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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.

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.

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.



Bradley Beach Elementary School News:

The Elementary School has reopened after Winter Recess 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.

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; 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.

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. Once we are officially set up, we will put an ad in the Coaster newspaper to advertise for members and to tell everyone about the Historical Society. This is a good time to start up because the Borough 125th 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.

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).

Tourism Commission:

To contact Tourism Secretary/Director, Nicole Kienlen 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.

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****

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)

****January 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

Monday January 1 – New Year's Day

Monday January 1 – Friends of the Library meeting

Tuesday January 2 – Borough Reorganization meeting

Tuesday January 2 – Dog License due

Thursday January 4 – PTO meeting

Monday January 8– Monthly Chamber meeting

Wednesday January 10 – Fletcher Lake meeting

Wednesday January 10 – Neighborhood Watch meeting

Friday January 12 – Pre-Season Beach Badge Sale ends
Monday January 15 – Recreation Board meeting
Monday January 15 – Tourism Commission meeting
Monday January 15 – Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday
Tuesday January 16 – Board of Education meeting
Tuesday January 16 – Quality of Life meeting
Thursday January 18 – Zoning Board meeting
Monday January 22 – Library Board meeting
Tuesday January 23 – Budget Workshop and Borough meeting
Wednesday January 24 – Free Rabies Clinic
Thursday January 25 – Planning Board meeting

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.

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.

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) 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.

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!



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