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Bradley Beach Has It All!!

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CHAMBER NEWSLETTER

Main Street Beautification Committee

John Esposito, Chair



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

Chamber of Commerce News

Members: Please submit photos, pictures and events to our Chamber email

(bbcc@bradleybeachnj.org) and they will be included on our **Facebook** page. Submit as many pictures and/or events as you want, but please be aware that the Bradley Beach Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to refuse email/online advertising based on language and/or content.

Lobster Fest 2017

Once again, the Borough of Bradley Beach has approved the dates for our annual Lobster Fest. The dates are Saturday, June 24th and Sunday, June 25th. We will have many food vendors, crafters, music, children's activities, and delicious food. Our beer garden will be staffed by the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Bradley Beach Fire Department, and all tips will go to the Fire Department. In the past three years, the Auxiliary has donated all of their tip money to the Fire Department for new and necessary equipment. Your tip money helps keep our fire fighters safe and supplied with the best equipment. Thanks so much for your support of our wonderful, dedicated men and women. For more information regarding Lobster Fest, please check out our special website: www.bblobsterfest.com.

Grow Monmouth grants

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.

For more details, please contact the Monmouth County Department of Economic Development by calling Kristen Valente at 732-431-7470 X7479.

Tourism Commission

To contact Nicole at Tourism via email: 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:

Sunday February 12th – Bradley Love Stories 4PM (Location TBD)

Saturday February 25th – The Mayor's Ball (TBA)

Saturday May 20th – A Taste of Bradley – 11:30 AM until 3PM (rain date Sunday May 21st)

Saturday July 1st – Summer Concert 7-9PM, Riley Park (no rain date)

Wednesday July 5th – Free Tango Lessons every Wednesday in July and August

Saturday July 29th – Bradley Beach Pirate Day (rain date Saturday August 5th)

Saturday August 19th – Spicy Saturday 5-9PM Riley Park (rain date Saturday August 26th)

Saturday September 16th – Bradley Beach Car Show 12-5PM Ocean Avenue (rain date September 17th)

Saturday October 21st – Howl-O-Week Dog Festival & Pooch Parade 12-3PM Riley Park (rain date October 22nd)

Friday November 24th – Beach Bonfire 6PM Fifth Avenue Beachfront

Sunday November 26th – Tree lighting 4-6 PM, Riley Park

Tuesday December 12th – Menorah lighting – Sundown, Riley Park

Summer Beachfront Entertainment – To be Determined

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.

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

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

February 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

Thursday February 2 – Groundhog's Day

Monday February 6 – Monthly Chamber meeting, 5PM Biase Center

Sunday February 12th – Bradley Love Stories 4PM (Location TBD)

Tuesday February 14 – Valentine's Day

Tuesday February 14 & 28 – Borough Council meetings

Monday February 20 – Monthly Tourism meeting

Monday February 20 – Presidents' Day celebrated

Saturday February 25th – The Mayor's Ball (TBA)

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).

P.S. Check out the Library's Work-in-Progress, the new ADA entrance. Soon everyone will be able to enjoy the Library.

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**".



Check out our special 9th Annual Lobster Fest website:

www.bblobsterfest.com

Coming soon: Saturday, June 24th and Sunday, June 25th, 2017.

Remember the fun you had last year?

Mark your calendars for this year!!

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!

