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Bradley Beach Has It All!!

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CHAMBER NEWSLETTER

Main Street Beautification Committee

John Esposito, Chair



Beth Cotler

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

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.

We would like to welcome the newest members to our Chamber. Creative Computer, Dylan Small, President, at 215 Brinley Avenue, and the Bradley Beach Medium, Gloria Woods, Medium, at 514 Main Street, both in Bradley Beach. There are no pictures available of their opening days. Sorry.

Back in October, Nourished by Nature and Fine Health Kombucha (126 Main Street) expressed an interest in joining the Chamber. We helped them hold an opening day celebration and ribbon cutting event. Miscommunication and scheduling conflicts kept them from becoming members until February.

Congratulations to all of our members. You keep our Chamber strong and a viable partner with the Borough of Bradley Beach.



Nourished by Nature and Fine Health Kombucha – one of our newest Chamber members. At the ribbon cutting in October, Cassandra Quartella – owner of Nourished by Nature, and brothers Shawn and Ryan Kelly owners of Fine Health Kombucha.

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.

Upcoming Chamber Events



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- 1) Our "World Famous" **Restaurant Tour** for 2016 is fast approaching. We have set the date of Sunday, May 15th from 11:30 AM until 3:00 PM for all you hungry visitors to buy your \$20.00 wristband and then go sample your way through our restaurants. We will publish maps of our downtown district with all the participating restaurants listed so that you can plot your sampling course. Of course, all beverages are extra as are extra items that are not part of the samples listed. Someone will be in Riley Park the day of the Tour (Sunday May 15th) selling wristbands to all who have not previously purchased one. The wristbands will be on sale at the Chamber office, the Beach Cinema, Tranquil Garden Tea Room and several other places in town. Look for the balloons attached to the lawn sign outside of every participating restaurant. Happy Sampling!



- 2) On Saturday June 27th and Sunday June 28th, the Chamber of Commerce proudly presents our 8th annual **LOBSTER FEST**. This event is always free. Just buy your own food and drinks. We feature not only premium lobsters and seafood, but all other foods, confections, and ice cream to satisfy every member of your family. There will be an entire section dedicated to entertaining children. Please make sure you look for the new **BRADLEY BEACH** section featuring local merchants and their unique sales items. There will be lots of craft vendors available all up and down the boardwalk. Our beer garden will be selling wine and beer and the tips you leave for the bartenders are going directly to the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Bradley Beach Fire Department. These women, who will be behind the bars both days, dedicate their free time to raising money for the purchase of equipment for the Fire Department. They not only do a great service for the Fire Department but for the community as well. Please show your appreciation to the men and women of the Bradley Beach Fire Department.
- Meanwhile, enjoy Lobster Fest. We know you will have a great time. You always do!!

Tourism Commission

Mayor Engelstad has appointed Nicole Keinlen as Secretary, and Brigitte McGuire, Beth Cotler, Tom McGill and Natalie Serna as Directors.

The Chamber looks forward to working with Tourism to promote our beautiful town.

Tourism meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of each month at 10:00 AM at the Biase Center.

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

Autotek – 30 years – 1986

Jersey Shore Fitness Shop – 35 years - 1981

**** March 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 March 3 – Board of Education meeting

Thursday March 3 – Joint Sub-Committee meeting

Monday March 7 – Monthly Chamber of Commerce meeting

Monday March 7 – Environmental Commission meeting

Tuesday March 8 & 22 – Borough Council meetings

Wednesday March 9 – Fletcher Lake meeting

Wednesday March 9 – Neighborhood Watch meeting

Sunday March 13 – Daylight Saving Time begins

Thursday March 17 – St. Patrick's Day

Thursday March 17 – Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting

Friday March 18 – Fire Department Fish Fry

Sunday March 19 – Egg Hunt

Sunday March 20 – Spring begins

Monday March 21 – Recreation Center Board meeting

Thursday March 24 – Planning Board meeting

Friday March 25 – Good Friday Religious Holiday Borough offices closed

Saturday March 26 – Egg Hunt rain date

Monday March 28 – Library Board meeting

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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!

