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# Bradley Beach Has It All!! FEBRUARY 2018 CHAMBER NEWSLETTER

Main Street Beautification Committee

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**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:

### 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: 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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## **Bradley Beach Historical Society:**

The 2018 edition of the Historical Society has begun its reorganization meetings. So far, there are eight people who want to see the Historical Society active again. This is a good time to start up because the Borough 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations are being planned at this time. Keep posted. We will be sending out all sorts of information regarding the Borough and the Historical Society.

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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.

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

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## **Tourism Commission:**

The Tourism Summer Schedule has been published in the Borough's annual calendar. Events are:

**"Bradley Fresh" Farmers Market (Riley Park) Thursday 5-9 PM, May 31<sup>st</sup> to August 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**Mondays "Opera by the Sea" (Oceanfront Gazebo) at 7 PM – July 9<sup>th</sup> through July 30<sup>th</sup> and August 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**Tuesdays "Line Dancing" (Oceanfront Gazebo) at 7 PM – June 26<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, August 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**Wednesdays "Free Tango Lessons" (Oceanfront Gazebo) 7 PM – June 6<sup>th</sup> through August 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**Modern Mix Family DJ Dancing (Oceanfront Gazebo) 7 PM – June 13<sup>th</sup> (?), July 27<sup>th</sup>, August 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.**

(Editor's note: the June 13<sup>th</sup> date for DJ Dancing may be a misprint.)

\*For changes or updates [www.BradleyBeachNJ.com](http://www.BradleyBeachNJ.com) or [www.bradleybeachnj.gov](http://www.bradleybeachnj.gov) \*

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. The next Tourism meeting is Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM.

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## **Bradley Beach Arts Council**

Julia Sandra Rand, Director of the Arts Council, is starting off the Arts Council 2018 season with the play, DOUBT, by John Patrick Shanley. The play will be presented on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> in the Bradley Beach Elementary School's auditorium. This FREE performance is open to all, visitors and residents alike. For more details, please call 732-776-2999.



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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\*\***

**Bradley Beach First Aid – 1933 – (85 years)**  
**The Coaster – 1983 – (35 years)**  
**The Passion Event Group – 1983 – (35 years)**  
**Bradley Car Care – 1993 – (25 years)**

## **\*\*February 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)**

Thursday February 1 – PTO meeting

Thursday February 1 – Property Tax & Sewer Utility due

### **Friday February 2 – Groundhog’s Day**

Monday February 5 – Friends of the Library meeting

### **Monday February 12 – President Abraham Lincoln’s birthday**

Tuesday February 13 – Workshop meeting and Council meeting

Wednesday February 14 – Fletcher Lake meeting

### **Wednesday February 14 – Valentine’s Day**

Thursday February 15 – Zoning Board meeting

### **Friday February 16 – Lunar New Year**

### **Monday February 19 – Presidents’ Day**

Monday February 19 – Recreation Board meeting

Monday February 19 – Tourism Commission meeting

Tuesday February 20 – Board of Education meeting

Tuesday February 20 – Quality of Life meeting

Thursday February 22 – Planning Board meeting

### **Thursday February 22 – President George Washington’s birthday**

Monday February 26 – Library Board meeting

Tuesday February 27 – Council meeting

Wednesday February 28 – Dog License final day before \$10.00 late fee

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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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The Borough’s 2018 calendar is now out. It was sent to all residents and businesses in Bradley Beach. If you did not get one, the Borough has them in the office during office hours.

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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**Mark your calendars. It is coming in just 4 months!!**  
**- LOBSTER FEST 2018 -**  
**Saturday June 23 and Sunday June 24!!!**

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**Look for our next newsletter.**  
And make sure you [Like us on Facebook](#), too!

