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Njswim to open new state-of-the-art location in Brick

MANASQUAN – Njswim is excited to announce the opening of their new location in Brick, NJ this fall. New Jersey Swim Schools is the largest yearround swim school in the State of NJ, serving over three thousand Njswim Families with small group and private swim lessons each week.

Njswim BRICK

The new 8000 sq. ft., custom-designed aquatic center will be the sixth location for Njswim. Located conveniently in Laurel Square Shopping Center, the same plaza as Planet Fitness, Leslie's Pool Supplies and At Home.

Njswim is building the flagship location to be a new state-of-the-art swim school, designed to be family and Water Baby friendly, complete with custom changing rooms, stroller parking and hair drying stations.

The new Njswim facility will feature a 64' x 26' heated indoor pool with state-of-the-art water and air filtration systems. The pool is tailor-made for small group swim lessons, and toddler through adult programs & pool parties. Parents and Njswim Family members will be able to observe lessons from a large, comfortable parent viewing area.

Njswim offers year-round swim lessons for all ages and abilities at their five other premier locations in Manasquan, Florham Park, Warren, Sparta and Landing (Roxbury), NJ.

WATER BABIES

As part of the Njswim curriculum, they have created an effective, approach to swimming that starts with "Water Babies" as early as age 3months. It is designed to provide families with a and positive safe introduction to an aquatic environment. The goal is to achieve a relaxed demeanor in the water for both children and parents.



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LEARN TO FLOAT

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SWIM LESSONS FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

Njswim's safety swim lessons for preschoolers is the first level where children are independent of their parents with the teacher. Preschoolers are taught swim skills that include breath control, supported floating and

how to enter and exit the pool safely.

Njswim offers FREE Swim Skills Evaluations that take only 1 to 3 minutes in the water. Once completed, a certified Njswim teacher determines the best level for your child and can present you with the best class options.

Njswim has created a safe approach to swim lessons that helps children of all ages become proficient swimmers. Njswim lesson programs are all age and developmentally suitable to keep kids interested in swimming and building strength as they grow.

Swimming is a life-long activity to be enjoyed as children grow. Surfing, boogie boarding, and other water sports require strong swimming skills.

RAISED IN BRICK

The Founder & President of Njswim, Joe Oehme, was born and raised at the Jersey Shore. While growing up in Brick, he was always swimming, surfing, boating or fishing until being in and around the water became second nature. By age 15, Joe became a certified Lifeguard and worked on an ocean rescue squad for three seasons. At 18 he was certified as a Water Safety Instructor and began teaching lessons at one of the East Coast's premier centers for health and recreation. It was there he first began teaching swimming for children between the ages of 6-18.

The following season Joe became Head Swim Team Coordinator where he introduced swim "Stroke Technique" courses for swimmers to enhance skills and build endurance.

During this time, Joe was introduced to Pierre Gruneberg of France, whose innovative swim breath training and fearreducing techniques provided a new approach to adult swim instruction. Joe incorporated "Le Methode Gruneberg" into his own teaching style and developed a systematic desensitization technique to reduce fear and anxiety as it related to swimming. This soon became his

passion, and his studies continued formally at the Richard Stockton College, where Joe received his BA in Psychology.

Upon graduating college, Joe's new "learn to float" philosophy took him to Encinitas, California where he taught and coached swimming. It was there he first introduced his own innovative instructional techniques fear-reducing and methods. Joe was able to share these methods with adults and consistently assist swim students overcome their fear of water and attain personal liberation.

Njswim SINCE 2001

In 2001 Joe developed New Jersey Swim Schools, Inc. and opened his first private swim school for children and adults in West Orange, NJ. In 2002 he moved the program to Brooklake Country Club in Florham Park, where it is still operational today. Niswim Sparta was opened in 2010, then in 2011 Njswim Warren. In 2014 Joe and his team built Njswim Lakeside in Landing/Roxbury

Township, and in 2015, Njswim added the Atlantic Club Manasquan location.

HELPING DEVELOP SCHOOL CURRICULUM Today Joe Oehme is a Board member for Stop

Drowning Now, a national non-profit organization that helps to promote water safety awareness. The board has prepared an extensive on-line curriculum for educators to utilize in NJ classrooms.

With the help of our local Assemblyman, Sean Kean, Njswim & Stop Drowning Now are encouraging New Jersey State Assembly Members to vote for and approve Bill A-269. Once approved, the Bill would require that water safety instruction be taught in public schools to children grades K through 12.

HOW TO REGISTER

The Manasquan location will re-open for swim lessons on July 6th. You can sign up for a free swim skills evaluation and register on Njswim.com. Njswim also offers a free Water Baby class so you can easily experience and evaluate their fun, awardwinning program.

Registration for the new Brick location will open August 8th. The address is 1930 Route 88 in Brick Twp., between Route 70 and Route 88 in North Brick.

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Brick Summerfest dates moved to August

BY PATRICK REILLY STAR NEW GROUP

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Mayor John Ducey has announced that the very popular Summerfest event will be rescheduled

to the four Thursdays in

August, instead of the

usual four Thursdays in

attracts thousands for its music, food vendors, beer the tent and fireworks. fest "Unfortunately, as ev-

eryone knows, as of July 3, our quantity of people that are allowed to gather is only going to be at 500. Anybody who's been to Summerfest knows that with the concerts and the fireworks and everything there's definitely more than 500 people who go to our Summerfest because they're very, very popular," Mayor Ducey said Tuesday.

Summerfest regularly

"We definitely don't want to cancel Summerfest by any means, so what we're going to do is move our four Thursdays in July to the four Thursdays in August."

The mayor said that he hopes that by delaying Summerfest until August, more residents will be permitted to attend.

"Usually our rain dates are in August," the mayor said "so let's treat it like it was one big horrendous rainstorm."

The planned lineup is as follows:

Thursday, Aug. 6 – Super Trans Am

Thursday, Aug. 13 – Tribute to the 80s & 90s Thursday, Aug. 20 – The Amish Outlaws

Thursday, Aug. 27 – The Nerds

The township's annual Summerfest Car Show hosted by the Time Capsule Cruisers is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 3. The Summerfest Car Show has grown into one of the largest in the state and features cars, trucks and motorcycles from all eras.

Brick will again be running free shuttle buses to Windward Beach Park and back from several locations in town as a way to dilute traffic. Shuttle buses will have two routes.

The first will pick up and drop off at Veterans Memorial Middle School [105 Hendrickson Ave.] and Midstreams Elementary School [500 Midstreams Road].

The other route will pick up and drop off at Drum Point Elementary School [41 Drum Point

GOING AWAY?

Road] and Brick Township High School [346 Chambers Bridge Road].

Trips to Windward Beach Park [265 Princeton Ave.] will begin at 5 p.m. and return trips will begin at 9 p.m. and continue until all guests are returned to their pickup locations.

All persons under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

"Summerfest for our 25th anniversary is going to move forward," the mayor said.

The mayor explained that under Gov. Phil Murphy's current guidelines, the number of people who will be permitted to attend the festival at Windward Beach Park will be limited to 500.





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Lavallette beaches are open for visitors

BY TYLER SPRINGSTEEN

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Starting Saturday, June 20, the borough opened its beaches for the summer season with lifeguards on duty and badges required.

For the time being, the borough will keep social distancing measures in place on the beach and boardwalk. Visitors are asked to abide by keeping a six-foot distance between one another.

Lifeguards will be on duty from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and the Fourth of July.

Beach badges must be worn at all times while visitors are on both ocean and bay beaches and must be visible on the front of the bathing suit, officials say.

Seasonal, weekly and daily badges can be pur-

chased at the Little League concession building at the corner of Jersey City and Baltimore avenues behind the Upper Shores County Library.

The badge fees are as follows:

Season badges: \$50, \$20 for seniors

Weekly [Saturday to Saturday]: \$35

Daily: \$12

No charge for children under the age of 12.

No charge for all disabled veterans of any military service and all military service personnel on active duty status.

The borough's boardwalk is open for walking and jogging. Social distancing is required. A new borough rule this year bans bikes on the boardwalk because of social distancing.

A parking sticker is required for vehicles parked in municipal parking lots on the bayfront. Car stickers are \$10 and are available at the beach badge office.

On-street parking is on a first-come, first-served basis on the side streets and the ocean blocks, according to the borough.

Residential parking is set in certain areas designated by sign and by permit only. There is also two-hour parking along Route 35.

The borough's handicap-accessible spots are on several streets, with most being on Trenton, New York, Philadelphia and President avenues.

A separate parking sticker is required for boat trailers parked in any of the municipal parking lots. Trailer permits are \$50 and are available at the beach badge office.



A DAY AT FISHERMAN'S COVE

MARK R. SULLIVAN STAR NEWS GROUP

Anglers trying their luck at the Fisherman's Cove Conservation Area.

Sea Girt Badge sales see increase

BY SARAH BLOOM

STAR NEWS GROUP

Sea Girt has seen a hike in sales of seasonal and senior badges this summer, according to Mayor Ken Farrell.

"We sold way over 6,800 season badges. And we usually average 4,500," Mr. Farrell said.

This year the beach has sold 1,200 senior badges, he said.

The borough will sell a limited number of daily badges according to the mayor.

BEACH REGULATIONS, FEES

In following health regulations surrounding COVID-19, beachgoers are urged to wear face masks/ coverings when interacting with borough staff.

Bathroom facilities will be open with social distancing enforced and facilities will be closed on a periodic basis for cleaning. Outdoor showers will be open but water fountains will not be available.

Social distancing guidelines will be enforced on the beach and at entry points. Beach capacity will be monitored and access may be restricted if the beach is too crowded. The boardwalk is open.

Daily beach badges are available at the Pavilion on Beacon Boulevard and at the New York, Philadelphia and Trenton beach access points.

Access will be restricted to daily and seasonal-badge holders if the beach becomes overcrowded.

Daily beach badges, which will be limited daily, are \$11. Seasonal badges are \$110 while senior badges, 65 and up, are \$65. They can be purchased via the community pass website. Follow the link on the borough's website, www.seagirtboro.com.

Kids 12 and under are free. Active military members and their families are free. There will be a fee added for credit card transactions.

Restrooms are open; social distancing is strictly enforced.

Concessions will reopen starting July 1. The stand is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eating on the beach, however, is strictly prohibited.

Parking is free in the borough.

There are no dogs permitted on the beaches from March 13 to Sept. 30.

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Bay Head beaches open for summer fun

the corner of Lake Avenue

BY KAYLA MARSH STAR NEWS GROUP

Borough beaches officially opened for the season June 20 with lifeguards and badge checkers and officials have released several guidelines to ensure the health and well-being of all visitors and staff throughout the summer.

The office hours for the Bay Head Improvement Association [BHIA], which owns and maintains the beaches, for badge sales will be 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. everyday through Labor Day.

The BHIA office is located at 532 Lake Ave., on and Mount Street, near Scow Ditch. This year's seasonal fee is \$90 per badge by check or cash; a half season badge is available for \$50 check or cash; and a daily badge fee is \$9, cash only. Badges are not required under the age of 12.

A statement on the BHIA website offers some guidelines to make the summer season run smoothly and safely: Face masks are required while entering the beach and during all other interactions with BHIA staff; all visitors are asked to prominently display their badges while entering the beach; and capacity will be monitored to determine if it is necessary to reduce or restrict access to specific or entire areas of the beach.

According to a recent memo by Mayor William Curtis on the borough website, parking has been restored on East Avenue and all side streets east of Route 35. Street ends east of East Avenue will remain closed, however. The memo adds that twohour parking limits will be posted and enforced on some streets.

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Heights Recreation revamps summer programming

BY SCOTT YUNKER STAR NEWS GROUP

The borough's annual summer recreation program will begin July 6, after undergoing a makeover in order to comply with New Jersey Department of Health guidelines related to the novel coronavirus.

Staff and campers [grades K-8] will wear masks, take temperature screenings and adhere to other hygiene protocols throughout the seven-week program to be held at Allaire Road Park. Unlike past years, no offsite field trips are scheduled for the 2020 program, due to the department's compliance with state guidelines.

"We want the kids to have a fun and safe summer at recreation," director Erik Niciewski said.

Activities at Allaire Road Park will include arts and crafts, tennis, cornhole, QB54, horseshoes, track and field, Olympic events, weekly competitions, cooling stations, water activities and more, according to a flyer published on the recreation department's official Facebook page. "It's a little bit of a challenge, but we're making it work," Mr. Niciewski said, referring to the borough's decision to revamp its summer program, rather than cancel it.

Twenty-five families have registered for the summer program, according to Mr. Niciewski, who would like to see that number at least double.

"We want to have it worthwhile, for the campers' sake," he said.

To encourage participation, Mr. Niciewski's department has waived all deadlines and late fees for the program, which costs \$210 for residents and \$235 for non-residents. Registrants can sign up on CommunityPass at www. springlakehts.com.

The Spring Lake Heights Recreation Department is also moving forward with its 21-and-up summer cornhole league, which is scheduled to begin July 20 at Ocean Road Park. Teams of two must sign up via Community-Pass by July 13 to participate and a \$50 registration fee is required.

Mr. Niciewski is also reminding prospective players the cornhole league

is open to both men and women.

"Last year, there were only two women in the fall league," he said. "But this year, it looks like more women are signing up."

More information regarding the upcoming summer cornhole league and all other recreation programs can be found on the department Facebook page.

LOOKING AHEAD

Curveballs thrown by the novel coronavirus have not prevented the recreation department from planning its fall season, as Mr. Niciewski is confident a fall cornhole league will begin sometime in September, although its size and scope have yet to be determined.

Plans for a men's softball league are also being developed, according to Mr. Niciewski, who said it would take place on Sundays at Allaire Road Park and begin sometime in September. He expects to release more details in July.



Squan Beach and Recreation announce activities

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The Manasquan Beach and Recreation Department is gearing up for the summer with a variety of programs and activities.

In line with Gov. Phil Murphy's orders, all programs will start on or after Monday, July 6.

Registration for the summer recreation program, recreation stickball league, junior guard training and recreation tennis lessons is available online via Community Pass at www. manasquan-nj.gov.

Downloadable registration forms and information for all other activities may be found on www. warriorrec.com. For questions, email Beach and Recreation Superintendent Erik Ertle at eertle@ manasquan-nj.gov or call 732-223-0544 ext. 260.

Here are some of this summer's activities:

Summer Recreation Program: The program is for children entering kindergarten through fifth grade. This year's camp will be held at Stockton Lake Park beginning Monday, July 6 and ending Wednesday, Aug. 5.

Summertime Math and Games Program: The program is a hands on opportunity for children in first through fourth grades to refresh their math skills. Classes are taught by Manasquan Elementary School math teacher Theresa Reichey.

Paint, Paste and Pour: Summer art classes for children ages 18 months through kindergarten will be held at St. Denis School [entrance at east end of building] on Thursdays, July 16 through Aug. 6.

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Class times are 10 to 10:45 a.m., 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. and 4:15 to 6 p.m.

Pink Pineapple Surf Lessons: Rebekah Burt, owner of Pink Pineapple Surf, will return to Manasquan Beach with her staff for surfing lessons, available all summer long. For more information, visit www. pinkpineapplesurf.com.

Swim Lessons at Silton: Manasquan Recreation is teaming up with Silton Swim School, 1701 Atlantic Ave., to offer swimming lessons to Manasquan children ages three through 13 at a discounted price. A total of four sessions will be held over the course of one week. Session dates include July 27 - 31, Aug. 3 - 7, Aug. 10 - 14 and Aug. 17 - 21, with morning and afternoon sessions available.

Tennis Lessons: Manasquan High School tennis coach Ryan Ritchey and his staff will offer tennis lessons this summer at the high school for three consecutive weeks. Lessons will begin on Monday, July 6 and are available for children, teens and adults. Hour-long lessons for children ages 6 to 12 will be held Monday through Friday from 5 to 6 p.m. and 6 to 7p.m. Lessons for those

ages 13 and up will be held

from 7 to 8 p.m. Summer Basketball Camp at St Denis: Manasquan High School basketball coach Nick Catania will be hosting four week-long basketball camps in July and August. The camp, for boys and girls entering first through ninth grade, runs from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Beach Yoga at Sea Watch: Beach Yoga will be offered by certified yoga instruc-

• Wellness

tor and Manasquan resident Thomas Manni, July 6 through Sept. 7. Classes will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Marine Science Camp: New Logic Marine Science Camp will once again offer students a unique opportunity to learn about everything from seine fishing to sharks. The camp for students in kindergarten through eighth grades is held at Stockton Lake Park. Six one-week programs will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, beginning July 6.

Manasquan Junior Guards: Train with professional lifeguards between Pompano 2 and Whiting 1 Beach every Monday, Tuesday and Friday morning from July 6 to July 31. Children ages 6 to 16

PAGE 17 STAR NEWS GROUP are welcome. For questions, email manasquanjuniorguards@gmail.com. Tournaments with other towns have been canceled for this season.

JUKY 2 & 3, Soccer Camp at Mallard Park: Joseph Mitchell, coach of the Hudson River Soccer Academy and coordinator of Manasquan Recreation's Fall Soccer Program, will offer a camp for boys and girls in kindergarten through fourth grade at Mallard Park. The camp will run on Thursdays from July 23 through Aug. 20. Clinics for children in kindergarten and first grade will be held from 5 to 6 p.m.; and 6 to 7 p.m. for children in second through fourth grade.

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Avon-By-The-Sea beaches open

BY ANTHONY ROSSICS STAR NEWS GROUP

Beaches throughout the borough opened full-time beginning Monday, June 15. Beaches will be open for swimming with lifeguards from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Beach badge prices, hours and rules have been set for this beach season. A maximum of five beach badges may be purchased per transaction.

Adult seasonal badges cost \$95 per badge. Senior seasonal with proof of age of 65 and young adult seasonal from ages 12 to 18 are \$50. Seasonal badges are sold only at the Sylvania Avenue tag booth; exact change or check only.

Daily badges are available for \$10 per person for people 12 years and older. Daily badges are available for purchase online via the Viply app only and purchases may be redeemed at tag booths on Sylvania, Norwood and Washington avenues. Daily badges are good on the day of purchase, with sales beginning at 7 a.m. No refunds will be given under any circumstances, including for unclaimed badges.

The borough announced the following rules for the beach this season, in order to help protect the public and borough employees:

Any person buying a beach badge at the tag booth, walking on the boardwalk or entering or exiting the beach is requested to wear a face covering or mask;

No diagonal parking is permitted in the borough.

As a result, parking will be limited this season.

Bathroom availability will be reduced and only one shower will be open to rinse off. The use of face coverings or masks are strongly encouraged while using the bathroom facilities.

Soft coolers only allowed. No hard coolers will be allowed on the beach and boardwalk; No picnicking on streets, sidewalks or boardwalk.

Sitting or congregating on the boardwalk is prohibited. Benches have been removed. Walking or running allowed only.

Bicycle riding on the boardwalk is restricted to the hours before 9 a.m.

No organized sports or other athletic activities are permitted on the beach.

Brick Township welcomes beachgoers

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Brick Township operates three ocean beaches and one riverfront beach at Windward Beach Park. All beaches are open from Memorial Day to Labor Day and are staffed 7 days a week from mid-June through Labor Day. Beach hours of operation are 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Beach badges are required for access to all beaches. Rates for 2020 are as

follows: Season Badge \$30 Daily Wristband \$8

Season Parking \$30 Daily Parking Pass \$5 Children ages 12 and under – free when accompanied by a paying adult

Refunds or replacements will not be issued for lost or stolen badges or parking permits. Badges and wristbands must be worn at all times on beaches. Daily wristbands can only be purchased at the beaches

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More beachgoers allowed on beachfront in Bradley Beach

BY MICHAEL NUNES STAR NEWS GROUP

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The borough has ordered another 1,000 adult season beach badges, which will be available for purchase at a later date.

The announcement was made by Borough Administrator David Brown III during the borough council meeting on June 23, where he also announced that the borough will increase the maximum capacity of beachgoers allowed on the beachfront.

"Subsequent to discussions with the governing body, OEM and administration, we have decided to move our maximum capacity on the beach from 10,000 to 11,000 and adult seasonal badges and place them on sale at a time to be determined in the near future, as soon as we confirm the shipping information of the badges," Mr. Brown said during his administrator's report. "Please look for more information on the borough's website."

order an additional 1,000

The borough had initially announced on May 15 that it had sold the entirety of its 9,000 season beach badge supply, with each badge selling for \$80. After ordering more, the borough once again sold out on June 12.

"There has been a significant demand, clearly, but what was really important is that there was a lengthy discussion internally that on a one-off basis ... we could do this safely," Councilman Al Gubitosi said. "We have engineering support for the fact we have capacity on the beach [and] we have a commitment from our police department to monitor and, if necessary, manage social distancing.

"We are doing this in part to appease our public and the broader public outside of Bradley Beach to make these badges available, but we are doing that fully conscious of our commitment of maintaining safety on our beaches," the councilman added.

According to Mr. Brown, over the last two weekends the borough has averaged 5,600 beachgoers. Weekdays are seeing on average 2,800 beachgoers.

While the beachfront could hold a maximum of 20,000 beachgoers, the borough has only allowed at most 10,000 beachgoers at a time to abide by social distancing guidelines. From now on, Mr. Brown said, the borough will allow up to 11,000 beachgoers.

This year the council increased the price of a daily badge in order to support the borough's beach utility, which pays for upkeep of the beachfront. Daily badges are now \$13.



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More than 100 children entered in the Wall Township Recreation Department's virtual kids' fishing contest in June. Above, Sebastian, age 10, shows off the fish he caught in the Shark River on the first day of the contest.



Beach safety, pricing and more for Point Pleasant Beach

BY TYLER SPRINGSTEEN STAR NEWS GROUP

With the borough's beaches up and running since June 20, Point Pleasant Beach is ready for visitors to return.

For those looking to hit the beach, here are the rules:

All of the beaches in the borough have a social distancing requirement in place for the time being. Social distancing ambassadors and sanitation stations will be located along the boardwalk encouraging visitors to stay safe.

Masks are also encouraged while in crowded outdoor spaces, such as while waiting in line to get onto the beach or for curbside pick up, the borough says.

On the beaches, lifeguards will generally be on duty from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Manasquan beaches open for the summer

BY HOPE PATTI

STAR NEWS GROUP

Manasquan beaches officially opened for the season on Saturday, June 13.

Badge checkers are on duty daily through Labor Day, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m, at each of the 17 beach access gates.

Lifeguards and EMTs are also on duty daily through Labor Day, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Badges are required for beach access; daily badges will be sold at the beachfront for \$10 [cash only]. Season beach badges

are available online via Community Pass. To register for Community Pass,

visit www.manasquan-nj. gov and click on the Community Pass tab.

All pre-purchased parking passes and season beach badges will be available for pickup daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the beach office at 205 Beachfront.

Badge prices are as follows: Adults ages 17 to 64,

\$85; juniors ages 12 to 16, \$40: and seniors 65 and over, \$30. Proof of age is required for juniors and seniors. Handicap badges for each age group are half price.

Jenkinson's Beach —

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son [July 18 to Labor Day]:

\$70, \$35 for children.

Active military and their families can access Manasquan Beach for free, just show valid military identification to

any badge checker. Veterans are also granted free beach access with proper identification.

Season parking passes are sold out online, however daily parking passes for all four lots are being sold. Daily parking is \$10 per vehicle, Monday through Thursday, and \$15 per vehicle, Friday through Sunday.

All restrooms along the beachfront are open from 8 a.m. until dusk, and will be monitored by beach staff to ensure that safety protocols are being followed. Showers and water fountains are also available for beachgoers to use.

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Point Pleasant Borough Summer recreation schedule announced

BY KAYLA MARSH STAR NEWS GROUP

The Point Pleasant Recreation Department has announced its schedule of programs for the summer season, which will bring community members together to enjoy a variety of activities both outdoors and online.

For a complete list of details on all the programs or to register through the Community Pass system, visit ptboro.com/recreation.

ZOOM ADVENTURES

Adult Yoga Classes are open to the beginner through the intermediate student. Learn the foundations of yoga and leave feeling a sense of calm, release and an overall sense of greater well-being.

During the Tai Chi/ Qigong Class, learn how to build stamina and proper circulation for a healthy immune system. Through seated, standing and combination routines, learn how minding breath and posture will help keep attention in the present moment and assist in inducing relaxation to balance the nervous system.

Fitness with Sandy Classes, including Low Impact Cardio, Hi & Low Cardio, and Reciprocal Stretch Class will be held online for eight weeks. Classes are for those ages 16 and up.

A new Virtual Magic Camp will be held for children ages 8 to 12 years old, where they will learn how to make objects pass through other solid objects, find hidden magical treasures, create a unique way to sniff out a vol-

unteer's card and much more. The voung magicians will also learn and practice the eight traits of a true magician.

During Crime Scene Investigation Class, students will lift and identify fingerprints, cast footprints, process a mock crime scene and much more. Topics such as DNA, biology, trajectory and blood splatter will also be covered.

Summer Dance Classes, including Preschool Ballet, Ballet /Tap Combo and Jazz/Hip Hop, will each run for six weeks for those ages 3 through 7.

STEM+ Academy will offer a special Minecraft program that will let users explore, construct, create and interact inside an open, changeable virtual world.

In addition, a special chess program is being held that will not only teach the rules of the game but incorporate chess puzzles, lessons and play sessions against each other using an online app.

Toddler Time Yoga, Kids Yoga, Tween Yoga and Teen Meditation are some of the programs being offered through Educational Services with Sarah, which will help children build a sense of body awareness, concentration, increased confidence while learning tools to manage stress through the use of breathing techniques.

OUTDOOR FUN

Valhalla's Pirates are once again expected to commandeer Riverfront Park this summer for an evening of swashbuckling fun. Come out and meet

Captain Charles Black and his crew and enjoy pirate stories, sing-a-longs, swordplay and much more pirate fun.

The Safe Boating Course will take place towards the end of July. Upon completion of the two session course, participants will receive the New Jersey Safe Boating certificate required by law to operate any powered vessel on any waters in the state.

The Intro to Stand Up Paddleboarding [SUP] class on the Manasquan River, will teach the SUP basics, go over safety, regulations and etiquette, board and paddle selection and sizing, proper paddling and stroke technique and much more.

Beach Yoga will be held at Maxson Avenue Beach and is open to all levels of yoga students.

Enjoy playing Pickleball on two outdoor courts at the Recreation Center.

Grab your beach chair and enjoy taking part in the summer Beach Book Club at Riverfront Park. Participants will meet weekly to discuss a novel and will keep a reading journal and discuss characterization, theme and writer's craft.

Tennis and swimming lessons will also be part of the summer fun, engaging swimmers and players of all levels.

G-Funk's Gladiators will be held at Community Park for children ages 6 to 11. Each week strength train, stretch, run and practice fitness-based obstacles which will lead up to The Gladiator Dash in early August.

Summer activities planned for residents of all ages in Bay Head

BY KAYLA MARSH STAR NEWS GROUP

While the annual summer recreation camp for children was canceled, there are still a variety of activities that residents of all ages can enjoy throughout the summer season.

Bay Head Life recently launched its new Beach Walkers program. Those wishing to participate can join the group every Monday morning at 7 a.m. at the Bridge Avenue beach entrance for a leisurely walk. Everyone is welcome, whether they are regular exercisers or need the motivation to start, and it's free.

The group also kicked off the annual Sunset Paddles on Twilight Lake in June. On the first Sunday of each month through October, community members are invited to join the organizers of Bay Head Life to celebrate the beauty and tranquility of a summer sunset over Twilight Lake. Bring a canoe. kayak or paddleboard and meet on the lake approximately one-half hour before sunset. Everyone is invited and it's free.

The first Mayor's Walk of the summer season was held June 24 on bicycle safety. Those wishing to participate in the summer Mayor's Walks should meet at the clock tower on Bridge Avenue, at the entrance to Borough Hall. at 9 a.m. Additional Mayor's Walks are tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, July 15 and Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 9 a.m.

The Bay Head Farmers Market will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. each Thursday through September. The market is set up in the municipal lot next to Bay Head Fire Co. No. 1 on Bridge Avenue and community members will be able to shop for locally grown fruits, vegetables and more. To ensure the safety of shoppers and vendors, food handlers will be handling food with gloves and there will be staff at the stands for taking money and handling food separately. Masks will be optional, and social distancing will be en-

couraged as well. Bay Head Life will host the second annual Fourth of July Bike Parade on Saturday, July 4 beginning at 10:30 a.m. Some adjustments have been made to this year's event to ensure all participants safety.

The parade is limited to 80 participants and tickets are required. To secure tickets visit https:// bavheadbikeparade2020. eventbrite.com or Bav-HeadLife.com.

In addition, face masks are required for all parade participants. Anyone that shows up without a face covering will not be allowed to participate.

The parade will kick off at Sacred Heart Church, go north on Clayton Avenue, east on Johnson Street, north on Lake Avenue and then west on Bridge Avenue before finishing at the municipal parking lot. Community members are encouraged to cheer the parade on

and show off their patriotic spirit along the route.

Bay Head's first annual Townwide Scavenger Hunt will take place Saturday, July 18, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Teams of two to four people will compete on bikes on a timed scavenger hunt around town. The first three teams that complete the timed portion correctly will compete head-to-head in the mystery challenge to take home the top prize. Bikes are not provided for the event. Only 10 teams will be able to compete and must register online. There will be a waiting list in case any teams drop out.

The second Bay Head Duck Derby will waddle into town Aug. 1 at 2 p.m. at Centennial Park, located on Bridge Avenue. Admission to the derby is free, but those wishing to participate can purchase a small rubber duck for \$10 or a bigger, weighted rubber duck for \$50 by contacting The Coastal Cottage at 732-475-6813.

The event is sponsored by the Bay Head Home & School Association, in conjunction with the Bay Head Business Association and Bay Head Life. All funds will go back to supporting the students at Bay Head Elementary School.

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Spring Lake Recreation announces summer activities

BY HOPE PATTI

STAR NEWS GROUP

Spring Lake Recreation Department announced that the annual summer recreation program will not be held this year due to the coronavirus pandemic, however other activities are planned for borough children.

The department is still planning to hold Pee Wee Recreation for children ages three to five. The program will run from July 6 until Aug. 7 at the gazebo at Potter Park between Mercer and Warren avenues.

Typically the program is held indoors at the train station, however, Director of Parks and Recreation Kathy Heine said all recreation camps will be held outdoors this year.

The program for threeand four-year-olds [\$200] will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m. The program for five-year-olds [\$250] will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 to 11 a.m.

Registration is available online via Community Pass for residents only. A waitlist will be available for nonresidents if the program is not at capacity, which is 25 children for each age group.

In years past, five-yearolds were included in the recreation program for older children, however Ms. Heine said due to the cancellation of the program they will be included in the pee wee group.

The program is run by H.W. Mountz preschool teacher Nancy Ritchey and five counselors. Children will be divided into small groups and stay with their counselor for the entirety of the day.

In compliance with state guidelines, children will have their temperatures taken upon arrival to camp each day.

Staff members will be wearing masks as well as gloves when necessary, and will maintain social distancing with the campers. Ms. Heine added that plenty of hand sanitizer will be available and children will be provided with their own supplies needed for their program [e.g., crayons, glue sticks].

Due to the cancellation of the recreation program, Ms. Heine said she is planning for smaller camps and activities for the borough's older children.

The recreation department's Youth Tennis Program for children ages five to 18 is slated to begin on July 6. There are eight sessions available; details are available on the borough's website.

Beginner and intermediate tennis lessons for adults are also available on Tuesdays, July 7 through Aug. 11. Beginner sessions will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. with intermediate sessions to follow from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

The tennis programs will be taught by certified professional tennis instructor Stacie Stephens.

Marine Science Camp will be held at Marucci Park for kindergarten through eighth grade students. Campers will learn about the preservation of the marine ecosystem through hands-on activities.

Dates for the four sessions, all held from 9 a.m. to noon, are as follows: July 13 to July 17; Aug. 10 to Aug. 14; Aug. 17 to Aug. 21; and Aug. 24 to Aug. 28.

Children's cooking classes will be held at the Marucci Park Pavilion from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Classes for children 5to 8 years old will be held on Wednesdays, July 15, 22, 29 and Aug. 5; for children ages 9 to 12, classes will be held on Tuesdays, July 14, 21, 28 and Aug. 4.

Children can be signed up for one class or all four in their age group. Each class is \$10.

Spring Lake Recreation is also holding an Arts and Crafts Camp at the Marucci Park Pavilion.

Dates for the five sessions are as follows: July 6 to July 10; July 13 to July 17; July 20 to July 24; July 27 to July 31; and Aug. 3 to Aug. 7. The camp is \$50 per week.

Registration for all Spring Lake recreation programs is available via Community Pass.

Ms. Heine added that she is hoping to add soccer and basketball camps to the roster this summer, but is awaiting further guidance from the state.

In addition, Ms. Heine said she is working on organizing four outdoor concerts for residents of all ages to enjoy [details forthcoming]. She is also planning to hold the Ocean Mile Swim on Saturday, July 11.

Planning for summer activities has been challenging due to the state's ever-changing guidelines, Ms. Heine said, but the goal is "to provide a safe environment for our employees, residents and our visitors."

"We're looking forward to a fun, 'different' summer," she added.



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Mantoloking ready for summer

BY PATRICK REILLY STAR NEWS GROUP

Mantoloking Mayor Lance White and Chief of Police Stacey Ferris updated borough residents in June on what to expect for summer with social distancing restrictions still in effect.

The mayor and chief said several new rules regarding social distancing will be enforced, such as wearing masks while passing badge checkers.

"We will ask that social distancing be observed at all times on the beach," the mayor and chief said. "This is a crucial part of the process to stay safe and not contaminate others. This will be enforced initially with requests to separate but if the problem persists then a stron-

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ger measure will be taken. When using the access points and passing badge checkers please wear a mask until you are on the beach with no one nearby."

The mayor and chief said that if beaches do become too crowded, they will restrict daily badge sales.

"We are training staff on social distancing and will be instructing them to close walkways once limits are reached where social distancing is no longer possible. Beachgoers will be instructed to move north or south on the beach or instructed to enter at the next walkway available."

By emergency proclamation, the Borough of Mantoloking declared that beginning June 12, all beaches will remain closed to the public from 9 p.m. until 4 a.m. until Gov. Phil Murphy ends New Jersey's state of emergency regarding the coronavirus pandemic. The order does not apply for police, firefighters and other first responders. Violation of the order is considered a disorderly persons offense.

Lifeguards and badge checkers will be on duty June 20 to Labor Day.

Lifeguards will be stationed on Lyman and Downer Beaches seven days a week until 6 p.m., and Albertson Beach on Friday, Saturday and Sunday until 5 p.m. Mobile lifeguards will be patrolling the beach five days a week, Wednesdays through Sundays.





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Lavallette will hold some summer events

BY TYLER SPRINGSTEEN

THE OCEAN STAR

The borough of Lavallette still plans to hold some scheduled events going forward into the hot summer months.

Although some events have already been canceled, notably the borough's Fourth of July fireworks display and the Waves of Impact surf camp, the borough still hopes to bring a little fun to residents and visitors.

The borough plans to hold its Patriotic Bike Parade on July 4 from 9 to 11

a.m. at the President Avenue Boardwalk. Participants will decorate their bikes to celebrate Independence Day.

Later in the summer, thanks to the municipal alliance grant, the borough will host five movie nights in July and August.

The borough will be screening "Frozen 2," "Toy Story 4," "Abominable," "Playing with Fire" and "The Addams Fami-

lv." "The movies sound really good and I think the kids will really be looking forward to [them]," said

Councilwoman Anita Zalom.

"We will remind them as we go along to social distance."

Borough officials still haven't decided whether to hold concerts later in the summer.

Larger events like the Founder's Day Festival are scheduled, for the time being, to happen in September.

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Wall Rec offers fun in the sun in July, August

BY SANNE YOUNG STAR NEWS GROUP

The Wall Township Recreation Department is offering a variety of activities for kids, teens and adults this summer. A few will be held virtually, but with the COVID-19 lockdown loosening, many activities will be live, offering kids a chance to run around and enjoy the great outdoors.

The recreation department will follow the health protocols issued by the New Jersev Department of Health for summer day camps, and it has even tightened further some of the procedures to make sure everyone has a safe summer, recreation coordinator Mike Thompson said.

Details about theme camps and other programs offered are available at wallnj.com/149/ Recreation or by calling 732-449-8444 ext. 2250 or 2251 or by visiting the Recreation Office at 2700 Allaire Road. Register at HTTPS://Register.CommunitvPass.net/Wall.

Here are some of the virtual offerings:

Jr. Chef USA, No-Bake Cooking Camp is offered virtually via Zoom for children in pre-K to first grade, with sessions July 6 to 10 and Aug. 10 to 14; Jr. Chef USA Baking Camp is offered virtually via Zoom for second through fifth grades, with sessions July 6 to 10 and Aug. 10 to 14;

Studio 2.0 Lego Building is offered virtually for grades one and two, from Aug. 17 to 21;

SCRATCH, children's computer programming language is offered virtually for grades three to five, Aug. 17 to 21.

Several live theme camps will be held in person in August at the Wall Municipal Complex, 2700 Allaire Road:

Soccer Clinic for kindergarten to fourth grades, Aug. 10 to 14;

Lego STEM for kindergarten to fourth grades, Aug. 10 to 14;

Animated Movements. an arts program with games, dance and fitness, for grades four to eight, Aug. 10 to 14;

Academy of Amazement: Learn how to become a real magician, for grades four to eight, Aug. 10 to 14;

Lego Vehicles with Remote Control, for kindergarten through fourth grades, Aug. 17 to 21;

Ultimate Camp and Recess Games, for kindergarten through fourth grades, Aug. 17 to 21;

Academy of Amazement for fourth to eighth grades, Aug. 17 to 21;

Ultimate Camp and Recess Games, for fourth to eighth grades, Aug. 17 to 21.

The Wall Recreation Department also is offering sport camps for children and teens:

Summer Tennis for ages four and older, six one-week sessions, from July 13 to Aug. 17, at the Orchard Park Tennis Courts:

Girls Lacrosse Camp, for girls in second through eighth grades, July 13 to 16, at the Wall Municipal Complex;

Girls Field Hockey, for girls in second through eighth grades, July 27 to 30, at the Wall Municipal Complex:

Summer Nights Under the Lights Co-ed Basketball Clinic and Games, for kindergarten through ninth grades, two sessions. June 30 to July 22 and Aug. 4 to 26, at the Wall Municipal Complex;

FUNdamentals Basketball Camp for boys and girls entering first to fifth grades, July 27 to 30 at the Wall Municipal Complex;

Summer Basketball Camp for kindergarten through eighth grades, Aug. 3 to 6, at the Wall Municipal Complex.

Recreation programs also are offered for adults and senior citizens:

Basic Boating Safety Course, accredited by the N.J. State Police, July 22 and 23 in the Executive Conference Room of the Wall Township Municipal Building;

Stronger Seniors Fitness, held virtually on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, June 24 to Aug. 28.

Summer Tennis Camp, six one-week sessions, from July 13 to Aug. 17, at the Orchard Park Tennis Courts.

The annual Wall Fair has been postponed until a date to be announced later, possibly in the fall; and the Firecracker Run/ Walk has been rescheduled to July 4, 2021.

Belmar beaches adapt to influx of beachgoers

BY MICHAEL NUNES STAR NEWS GROUP

The borough has adapted the beachfront to deal with crowds of beachgoers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The benches on the boardwalk have been removed and more ticket booths have been added to avoid crowds gathering.

Three booths have been installed at Silver Lake and a ticket booth has been added at the train station, on 10th Avenue.

Bicycles have also been excluded from the boardwalk, along with dogs.

Police officers, assisted by a drone overhead, monitor Belmar's beaches hourly during the summer season. If they become overcrowded, Mayor Mark Walsifer said, "We are going to have to shut them down."

Belmar divided the borough beaches into four different zones to prevent overcrowding and attain proper social distances. If one zone on the beach becomes flooded with beachgoers, borough officials will close down the zone and direct beachgoers to other, less crowded, areas of the beach.

The borough also created the volunteer Friendship Force, which are deployed by the borough to remind people on how to properly social distance and also distributed face masks to those who needed them.

Beach attendants have also been given face masks, gloves and hand sanitizer. Lines will be delineated for gate attendants, with a 6-foot distance requirement between each person entering the beach.

More staff have been hired to tend to restrooms on the boardwalk. A medical-grade UV light will also be used to sanitize the facilities.

Beachgoers hoping to park on Ocean Avenue will notice a change this year, as the borough has gotten rid of parking kiosks, opting instead to rely on an online app for parking payments.

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will take place Saturday, Aug. 8 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

For the event, attendees pre-purchase a floating paper lantern and decorate it with their own hope, wish or prayer of reflection. Lanterns are \$10 each and must be pre-purchased at ReFind, 43 Mount St. There will be no lantern sales the night of the event.

Funds raised from the event provide three Bay Head Elementary School students with gift certificates for art supplies as well as for future events by the Bay Head Business Association Beautification Committee. A rain date of Sunday, Aug. 9, is scheduled for Glimmer of Hope.

This summer, residents may enjoy a leisurely

Beachgoers now have to use ParkMobile in order to use the roughly 400 parking spaces at the beachfront.

On the parking app, one hour costs \$1.45. Adding an additional hours cost \$1 per hour. Users can also rent spaces for intervals of 15, 30 and 45 minutes. ParkMobile is a free app available for both iPhone and Android devices.

BEACH BADGES

Badges are required for admission to Belmar's beaches from 9a.m. to 6 p.m. every day from Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day.

Seasonal badges are on sale at Taylor Pavilion, located at 500 Ocean Avenue.

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No beach badge refunds are available once purchased. All sales are final.

Belmar offers free beach admission to active members of the military and their families, Gold Star Family members and disabled veterans through "Operations: Thank You."

Visit Belmar.com for more information.

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Point Pleasant Borough's two riverfront beaches officially opened for the season June 20.

Beach badges will be required for daily access at the Maxson Avenue and River Avenue beaches.

Beach badges are \$20 for anyone 6 years old, and over and \$10 for seniors 60 years old and over. Badges are not required for active or retired military, who need to show their military ID at the beach.

Currently, there will be no daily wristbands sold and all badges must be purchased ahead of time. Due to capacity rules, a badge will not guarantee access if the beach is full, due to COVID-19 restrictions.

"Please note this [opening] date is the same every year, regardless of COVID-19. Lifeguards will also make the appropriate call to limit access once capacity has been reached due to the governor's restrictions on beach openings," Mayor Robert Sabosik wrote in a recent message to residents.

Badges can be purchased online through the Community Pass system. For those who do not have an account, one can be set up for free by visiting the Recreation Department's home page on the borough website, ptboro.com.

On Friday, May 22, borough officials opened both beaches and the boardwalk at Riverfront Park to the public after they were closed for weeks due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"For those on a wait list for beach badges, there is no need to worry. We sold more in one weekend than we did all of last year combined," Mayor Sabosik added. "We have already ordered more badges and once they arrive your requests will continue to be processed. Every resident that would like a badge will be able to get one."

"We've sold more than we have ever sold before because we are not doing daily badges," Borough Administrator Frank Pannucci Jr. added. "Everybody has to get their badge ahead of time, so every-

thing has been going really well."

According to Mr. Pannucci, the borough did not have to make many changes when it came to the hiring of lifeguards for the summer season.

"The amount of lifeguards remains the same. We already have a small lifeguard pool because unlike our neighboring towns that have ocean beaches, we only have our river beaches," he said.

"We have just the right amount of lifeguards. The lifeguards will be trained in and will follow new COVID-19 safety procedures being put out by the governor's office and the New Jersey Department of Health."



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BACKYARD BEAUTIES

Stephanie Shutz showed off her green thumb in her submission to the Lake Como Tourism Photo Contest. She won third place announced by the borough in May. Winners were: First place: Todd and Dorothy Dwyer; Second place: Sara Purdy; and Third place: Stephanie Schutz. Borough Mayor Kevin Higgins handed out prizes to the photo contest winners which included a \$75 gift certificate to Bar Anticipation; a \$50 gift certificate to Vanity 18; and a \$25 gift certificate to Surf's Up Candle.



