



Primary Numbers

Sea Bright is gearing up for the upcoming Primary elections.

REPUBLICAN

Sea Bright is so fortunate that our wonderful Mayor Jo-Ann Kalaka-Adams will run for re-election. Experienced and dedicated Council members Peggy Bills and Brian Kelly will also run for re-election to council.



DEMOCRAT

Unable to find a decent candidate, the Democrats are supporting Councilwoman Maria Fernandes to run for Mayor on the Democratic ticket. Having lost the last election, Susie Markson will, once again, try to win a seat on Council.

The Primary election will be held June 5, 2007. Please get out and vote! Polls at the Cecile F. Norton Community Center are open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Smart Growth Plans Take Shape



In the summer of 2005, you may have noticed small groups of residents and local officials walking around town, making notes and suggestions for ways to improve the downtown area. That was the start of Sea Bright's Smart Growth project.

On Feb. 24, 2007, the recommendations of those residents, combined with those of Phillips Preiss Shapiro Associates Inc., N.Y., a planning firm the borough engaged to support the council's plans for future revitalization, were presented to the public.

Municipal planner Diana Marsh, representing Phillips Preiss Shapiro, outlined the suggested improvements, which fall into these general categories:

- **Reassessing the borough's municipal facilities, many of which need significant rehabilitation and/or replacement.**
- **Increasing parking and facilitating vehicle flow to improve pedestrian safety on Ocean Ave.**
- **Improving the boardwalk and sea wall.**
- **Addressing planning and quality of life issues ranging from zoning, open spaces, and recreation facilities, to flooding problems and aesthetics.**

The plan Marsh presented was a draft proposal; the final plan is expected within the next few weeks. At the meeting, Council President Jack Keeler stressed that these plans are in their early, formative stages, and changes will be made as more details and constraints are addressed. The plan was funded by a grant from the New Jersey Office of Smart Growth.



Remembering Our Veterans

Come pay your respects to U.S. veterans by attending a memorial service in their honor on Monday, May 28, at ??? a.m. in front of the firehouse. Presentations by local officials and veterans will be followed by light refreshments.

Fun In The Sun

Looking for some family fun this summer? Save the date for these upcoming events, sponsored by the Sea Bright Recreation Committee:

Yoga on the Beach

Saturdays beginning May 19, 8-9 a.m.

~ On the beach behind the firehouse. Where the sun, the sea, and the soul meet. \$60 for a 6-class series, taught by Sharon Chessman. Must be paid in advance.

Sea Bright Beach Bash

Saturday, June 16, 4-9 p.m. (Rain date June 17)

~ At the Municipal Beach. This annual Recreation Committee fundraiser offers children's rides and activities, food, live music, a gift auction, and fun for everyone.

Free Drum Circle

Every Monday beginning July 9, 7-8 p.m.

~ On the boardwalk behind the firehouse. Featuring Dorothy Sikora. No drumming skills are necessary; instruments are provided. This drum circle program builds community spirit while letting participants be adventurous and have fun, express themselves, reduce stress and make music.

Free Concert on the Beach

Sunday afternoon, July 8, 4-7pm

~ At the Municipal Beach and on the boardwalk behind the firehouse. Bring a picnic dinner and beach chair, and enjoy the 11 piece ensemble, Next Generation of Soul.

Sea Bright Skim Bash

Sunday, Sept. 9, begins 8 a.m.

~ At the Municipal Beach. Annual skim boarding competition with prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in all divisions.

For more information on any of these events, call the Recreation Department: 732-842-0099, ext 27



Sea Bright Day Celebrate Community Spirit!

The many volunteer committees that keep Sea Bright going -- The Recreation Committee, Library Committee, Beautification Committee, Ladies Auxiliary members and many others -- will come together on **Sept. 8, 2007 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**, to celebrate Sea Bright Day. Each committee contributes an activity/event. There will be rides for the kids, a book sale, bake sale and food, flea market, and much much more. Save the date and celebrate the spirit of Sea Bright.

Something New Is Cookin' In Sea Bright



Joe and John Sommers

Whether you are in the mood for a quiet dinner out, or need to pick up a quick pizza for the kids, Trattoria "G" is the place to go.

This new addition to the fine restaurants that line Ocean Avenue is truly a family affair. Owned by John Sommers, a visit to Trattoria "G" finds brother Joe and sister-in-law

Ariane, all pitching in to cook, wait tables, and generally keep things running smoothly. Sommers also owns Just Around the Corner in Highlands.

This is a family that knows how to cook. The authentic Italian cuisine is home-made from the finest ingredients, and prepared fresh to order. Hot and cold appetizers, soup, pasta, veal, chicken, eggplant, and seafood dishes are featured, and of course there's pizza and subs. Bring your appetite along with your wine because the portions are very generous.

Located at 1142 Ocean Ave., the restaurant was completely refurbished by landlord Will Cherry. The bright and cheery atmosphere compels you to linger over cappuccino and freshly made cannoli. Outside dining will be available this summer.

Don't feel like leaving the house? You can still enjoy Trattoria "G". Delivery to



Sea Bright, Monmouth Beach, Rumson, and Fair Haven is offered from 4 to 10 p.m. Pickup and catering are also available.

Trattoria "G" is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. Come enjoy a taste of Italy right here in Sea Bright.



Book These Dates

Check out these upcoming events at the J.W. Ross Cultural Arts Center/ Library:

Introduction to the Internet, a four-week course held Wednesday evenings, 7-9 p.m., starting May 9. Taught by Al Gass, the cost is \$40 for the entire course. Because the library is wireless-capable, you can bring your own laptop, or reserve a computer by calling 732-758-9554.

Afternoon of Jazz, Sunday, May 20 at 3 p.m. This tribute to long-time Sea Bright resident and revered guitarist Tal Farlow includes a movie and a live performance by guitarist Jack Wilkins and bass player Gary Mazzaroppi. Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited, reservations are required. A voluntary contribution would be greatly appreciated for this presentation; please make checks payable to the Sea Bright Library Trust.

Children's story time and craft, every Wednesday afternoon. Pre-school children 1:30-2 p.m.; school-age 3:45-4:30 p.m.). Hosted by Miss Danya, themes for the upcoming weeks include birds, Earth Day, ducks, and Mother's Day.

Lighthouses Across the United States, the art exhibit of the month, runs through the end of April.

Any questions, please call 732-758-9554.

Patricia Spahr: A Taxing Job



The year was 1987. Ronald Reagan was president; Cher won the best actress Oscar for her performance in *Moonstruck*; Hillary Duff was born; and Patricia Spahr began working

for the borough of Sea Bright as a receptionist/typist. Today she is a certified tax/sewer collector. "As a tax collector, I love to say to taxpayers: 'I'll take your money anytime,'" Spahr jokes.

Before she worked for the borough, Spahr, who is Sea Bright born and raised, was a supervisor at the New Jersey Department of Motor Vehicles office in Eatontown, where her most famous customer was Tom Cruise. While working there, she was contacted by then Borough Clerk Mary Larson and Deputy Clerk Patsy Kelly, who offered her the job. "And the rest is history," says Spahr, who just celebrated her 20th anniversary working for Sea Bright.

The biggest changes Spahr has seen over her 20 years on the job involve technology. "Everything is now computerized," she notes. "The town has grown."

In fact, Spahr says the biggest challenges of her career were converting all the borough's tax and finance records to electronic format, and implementing computerized sewer billing.

For Spahr, a typical day consists of helping the public, answering the phones and collecting tax and sewer payments. When "off-duty," she volunteers for Holiday Express, attends Broadway shows, and indulges in Mexican food and pomegranate martinis.

She also is devoted to her family: She has been married for 25 years to Sea Bright Police Captain Steve Spahr and has four sons: Michael, age 24, who works for Merrill Lynch; 20-year-old Michael, who the Spahrs adopted when he was 5, and who just graduated from the Marine Mechanics Institute in Orlando, Fla.; Christopher, age 16, a student at Red Bank Catholic where he excels in academics and sports; and 13-year-old Ryan, a rising baseball star attending Maple Place School.

To those who know her, it's not surprising that, if she didn't work for the Borough of Sea Bright, Spahr's dream job would be "a nurse or social worker," she says.

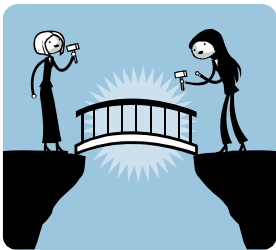
Her compassion for people, and passion for Sea Bright, are hallmarks of her 20-year career.



Abilities In Action

Sea Bright residents Anthony and Kristin Caldarella have opened Abilities in Action, a unique and specialized center designed to provide excellence in therapy to children with disabilities. The center, located in Oceanport, offers speech, occupational, and physical therapy for infants through teenagers. For more information: 732-542-6600; www.abilitiesinaction.com

Sea Bright-Highlands Bridge: Fighting the Good Fight



"We are doing all we can do, short of strapping ourselves to the bridge." That's how Councilwoman Maria Fernandes describes the status of the Sea Bright-Highlands Bridge fight.

The Council continues its unified effort to fight the DOT's plan to build a new four-lane bridge. Council members have met with the DOT and the DEP,

and continue to seek meetings with other Transportation Committee members. An aggressive letter writing and e-mail campaign is ongoing, and the Council is collaborating with Highlands and their independent consultant to, as Borough Attorney Scott Arnette says, "defend and preserve our door to the shore."

Fire Dept. Breathes Easier

The Sea Bright Fire Department has received an Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate's grant for \$67,830 to purchase new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). This Department of Homeland Security program awards funds directly to fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical service organizations to purchase protective equipment and vehicles.

"This is great news for us here in Sea Bright," says Patrick S. Mason Jr., chief of the Sea Bright Fire Department. "Most of our existing breathing equipment is well over 20 years old."

Exploring A Career In Law Enforcement

Have you ever watched a cop show on TV and wondered what it's really like to be a police officer? Here's your chance to find out. The Sea Bright Police Department is recruiting members for its Police Explorers program, which includes riding with patrol officers, traffic detail, and other police responsibilities. Field trips to places such as the State Police Museum in West Trenton are also part of the program.

Police Explorers must be between 14-20 years old, and have graduated 8th grade.

For more information call Sea Bright Patrolman Chris Fidler: 732-842-0010.



Protect Your Precious Cargo

Are you sure your child's car seat is as safe as it can be? Make sure, by participating in Operation Safe CARGO (child seat inspections and installations), May 24, 2007, from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. at Police headquarters. The Sea Bright Police Department, along with the Monmouth County Sheriff's department, will check your car seat model number for possible manufacturer recall, inspect car seat anchors, and stabilize seats with additional padding to prevent rocking.

Line Dancing



Due to popular demand, the Sea Bright Recreation Committee is sponsoring another 6 week session of line dancing. Beginning Thursday, May 3 from 7 pm - 8:30 pm. Classes will run for 6 consecutive weeks. \$30 registration fee covers the cost for all 6 classes. If interested, please contact the Recreation Department: 732-842-0099, ext. 27

New Speed Limit through Sea Bright



Summer is coming, and that means more people trying to cross Ocean Avenue. Thanks to a concerted effort by residents and the Sea Bright Council, new speed limit restrictions go into effect for the summer. In North and South Beach, the speed limit is reduced from 40 mph to 35 mph, and remains at 30 mph through the center of town. New Pedestrian Crossing signs will be set up along Ocean Avenue, and the limits will be strictly enforced by police.

Online Education



Here's some bad news for Shore Regional High School students who think they have a day off from homework when they are out sick or leave their assignment sheets in their lockers. Parents can log on to www.shoreregional.org and get access to homework assignments and the Media Center, as well as meeting dates and other important school news.

Whatever Floats Your Boat

It's almost boating season, but remember you must have earned a boating safety certificate from the State of New Jersey by June 1, 2007 (if you were born in 1959 or later). No worries. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 26, will conduct America's Boating Course on Wednesdays, May 2, 9 and 16, 2007, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Monmouth Beach Cultural Center. Cost is \$55 per person and includes the textbook. Seating is limited and pre-registration is required. Call 732-613-4558 to secure your spot.



What's In Your Attic?

Local author Holly Bianchi is looking for 20th century photographs, postcards, or other Sea Bright memorabilia for her book, *Images of America: Sea Bright*, published by Arcadia Publishing. All contributors will be credited in the acknowledgements page. Please call Ms. Bianchi at 732-708-0786 or e-mail: Dmapelli@aol.com.



Easter Egg Hunt - Huge Success

Grace Osgoodby and Charlotte Morris having a blast at the Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Sea Bright Recreation Committee. More than 200 kids showed up this chilly April morning to see the Easter Bunny and scavenge for more than 2000 eggs!

Code Red

Don't forget, if you move within the borough, you must resubmit your new address and phone number to the Police Department, or you will not be notified of a Code Red emergency in your new area. Just go to www.sea-bright.com, and click on the Code Red icon on the home page to update your information.



FUN RUN IS DONE, WHO WON?

Sea Bright Patrolman John Arias (#637) sets the pace at the Sixth Annual KDM Fun Run, held March 11 at Donovan's Reef. The annual run pays tribute to Keith McHeffey, a local victim of Sept. 11. The KDM foundation has raised funds for scholarships and to build a baseball field and playground in Rumson. This year they also made a generous donation to the Sea Bright Recreation Committee to help sponsor the Police Explorers program.

More than 900 participants joined this year's run. The male winner was Robert Cavanaugh of West Long Branch; female winner was Jen Hvesman, Fair Haven.



A MAN OF MANY TALENTS

When he is not busy attending Borough Council meetings and serving Sea Bright, Councilman Tom Scriven roams the town with his camera, capturing the beauty of our beaches and wildlife. His photos were recently displayed in the J.W. Ross Cultural Arts Center, to which he generously donated all sales profits.

Elect To Pitch In

Voting is only one way to participate in the election process; here's a chance to participate in a different way, and earn a little cash, too!

The Monmouth County Board of Elections is seeking district election board members to work at the various election districts in your town and surrounding communities during general, primary, school, or municipal elections.

Working an election currently pays \$200; you must be a registered voter to apply. Training classes will take place mid-May, 2007.

For more information contact Marlene at the Monmouth County Board of Elections, 732-431-7802.



SEA BRIGHT TO THE RESCUE

In late January, battling a raging current and frigid water temperatures, rescuers saved Adam Koppel after he jumped from the Rumson-Sea Bright Bridge into the Shrewsbury River to "impress" his date. To recognize this life-saving water rescue, the Sea Bright Borough Council awarded plaques of bravery to (left to right): Sea Bright Officers Cpl. Brett Friedman and Detective John Arias; Patrolman Donald Schneider, Rumson police department; Patrolman John Jones, Monmouth Beach PD; and citizens Brian Hood, Neptune and Michael Chimento, Sea Bright.

More Buck For Your Beach

New beach fees take effect this summer; but it's still a small price to pay to enjoy our beautiful beach:

- Daily badge (including weekends): \$8/person
- Senior season badge (65+): \$35/person
- Season badge: \$100/person
- Children under 12 and parking are free.

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