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DECEMBER 2015 CHAMBER NEWSLETTER

Main Street Beautification Committee

John Esposito, Chair



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This committee is dedicated to improving the look of Main Street.

Want to see signs of the winter season? Just look at Main Street. All the snowflakes are up on the lamp poles. It looks very nice to see them all lit up at night. Additionally, the holiday banners are up on the poles, and Riley Park is all aglow when the sun goes down.

Chamber of Commerce News

More and more Bradley Beach businesses are getting involved with the Chamber and their aim of making Main Street a beautiful and welcoming year-round business district. Interested? Please check out our website (www.bradleybeachnj.org) for a membership application and benefit package.

There is still Monmouth County grant money available for businesses that want to improve and beautify the outside of their stores. Please call or email the Chamber office and an application will be emailed to you. The grants are for up to \$1,850.00. The County has no idea when the money will run out so if you are interested, please send in your application as soon as possible. The money is good for façade beautification projects, only.



Tourism Commission

Recently, Mayor Gary Engelstad appointed Nicole Crowley Kienlen to the position of Tourism Director. We wish to congratulate Nicole (owner of Paws & Anchor) and wish her well in her new "job". Nicole replaces Rae Tutela who recently retired as head of Tourism. We look forward to many exciting and cooperative events between the Chamber and Tourism. Lots of good luck, Nicole.

The First Annual Hallowe'en Pooch Parade

On Saturday, October 31st, **Paws and Anchor** along with the members of the Chamber of Commerce, hosted the very first annual Hallowe'en Pooch Parade. Featured were dogs wearing costumes, parading on the sidewalk in front of Riley Park. We hope that this will be an annual event in town.



Nicole Kienlen owner of **Paws & Anchor** with a few friends.

On November 28th, the Chamber and its members celebrated **SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**. The Chamber bought a double full page color ad listing the Chamber businesses along with their logos and their individual ads. The Chamber, as a founding member of Small Business Saturday, received a ton of canvas tote bags and promotional materials from American Express. Amex started Small Business Saturday several years ago and it has spread to many communities to help promote local businesses that may be over looked by Black Friday and the big box stores. This is the second year that Bradley Beach has celebrated Small Business Saturday, coming each year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, and it will not be the last.





Monmouth County News

The Monmouth County Clerk's Office, at 3544 State Highway 66 in Neptune (adjacent to The Home Depot), known as the "Monmouth County Connection", is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00AM to 6:00PM, Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00AM to 8:00PM and Saturday from 9:00AM to 1:00PM offering a variety of services including passports, notary public, voter information, and senior and veterans' services. For more information call 732-303-2828 or check out their website www.visitmonmouth.com/connection.

All programs are free but registration is required. Call 732-303-2828 to register.

Every Day:

Free expedited Passport Service every day.

Free Notary Public every day.

Free Veterans' IDs every day.

Recurring workshops:

Every Wednesday from noon to 3PM, meet with a Medicare SHIP counselor.

Every first, third and fifth Thursday, meet with Monmouth County Surrogate's Officer.

Every second and fourth Thursday from noon to 3PM, meet with Monmouth County Veteran Services Officer

Anniversaries

Beach Cinema – 90 years (1925)

Schneider's Restaurant – 45 years (1970)

Giamano's Ristorante – 30 years (1985)

December Dates

All month – Fletcher Lake mini park pavers, \$75 or \$150.00 each

All month – Ladies' Auxiliary cookbook on sale at \$8.50 each

All month – Bradley Food Pantry donations at the Library

All Month – Donations to Library Renovations

Monday December 7 – Monthly Chamber of Commerce meeting

Monday December 7 – Environmental Commission meeting

Thursday December 3 – Joint Subcommittee meeting

Wednesday December 9 – Beach Cinema's 90th anniversary celebration at the Museum

Wednesday December 9 – Fletcher Lake meeting

Tuesday December 15 – Borough Council meeting

Thursday December 10 – Zoning Board meeting

Monday December 21 – The first day of winter

Monday December 21 – Rec Board meeting

Thursday December 17 – Planning Board meeting

Monday December 28 – Library Board meeting

Thursday December 24 – Borough offices closed at 1:00 PM

Friday December 25 – Christmas – Library and Borough offices closed

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The Bradley Beach Public Library's website (www.bradleybeachlibrary.org) has lots of good information for your business and personal life under the tab "Research". Take a look. You may be pleasantly surprised. To donate to the ongoing fundraising to help with the new ADA compliant addition to the Library, please contact the Library (732-776-2995).

On the Borough of Bradley Beach's website (www.bradleybeachnj.gov) there is a ton of useful information regarding your home and/or business. Look for the tab "**General Information**" and click "**Helpful Links**".

Look for our next newsletter. Meanwhile, be sure to check our website daily for lots of valuable information about Bradley Beach, Asbury Park, Avon, Neptune City, Ocean Grove, and other surrounding towns (www.bradleybeachnj.org). Of course, you can [Like us on Facebook](#), too!

See you next year!!

WINTER IS COMING !!!

