June 27 and go until Friday, Aug. 19. Camp hours will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, and drop-off

times will start at 8:30 a.m.

### MAYOR'S BEACH BASH

Councilwoman Hawley Scull asked the public to save the date for the first Mayor's Beach Bash, taking place Thursday July 7, at Bar Anticipation from 6 to 10 p.m.

Councilwoman Scull said the funds raised will go to benefit Behrman Park, and more details about the event are soon to come.

# Summer recreation returns to Spring Lake Heights

BY JACK SLOCUM  
STAR NEWS GROUP

**SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS** — Summer recreation activities will be returning to Spring Lake Heights in June, however, the mayor and council passed Resolution 2022-85 during an April meeting, which will raise fees for the program's registration.

Summer recreation is an annual program where children from kindergarten through eighth grade can participate in various activities during the day under the supervision of camp counselors and directors.

According to borough officials, the rise in registration fees for the programs comes from a number of factors, including the pandemic.

"Apparently we've been losing money on rec for the past few years. COVID didn't help, it cost us more to get hand sanitizers and masks and all that stuff, and then of course we had to cancel it," Councilman Leonard Capristo said. "North of \$10,000 we're losing money for rec."

Last season, the registration fee for the seven-week program cost \$225 for residents, and \$250 for non-residents. The season before that, the program was \$175 for residents, and \$225 for non-residents.

This year, registration will cost \$295 for residents, and \$345 for non-residents. Those who register after May 27 will have to pay an additional \$25 in registration fees.

"Unfortunately we'll have to raise the rec rates this year, but also... it kind of falls in with what the

other towns are doing as well," Councilman Capristo said. "To boil it all down, it's a three hour program per day, and it comes out to about \$2.14 per, but now it's going to be about \$2.80 per hour."

Borough officials however said that participants will be getting their money's worth due to the program relocating to Spring Lake Heights Elementary School, located at 1110, Route 71. In the past few years, the program was held at Allaire Road Park, also known as Joseph E. Robertson Park, and weather often forced the programs to be canceled with no refund.

With the program at the elementary school, the rec can be held rain or shine.

"We were at Allaire Road Park, and subjected to the weather," Councilman Capristo said. "So, we sometimes had to cancel it so people were paying for something they really couldn't get.

"Long story short, we're moving it back to the school, so weather should not be a factor, so we will get the full seven weeks in," he continued. "So the hourly rate of \$2.80 per hour, per person, should hold up this summer"

Mr. Capristo said residents can feel free to contact him to ask any questions about the summer rec fees.

## THE PROGRAM

Spring Lake Heights' Summer Rec program will run from June 27 to August 12 this season, with the exception of the Fourth of July. According to the borough's website, the program will have

dance, baseball, basketball, and theme days. Additionally, arts and crafts are being held Tuesdays through Thursdays.

The program is open to incoming kindergarteners through eighth graders, and runs from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. There will be no cancellations for registrations, according to the borough. Those who sign up before May 27 will receive the "early bird discount" and save \$25 on the final cost.

Planned events for this season include playing with Manasquan Baseball, watching the Shoreline Dance Academy and Wacky Water Day, which is scheduled for Aug. 11.

To register for the program, visit the Spring Lake Heights CommunityPass or email [krossetto@springlakehts.com](mailto:krossetto@springlakehts.com).

In addition, the borough is seeking applications for summer camp counselors this season.

Applicants must have finished their freshman year of highschool. Additionally, applicants must be good with children, have a good work ethic and be available for the entirety of the seven-week program, according to the borough's website.

Applications are available on the borough website, [springlakehts.com](http://springlakehts.com), or can be picked up and delivered in person at Borough Hall, located at 555 Brighton Ave.

For more information on the registration process or job opportunities, visit [springlakehts.com](http://springlakehts.com) under the 'Recreation' tab. Alternatively, email [recreation@springlakehts.com](mailto:recreation@springlakehts.com) with any questions.

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Avon Elementary School students in grades third, fourth and fifth collaborated with the Avon Department of Public Works [DPW] to complete a beach cleanup on April 14. The classes spent the morning cleaning the Avon beach and discussing the importance of caring for their community and the environment. "It was a beautiful day to be an Avon Tiger," said Danielle Price, kindergarten teacher and communications coordinator.

# Bradley Beach kicks off summer with three-day Memorial Day festival

BY ALISSA DELEO  
STAR NEWS GROUP

**BRADLEY BEACH** — The borough's annual Memorial Day Weekend Festival will take place on May 28, 29 and 30 to kick off the summer season in Bradley Beach.

The festivities will begin with a vendor exhibition on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. which will continue on Sunday along the promenade on Ocean Avenue.

Festivities include vendors, crafters, music, food and family fun.

Also on Saturday, will be the borough's Memo-

rial Day Parade which will take place at 10 a.m. down Ocean Avenue.

"I think the parade will be in full force," said Mayor Larry Fox.

This year's parade grand marshal will be Keith Franklin, a retired U.S. Army Veteran.

A Memorial Day Ceremony will be held in Riley Park on May 30 at 11 a.m.

Mr. Franklin and Mayor Fox will be speaking at the ceremony.

"Last Memorial Day I was in attendance and spoke at that, it's a very serious and moving cer-

emony," said Mayor Fox, noting that many veterans and their families attend the ceremony.

There will also be memorial services for the military, the police and the borough's volunteer fire department and EMS.

"It will be very respectful and somber, I'm looking forward to it," said the mayor.

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# Spring Lake 5 slated to return Memorial Day weekend

BY JACK SLOCUM  
STAR NEWS GROUP

**SPRING LAKE** — Runners from across the country are getting ready to participate in the Spring Lake 5 Mile Run, which is set to return on Saturday, May 28.

About 12,500 runners will gather at Ocean & Sussex Avenues once again to run in the 44-year-old race, which kicks off at 8:30 a.m. However, runners should pick up their pre-race packets around 6:30 a.m. on race day, or between 10 a.m. to and 8 p.m. on Friday, May 27. Packets can be picked up at Spring Lake Train Station on Railroad Avenue.

Pre-race packets include commemorative pint glasses and t-shirts.

Traffic is expected to be shut down at 8 a.m., a half hour before the race. Runners and spectators should arrive before then to find parking, according to race officials.

There are currently no more spots available for this year's race, partially because registered runners for the canceled 2020 and 2021 races have been carried over to this year's.

According to the Spring Lake 5 website; "All currently registered entrants will be automatically entered into the 2022 Race which will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2022, without having to register next year. All waivers signed by registered entrants for the 2020 Race will be extended again and apply to the



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The Spring Lake 5 in 2019 brought over 10,000 runners, and race officials expect an even larger turnout this year.

2022 Race. No further action is required."

Any registered runners who didn't want to participate in this year's race had the opportunity to opt out with a refund in July, 2021.

If you're unsure if you are registered for this year's race, log in to Runsignup.com.

Some rules for runners include no headphones, baby strollers, in-line skates or pets. Also, no backpacks are allowed at the race. According to race officials, the security will be enhanced for this year's race.

All finishers will receive a medal. Additionally, the first 100 male

winner and 100 female winners will get special commemorative mugs.

Special awards will be given to the first 10 male and 10 female winners as well.

While masks and social distancing will not be required at the race, race director Ed Hale

released a statement regarding the coronavirus.

"At this time, it's impossible to predict what the health conditions related to the COVID-19 pandemic will be, or the precautions which might be required of our race and each runner," the statement reads. "Whatever precautions that might be put in place or required, it will be impossible for the Spring Lake 5 Mile Run to guarantee that registrants/runners in our 5 mile run will not become exposed to, or infected with, the Coronavirus/COVID-19, whether from other runners, race volunteers, the public along the race route, or race officials."

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# Manasquan summer rec activities announced

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**MANASQUAN** — The Manasquan Recreation Department recently announced its offering of summer activities and events. All program information can be found on the municipal website, [www.manasquan-nj.gov](http://www.manasquan-nj.gov), by clicking on “recreation.” The recreation page also has a CommunityPass link for users to create an account to access and register for most program offerings. Questions should be emailed to [eertle@manasquan-nj.gov](mailto:eertle@manasquan-nj.gov), or call 732-223-0544 ext. 260.

Summer Recreation Program – available to children entering kindergarten through entering the fifth grade at Manasquan

Elementary School, June 29 to July 29. A weekly option as well as a pre-K option for three weeks of camp are offered. There will also be an option for Junior Guard participants on days when there is no Junior Guard. Email summer recreation director at [squansummer-rec@gmail.com](mailto:squansummer-rec@gmail.com).

Warrior Football Camp – Manasquan Head Football Coach Jay Price and staff will host a three-day football camp from June 13 through 15 at Manasquan High School. The camp is available to boys and girls ages 8-14.

Quarterback Passing Mini-Camp – MHS football offensive coordinator Justin Cella will lead a mini-camp at the high school on four Sun-

days beginning May 22. Open to all Manasquan sending district students grades six to eight.

Algonquin Arts Theater Camp – Lights, camera, action! Two-week theater camp at the Manasquan Recreation Annex for grades one to six, Aug. 1 to 12. More information from program coordinator Julie Nagy at [julie@algonquinarts.org](mailto:julie@algonquinarts.org).

Condon’s Summer Baseball Camp – Three-day baseball camp for children ages 7-12 at Manasquan Brielle Little League, from July 5 to July 7. Visit [www.condonsbaseball.com](http://www.condonsbaseball.com) to download the registration form.

Pink Pineapple Surf Lessons – Rebekah Burt and her staff will return

to Manasquan Beach for the “Surf School Run by Girls, For the Girls!” Visit [www.pinkpineapple-surf.com](http://www.pinkpineapple-surf.com) for additional information.

Tennis Lessons – MHS head tennis coach Ryan Ritchey and staff will offer tennis lessons for two weeks, starting on June 20 and June 27. Lessons are available for children, teens and adults. Each session will be capped at 18 players.

Summer Basketball Camp at St. Denis – MHS head coach Nick Catania will host four one-week basketball camps for children entering first through ninth grades, in July and August. For additional information, visit [www.nickcatania-hoopskills.com](http://www.nickcatania-hoopskills.com).

Bicycle Decorating Contest – Children are invited to show their patriotism and decorate their bicycles in the red, white and blue. The contest at the Little League fields will be held on July 2 at 5:15 p.m. with prizes awarded in several categories. Afterward, all contestants may participate in the Fourth of July parade.

Night at the Jersey Shore Blue Claws – Manasquan Borough Night is set for Aug. 25, with the BlueClaws vs. the Brooklyn Cyclones. Tickets are \$16 and include a hot dog, beverage and an ice cream voucher.

Hockey at the Beach – Local resident John Farinacci, the 2021 US Junior Hockey gold med-

alist, will be back at the Manasquan Inline Rink for the program from July 18 to July 22. The clinic is open to skaters ages 7-14.

Beach Yoga at Sea Watch – Offered by certified yoga instructor and Manasquan resident Thomas Manni at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings from May 30 to Sept. 5. Contact Tom direct at [tom@tommanni.com](mailto:tom@tommanni.com)

Marine Science Camp – New Logic Marine Science Camp offers elementary students an opportunity to learn everything from seining to sharks, at Stockton Lake

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Park. There will be seven one-week camps starting on June 27. There currently is a wait list for each week.

Manasquan Junior Guards - Train with professional lifeguards between Pompano 2 and Whiting 1 Beach on 27 through July 29. Competitive and non-competitive sessions are available for boys and girls ages 9-14. A Little Guards program is available for children ages 6-8. Email [manasquanjuniorguards@gmail.com](mailto:manasquanjuniorguards@gmail.com).

Soccer Camp at Mallard Park - For children in preK through grade 4 at Mallard Park for six weeks on Thursdays from June 30 to Aug. 4.

Kids and Adult Martial Art/Self Defense classes

- All classes are instructed by Aikido Shodan [black belt instructors]. Adult classes are offered Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings and on Saturday mornings. Kids classes are Tuesday and Thursday evenings and on Saturday mornings. At the St. Denis location.

Skateboard lessons - Matt Danza and his staff will instruct at the skatepark at Stockton Park. Saturday morning lessons will be offered to beginners and intermediate skateboarders ages 5 to 14 from June 18 to Aug. 6.

Autism Movement Project - A fitness and sports program for developmentally disabled children and adults at the St. Denis Gym. Visit [www.ampfitnj.com](http://www.ampfitnj.com) to learn more about the program. Questions can

be emailed to [info@ampfitnj.com](mailto:info@ampfitnj.com).

Beach Smash Baseball Tournament - At Manasquan Beach on Big Sea Day, Saturday, Aug. 6. Visit [www.beachsmash.com](http://www.beachsmash.com), call 732-583-5624 or email [team@beachsmash.com](mailto:team@beachsmash.com) for registration and sponsorship information. Event proceeds will benefit Manasquan Recreation. Adult Pickleball - Adult pickleball at St. Denis Gym and four courts at Stockton Lake Park. The schedule is posted at [www.manasquan-nj.gov](http://www.manasquan-nj.gov) [click on "recreation"]. Anyone interested should contact coordinator Larry Dight at [lbdight@gmail.com](mailto:lbdight@gmail.com) or call 732-223-0544 ext. 260.

Ukulele and Guitar Lessons - Manasquan Music and Dance Academy will offer lessons at Main Beach at 6 p.m.

on Thursdays from July 7 to Aug. 11. The ukulele program is for ages 6 to adults, and the guitar lessons are for ages 8 and to adults. Visit [info@mmdacademy.com](mailto:info@mmdacademy.com) or call 732-223-2121 for information.

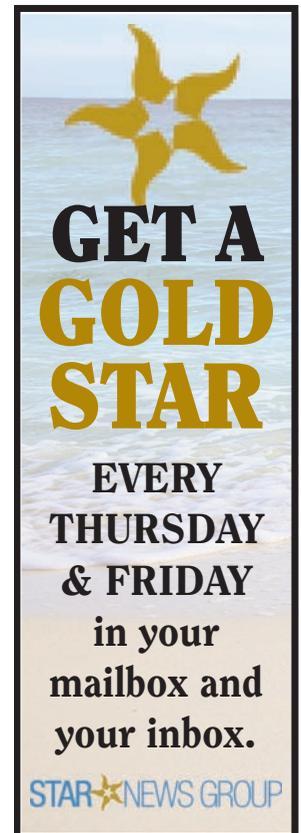
Stickball League - Open to sending district students entering grades six to eight. All games will be played at Manasquan Brielle Little League fields on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. The season is from July 5 to Aug. 4. Persons interested in being team sponsors should contact Steve Antonucci at [santonucci@manasquan-nj.gov](mailto:santonucci@manasquan-nj.gov). Beach Pilates - Classes offered by Instructor Theresa Karron on Wednesdays and Fridays at Pompano Beach, at 7:30 a.m. All levels welcome.

Summer Sewing Lessons - Gail McLaughlin of Squan Stitchery will offer Beginner Sewing Camps for children ages 7 and up July 18 to 21 and Aug. 1 to 4. Themed intermediate sewing camps will run July 18 to 21 and Aug. 1 to 4. Email [squan.stitchery@gmail.com](mailto:squan.stitchery@gmail.com) for program details.

Big Sea Day - The long-standing Manasquan tradition will be held on Saturday, Aug. 6 at Manasquan Beach. Events will include a surfing contest, sandcastle contest, children's tattoos, Beach Smash baseball tournament and more.

Manasquan Seniors Group - Residents over the age of 55 who are looking to stay active and informed should consider joining the Manasquan Seniors Group. Email

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# Lineup announced for Brick Summerfest concerts

BY ANTHONY J. GARCIA  
STAR NEWS GROUP

**BRICK TOWNSHIP** — Summerfest is set to return to Windward Beach beginning on June 30.

The four-week concert series is a favorite summertime event in Brick Township. The festival will include food trucks, fireworks and a beer and wine tent during the shows, which take place on Thursdays.

The lineup includes, on June 30, Super Trans-AM; July 7, Stifler's Mom; July 14, The Benjamins; July 21, Jessie's Girl.

Brick Recreation Director Dan Santaniello told The Ocean Star that these bands were chosen based on reviews from other municipalities. "These are definitely the local favorites," he said.

"We do gear this toward younger ones and families but Summerfest is really for anyone."

Prior to the beginning of the concert, there will be a variety of games that children can take part in for prizes including T-shirts and concert tickets.

The crowds are expected to be similar to years in the past, he said, explaining that since last

year, restrictions on capacity due to COVID-19 have been lifted.

"We were at eight to ten thousand people average per concert and I don't see it being any different this year," he said.

Free shuttle buses to Windward Beach will be available at 5 p.m. from the following locations: Brick Township High School, Drum Point Elementary School, Veterans Memorial Middle School, Midstreams Elementary School and Brick Memorial High School. Return trips begin at 9 p.m.

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