



**Bradley Beach Has It All!!**  
**DECEMBER 2017**  
**CHAMBER NEWSLETTER**

**Main Street Beautification Committee**  
**John Esposito, Chair**



**Beth Cotler**

**Ray Bloetjes**

**Shirley Ayres**

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

Main Street Beautification is a Chamber commitment that lasts all year long. Our Public Works Department, under the leadership of Biagio Cofone, has done another spectacular job keeping our community green and flowering during the warm months, and litter-free and clean all year.

We send a giant **THANK YOU** to all the men and women of the Public Works Department, for another job well done.

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**Chamber of Commerce News:**

After being closed for two weeks, the Chamber of Commerce office will once again be staffed and open for business on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Our monthly Chamber meeting will be on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM at the Biase Center. All are welcome to attend.

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**Customer of the Month:**

Ray Bloetjes, Manager of the Kearny Bank in Bradley Beach has been displaying one of the bank's customers' business each month. The first customer was the Bradley Beach Chamber of Commerce for the month of October. For the month of November, the bank displayed Vic's Bar and Restaurant. If you are a customer of Kearny Bank (or want to become one) and would like your business to be featured, come in to the bank and talk to Ray.

Kearny Bank, we are very proud to be chosen as your first **CUSTOMER OF THE MONTH.**



Bradley Beach Chamber of Commerce



Vic's Bar & Restaurant

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## Bradley Beach wooden distressed signs for sale:

At any time, feel free to contact the Chamber office to ask about our wooden Bradley Beach signs. We are charging \$15.00 for each distressed chic sign.



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## Bradley Beach Elementary School News:

The Elementary School will start its annual Winter Recess on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. School will have an early dismissal at 1:00 PM. The School will be closed until Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>. The Elementary School will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2018. Any questions? Please do not hesitate to call the school for details. 732-775-4413.

## PTO News:

There are three ways (and one tried and try method) to help support our Elementary School. Information is on the Elementary School's and the Chamber's websites.

- 1) Stop and Shop Super Market in Neptune City is willing to have a percentage of your purchases donated to the school. All you have to do is register your customer card with the store and it will take place from September until March.
- 2) Target has a service for customers to donate a percentage of their purchases to the school of their choice.
- 3) Amazon School Rewards will earn the school up to 10% of your purchases.
- 4) And, of course, please save box tops and bring them to school for additional savings for school supplies and equipment.

**Let's take care of our school and all of its students and staff.**

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## **Bradley Food Pantry:**

The Bradley Food Pantry is seeking cloth bags for regular food deliveries. Only cloth bags, please. Plastic and paper bags are not good for the land fill. Cloth bags are reusable and last for many years. Please drop off your clean used or new cloth bags at the Food Pantry, 605 Fourth Avenue, Bradley Beach. Please contact Director Linda Curtiss by email: [bradleyfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:bradleyfoodpantry@gmail.com); or call when Pantry is open: (732-775-0161) Monday through Friday, 10AM until noon: Thursday 6-7 PM.

Have some spare time? The Bradley Food Pantry always needs volunteers to help distribute food to our families. Please call Linda if you can spend any time at the Pantry.

**Thank you for your help.**

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## **Grow Monmouth grants:**

There is still Monmouth County grant money available for businesses that want to improve and beautify the outside of their buildings. 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. This program is under the leadership of Freeholder Tom Arnone.

Since grants have been made available, the following businesses in Bradley Beach have received façade grants:

**Beach Cinema; Patrick Parker Realty; The Buttered Biscuit; The Connolly Agency; Nonno's Italian Restaurant; Ann Bags; Tuscany by the Sea; owner of 316 Main Street; owner of 708 Main Street.**

For more details and an application, please contact the Monmouth County Department of Economic Development (732-431-7470) John Ciufo (X-8650) or Tara Zajack (X-6410).

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## **Tourism Commission:**

To contact Tourism Secretary/Director, Nicole Kienlen via email: [tourism@bradleybeachnj.gov](mailto:tourism@bradleybeachnj.gov) or call the Borough office: 732-776-2999 X-1028.

Tourism monthly meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 5:00 PM in the Biase Center.

## **2017 Upcoming Tourism Events:**

Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup> – Ladies' Night Out

Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup> – Menorah lighting – Sundown, Riley Park

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## **Monmouth County News:**

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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](http://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

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## **\*\*Anniversaries\*\***

**Vic's Bar & Restaurant – 70 years - 1947**

**Pete & Elda's Bar – 55 years – 1962**

**Bradley Beach Historical Society – 25 years – 1992**

**D'Arcy's Tavern – 10 years – 2007**

## **\*\*December Dates\*\***

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

**All month – Bradley Food Pantry donations at the Library**

**All month – Library "bricks" (call 732-776-2995 for information)**

**All month – Pre-Season 2018 beach badge sale at Borough Hall**

### **Thursday December 1 – End of Leaf Pickup**

Monday December 4 – Chamber office reopens at 10:00 AM

### **Monday December 4– Monthly Chamber meeting**

Monday December 4 – Friends of the Library meeting

### **Thursday December 7 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**

Thursday December 7 – Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting

Thursday December 7 – PTO meeting

Thursday December 7 – Ladies' Night Out

### **Tuesday December 12 - Hanukkah**

### **Tuesday December 12 – Menorah Lighting**

Wednesday December 13 – Fletcher Lake meeting

Thursday December 14 – Planning Board meeting

Monday December 18 – Recreation Board meeting

Monday December 18 – Tourism Commission meeting

Tuesday December 19 – Board of Education meeting

### **Thursday December 21 – Winter Begins**

Friday December 22 – Borough Office closing at 1:00 PM

Friday December 22 – Elementary School closing at 1:00 PM – start of Winter Recess

### **Monday December 25 – Christmas**

Tuesday December 26 – Borough Office reopens

### **Sunday December 31 – New Year's Eve**

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The Bradley Beach Public Library's website ([www.bradleybeachlibrary.org](http://www.bradleybeachlibrary.org)) has lots of good information for your business and personal life under the tab "**Research**". Take a look.

To donate to the ongoing fundraising for personalized memorial bricks, please call 732-776-2995. The "bricks" are displayed on the wall inside the new elevator section of the Library.

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

Each Mayor and Council meeting's agenda is published on their website under "**meetings, agendas and minutes**" before each scheduled Tuesday meeting. The documents up for discussion are also available on their website.

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## 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](http://www.bradleybeachnj.org))

Of course, you can [Like us on Facebook](#), too!

## See you next year!



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