

COMMUNITY CALENDAR - 4th QUARTER 2014

Saturday, October 25

Community Health Fair

Ocean Mental Health Services hosts Stressbusters, a community health fair at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Route 9 at Route 166 in Beachwood from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Learn safe and healthy ways to beat stress with live demonstrations and enjoy a bounce house, Zumba, clay crafts, aromatherapy and more. Click <http://www.oceanmhs.org/events> for more information.

Friday, October 17 & Saturday, October 18

Terror in the Halls

The H+M Potter School presents their 8th annual Terror in the Halls: Zombie Apocalypse, a bone chilling, heart stopping Halloween event from 7:30 p.m. – 10 p.m. each night. Some content may be too intense for younger viewers. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 732-269-5700 or click [http://hmp.btboe.org/pages/H M Potter Elementary School](http://hmp.btboe.org/pages/H_M_Potter_Elementary_School) for more information.

Monday, October 13

Pumpkin Fest

Delicious Orchards in Colts Neck hosts their annual Pumpkin Fest from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. with hundreds of pumpkins along with live music, pumpkin painting and decorating, 4H animals, an antique tractor display and more. Click at deliciousorchardsnjonline.com for more information.

Friday, October 10

Heroes and Legends Celebrity Softball Classic

The Heroes & Legends Celebrity Softball Classic takes place at FirstEnergy Park, home of the Lakewood BlueClaws to benefit the Sanctuary Island Charity for Veterans & Children starting at 5:30 p.m. with a home run derby. A team of legends including Jay Johnston, Jim Dowd, Jeff Frazier, and Stephen Baker take on the Purple Heart Heroes All Star Team all of whom have been awarded the Purple Heart for their meritorious service. Heroes and Legends is an organization dedicated to supporting veterans rehabilitative sports programs while assisting a wide network of military-based charities Call 732-901-7000 or click BlueClaws.com for more information.

Sunday, October 26

Community Masquerade Parade

IEP Youth Services and Declarations Inc. host their first Community Masquerade at Brandywine Senior Living at 100 Meridian Place, Route 9 South in Howell from 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon. Call 732-431-5872 ext. 125. Or check their Facebook page for more information.

https://www.facebook.com/events/294853870720442/?ref_dashboard_filter=upcoming.

Saturday, November 26

Dare to Dream 5K

The 5th annual Dare to Dream 5K takes place at Freehold Township High School starting at 10 a.m. to benefit the Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey and the Chrise Briggs Murrell Scholarship Fund. There will also be a Kids Zone for kid's age 10-and-under with crafts, games, face painting and more. Click ChriseDareToDream.com for more information.

Wednesday, November 5

Fall Career Day

Monmouth University Career Services hosts their Fall Career Day in the MAC from 12:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. with local, regional, and national employers available to meet with students and alumni to discuss career opportunities. Corporate, government, and nonprofit organizations are always present. Click Monmouth.edu for more information.

Saturday, October 4

Howl-o-Ween Dog Parade and Costume Contest

The Ocean County Parks & Recreation Department holds a Howl-o-Ween Dog Parade and Costume Contest at Cattus Island County Park in Toms River from 10 a.m. – 12 noon. Click OceanCountyParks.org for more information.

Monday, December 22

Hope Concert VII

Bobby Bandiera & Friends return to the Count Basie Theatre for HOPE CONCERT VII, to benefit Horizons and the Count Basie Theatre's arts education and outreach programs starting at 8 p.m. Click CountBasieTheatre.org for more information.

Saturday, October 18

Petoberfest

Ocean County 4H and the Jersey Shore Animal Foundation host the Petoberfest event at 1623 Whitesville Road in Toms River from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. with rescue groups, vendors, a pet costume contest, rescues for adoption and more. Click <http://www.jerseyshoreanimalfoundation.org/> for more information.

Saturday, October 25

Food Festival & Gift Auction

United Fire Company #1 of Neptune City hosts their Food Festival and Gift Auction at the Hamilton Fire Company Firemen's Hall on Jumping Brook Road in Neptune starting at 6:30 p.m. Call 732-489-3986 for tickets and additional information.

Saturday, October 11

Garage Sale

Howell Township First Aid and Rescue Squad #1 hosts a Garage Sale at 16 Kent Road (next to Wawa) from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. You are welcome to bring your own table. Call 732-552-6581 or click htfars.org for more information.

Monday, October 27

Signature Chefs Auction

The March of Dimes presents their Signature Chefs Auction at the Eagle Oaks Golf and Country Club in Farmingdale starting at 6:30 p.m. featuring signature chefs from dozens of Central Jersey's most popular restaurants. The evening will honor pediatric infectious disease specialist Dr. Margaret Fisher, MD, Chair and Medical Director at Unterberg Children's Hospital at Monmouth Medical Center, Professor of Pediatrics at Drexel University College of Medicine and President, New Jersey Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics. For more event information and tickets click marchofdimes.org/newjersey or call 732 -952-9016.

Saturday, October 18

Car Show

The 9th annual Ocean Gate EMS Car Show takes place inside First Aid Park located at Asbury and Cape May Avenue from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. For more information call 732-269 – 0756 or visit oceangateems.org

Sunday, October 19

Cartoberfest

The Northern Exposure Siberian Husky Rescue hosts Cartoberfest at 120 Whitesville Road in Browns Mills from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. with sled dogs, foster dogs, kids activities and the chance to learn about dog powered activities to enjoy with your dog. Friendly dogs are welcome to attend the event. Check their Facebook page for more information.

Saturday, October 18

Car Show

The Ocean Gate Volunteer EMS holds their 8th annual Car and Motorcycle Show at their headquarters located at 107 E. Cape May Ave in Ocean Gate. Click OceanGateEMS.org or call 732-558-1610 for more information.

Monday, October 20

Paul Tuliano Scholarship Golf Outing

The 16th annual Paul Tuliano Scholarship Golf Outing takes place at the Eagle Ridge Golf Club in Lakewood starting at 9:30 a.m. Call 732-828-2000 X2640 for more information.

Saturday, November 15 & Sunday, November 16

Bizet's *Carmen*

Center Stage Opera presents Bizet's *Carmen* at the Stafford Township Arts Center on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. *Carmen* is one of the most popular of all operas. It is performed in every opera house in every language, its music is bright, passionate, dramatic and very Spanish... much of it is very recognizable especially the Toreador Song, the Habanera, and the Seguidilla. Click <http://www.staffordschools.org/stac> for more information.

Saturday, October 11

JBJSoulKitchen Kickoff Cook-Off

Jon Bon Jovi's Soul Kitchen restaurant in Red Bank hosts their first Kitchen Cook-Off featuring area fire departments preparing their best firehouse chili from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sample the chili and vote for your favorite; the winning firehouse will share the event proceeds with the Soul Kitchen. Click JBJSoulKitchen.org for more information.

Saturday, November 15

That's Entertainment Jersey Style

CONTACT of Ocean and Monmouth Counties presents *That's Entertainment Jersey Style* at the Woodlake Country Club in Lakewood from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. featuring comedian Jeff Norris and The Jersey Girls with Art Garner. For tickets & information call 732-240-6104.

Tuesday, November 18

Gift Auction

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Or, located at 200 Van Zile Road in Bricktown hosts their annual gift auction starting at 6 pm. For more information call 732-458-4700.

Sunday, November 24

Holiday Craft and Vendor Show

Brick Memorial High School Cheerleaders host their Holiday Craft and Vendor Show at Brick Memorial High School from 11 a.m – 4 p.m. For vending and other information call 732-267-3611.

Thursday, October 23 – Saturday, October 25

Alice in Wonderland

The Bengal Theatre Company of Barnegat High School performs *Alice in Wonderland* on Thursday, October 23 and Friday, October 24 @ 7:00 PM, and on Saturday, October 25 @ 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM in the school auditorium. It's the classic tale about a girl who follows her extraordinary dream, and in the process discovers the importance in believing in the unbelievable. Click <http://www.barnegatschools.com/bhs> for more information.

Saturday, November 22

Craft Fair

The Brick Township High School PTSA hosts its' Annual Craft Fair at Brick Township High School on Chambers Bridge Road in Brick Township from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m dozens of crafters and vendors. Call 732-241-6296 for more information.

Saturday, November 1

Craft/Vendor Fair

The Lacey Township High School PTSA hosts a Craft/Vendor Fair at the school located at 73 Haines Street in Lanoka Harbor from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. featuring over 60 vendors, face painting, gourmet café, gift auction and more. Click http://lths.laceyschools.org/pages/Lacey_High/Calendar/PTSA_Craft_Fair for more information.

Saturday, February 7

Butterfly Ball

The Ashley Lauren Foundation holds their 4th Annual Butterfly Ball and 10th Anniversary Celebration at the Ocean Place Resort in Long Branch starting at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy an evening of fine food, drink and entertainment by Mack and Soul while raising funds and increasing awareness of The Ashley Lauren Foundation's mission of providing Hope & Help for Children with Cancer in New Jersey. Anita DeIPesce and Robert Montesano will also be honored for their work with the Foundation. Click www.ashleylaurenfoundation.org or call 732-414-1625 for more information.

Saturday, October 18

Blood Drive

A Blood Drive in memory of Tim Uzat takes place at Electrician Union Local #440 on Route 138 eastbound in Wall Township from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. To make an appointment to donate or for additional questions click cjbcBlood.org or call 908-783-0121.

Saturday, November 22

Holiday Bazaar

Lacey United Methodist Church hosts their Holiday Bazaar from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Call 609-693-5222 for more information.

Saturday, October 25

Support the Stoma Spaghetti Dinner

A Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for Support the Stoma takes place at the Faith Community Church on Atlantic City Boulevard in Bayville with seatings at 4:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Call 732-779-7051 or check their Facebook page for more information.

Saturday, October 25

Spaghetti Dinner

A Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser takes place at Laurelton Fire Co. at 1725 Route 88 in Brick from 2 p.m. – 8 p.m. to benefit EMT Bryan Owen in his fight against cancer.

Wednesday, October 22

Blood Drive

The Waretown Elementary School Citizenship Club holds a Blood Drive in the school gym from 3 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Call 609-693-3131 to schedule an appointment to donate; walk-in's are welcome as well.

Sunday, December 7

Vendor/Craft Fair

The Jackson Liberty Lion Band holds a Vendor and Craft Fair in the school gym from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. with over 60 vendors plus face painting, slot car racing and a visit from Santa Claus. Call 908-415-7281 for more information.

The Diary of Anne Frank

The Southern Regional High School Theatre Company performs its annual Fall play, *The Diary of Anne Frank* on Thursday, November 13 and Thursday, November and Friday, November 13th and 14th in the Joseph P. Echle Performing Arts Center in the 9/10 building. *The Diary of Anne Frank* is the compelling World War II era drama about a family in hiding from the Nazi's whose young daughter, Anne, kept a diary of their life. Click srsd.net for ticket and performance information. The deadline for advance orders is October 27th. Tickets can also be purchase at the door the nights of the performance when the box office opens at 6:00 pm.

Sunday, October 26

Dog Wash

Rub-A-Dub Dog Wash Grooming Salon located at 2008 Route 37 E in Toms River hosts a Dog Wash, Adoption Event and Yard Sale from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. to benefit the SAVE, Puppy Love and Calling All Cats. Call (732) 330-2079 for more information.

Saturday, November 1

Harvest Moon Chef Soiree

Autism Speaks hosts their Harvest Moon Chef Soiree at Ocean Place Resort and Spa in Long Branch starting at 6 p.m. featuring a buffet prepared by some of the New York Metropolitan area's most renowned chefs, led by Chef Diane Henderiks Click events.autismspeaks.org/harvestmoon for tickets and additional information.

Monday, October 20 – Friday, October 24

Ocean of Love Billboard

105.7 The Hawk's Andy Chase will live on a billboard above the Target parking lot on Hooper Avenue in Toms River to raise money for Ocean of Love, a local organization dedicated to supporting families in the fight against pediatric cancer. Donations can be made by visiting the billboard or by calling 877-HAWK-1057. There will also be an online auction and other ways to contribute. Click 1057thehawk.com for complete details.

Saturday, October 25

Family & Friends Fun Fall Festival

The Marine Academy of Technology & Environmental, an Ocean County Vocational Technical School, holds their Family & Friends Fun Fall Festival at the school located at 195 Cedar Bridge Road in Manahawkin from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Click <http://matesptso.org> for more information.

Saturday, November 29

Christmas Bazaar

The Pinelands Regional High School Class of 2016 hosts a Christmas Bazaar at the school from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school in Little Egg Harbor.

Friday, November 14

Member Connect.

The Toms River-Ocean County Chamber of Commerce Membership Committee hosts their Member Connect at the Tuscan Bistro Bar, 1250 Hooper Avenue, Toms River from 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. This event will include: a brief presentation on networking skills, open networking, small group networking & two follow-up appointment opportunities to cultivate and further develop business relationships. Register online at: www.oc-chamber.com or call 732-349-0220 for any questions.

Thursday, November 6 – Saturday, November 8

Book Sale

The Friends of Toms River Library hold a Book Sale at the Toms River branch of the Ocean County Library located 101 Washington Street in Toms River Thursday, November 6, 9a.m.- 8p.m., Friday, November 7 9 a.m. -4 p.m., and Saturday, November 8 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Friday, November 14

Bushels of Fun Fall Gift Auction

The Saint Barbara Philoptochos Society of Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church presents their Bushels of Fun Fall Gift Auction at the Church located on Church Road in Toms River starting at 6 p.m.

Friday, November 21 and Saturday, November 22

PL@Y

MITM (Music is the Medicine) Theater performs original production PL@Y at the historic Strand Theater in Lakewood on Friday, November 21 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, November 22 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. PL@Y tells the heartwarming, hilarious tale of Ashley, a young woman whose obsession with technology leads her down the proverbial rabbit hole to a strange and distant land. Ashley encounters colorful characters as she tries to find her way back home in a music-and-dance-filled comic romp for the whole family inspired by and featuring the original songs of the Amboys who will be performing live. Call 732.730.5925 or click <http://musicisthemedicinefoundation.com/> for tickets and additional information.

Thursday, November 20

Zumba Night

Toms River Intermediate South's Student Council hosts a Zumba Night fundraiser at the school on Pinewald Avenue in Beachwood to benefit school organizations and clubs. Call 732-267-3737 for more information.

Friday, October 24

Barnegat Cheer Team Calloway's Fundraiser

Parents of the varsity Barnegat Cheer Team holds a fundraiser at Calloway's in Seaside Heights from 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. featuring pizza, wings, prizes and entertainment to help fund the team's trip to Nationals in Florida in February. Call 732-910-3568 for tickets and additional information.

Sunday, October 26

Community Masquerade Parade

IEP Youth Services, Inc. & Declarations holds a Community Masquerade Parade at Brandywine Senior Living at 100 Meridian Place, Route 9 South in Howell from 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon. IEP Youth Services provides residential, social and psychological services to youth as a means to aspire towards success for the future while Declarations, Inc. provides supportive housing & counseling to the disabled. Check their Facebook page or call 732-431-5872 ext. 125 for more information.

https://www.facebook.com/events/294853870720442/?ref_dashboard_filter=upcoming

Friday, October 24

Wine Tasting

The Ronald McDonald House (RMH) of Long Branch and New Brunswick hosts their 5th Annual Wine Tasting from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Robert B. Meyner Reception Center at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel. Sample a variety of fine wines from all around the world, gourmet cheeses and chocolates while bidding on large big items in a silent auction. Proceeds will benefit the many families living in the Ronald McDonald House. Call 732-222-8755 (Ext. 31) or click www.rmh-cnj.org for more information.

Saturday, December 6

Bake Sale and Gift Shop

Triboro First Aid Squad of Seaside Park hosts their Christmas Bake Sale and Gift Shop at their firehouse located on the Boulevard at Jay Street from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Call 732-830-3236 for more information.

Saturday, November 1

Color Run for Shelter 5K

Harbor House holds their Color Run for Shelter 5K at FirstEnergy Park, home of the Lakewood BlueClaws starting with registration at 8 a.m. There is also a 1-mile fun run. At each kilometer of the race, runners are blitzed by volunteers, sponsors, and staffers with a new color (1K is yellow, 2K is blue, 3K is green, 4K is pink, and 5K is a "color extravaganza!"). There will be a mini kids fair, along with vendors and community resource information tables. Click <http://www.oceansharborhouse.org/runwalk/> for more information.

Saturday, November 1

Trick or Trunk

Pinelands Regional High School hosts their Trunk or Treat Halloween event, a one-stop safe alternative to trick-or-treating at the PRHS athletic fields from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. There will be prizes for the best costumes and best decorated trunk. Click prsdnj.org for more information.

Saturday, October 25

Clean Ocean Action Beach Sweeps

Clean Ocean Action holds their annual New Jersey Beach Sweep from 9 a.m. - 12:30 pm. to clean up litter and debris on beaches in Atlantic, Cap May, Essex, Middlesex, Monmouth, and Ocean Counties. To register and find a Beach Sweep in your area, go to cleanoceanaction.org to register.

Friday, November 28

Diller Blind Home Turkey Trot

The 3rd annual Turkey Trot 5K Run and 1.5 Mile Walk to benefit the Helen L. Diller Vacation Home for Blind Children takes place in Avalon starting at 10 a.m. Click Active.com for more information.

Saturday, November 1

Block Run

The River Rock Restaurant hosts the two mile Block Run beginning and ending at the River Rock on Route 70 in Brick starting at 8 a.m. Click JerseyRunner.com for more information.

Saturday, November 29

Holiday Craft/Vendor Fair

The American Legion Auxiliary hosts a Holiday Craft/Vendor Fair from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the American Legion Post on Church Road in Toms River.

Wednesday, November 5

Curchin Open

The Curchin Group holds its 9th Annual Curchin Open indoor miniature golf charity tournament at the accounting firm's office, located at 200 Schulz Drive in Red Bank from 4-7 p.m. to benefit The Samaritan Center at the Jersey Shore in Manasquan and HABcore Inc. in Red Bank. Call 732-747-0500, or visit curchin.com for tickets and additional information.

Friday, November 14

Celebration for Education Dinner

The West Long Branch Schools Foundation for Public Education presents their Celebration for Education Dinner and Gift Auction at Buona Sear Palazzo in Ocean Township from 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. Click <http://www.wlbschools.com/Page/179> for tickets and more information.

Saturday, November 1

Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser

Cub Scouts Pack 57 hosts a Flapjack Fundraiser at the Applebee's at the Ocean County Mall on Hooper Avenue in Toms River from 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Sunday, December 7

Holiday Brunchraiser

The Ashley Lauren Foundation holds their Holiday Brunchraiser at Eagle Specialty Coffee, 76A Route 35, Eatontown with two seatings at 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Enjoy specialty brunch items from area restaurants in support of The Ashley Lauren Foundation including Direct Family Financial Assistance; Material Assistance; Emotional Support; Parties for the Children; Advocacy; Outings; Birthday and Holiday Gifts for the Children; "Making Dreams Come True." For tickets and additional information click AshleyLaurenFoundation.org. Or call 732-414-1625.

Saturday, November 15

Ladies Night Out

The Manchester Volunteer Firehouse hosts their 3rd annual Ladies Night Out at 545 Commonwealth Boulevard in Toms River from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. featuring a wide selection of gifts and pampering. Call 609-713-3536 for more information.

Sunday, December 7

Craft & Vendor Show

Coping with LM hosts a Craft & Vendor Show at the Leonardo Community Fire House located at Route 36 and Appleton Avenue from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. with vendors, free pictures with Santa, kids crafts, holiday dance performance by Essential Elements Dance Studio and more. Coping With LM (Laryngomalacia) is a Monmouth County-based organization that helps babies with airway defects. Click <http://CopingWithLM.org> for more information.

Literacy New Jersey - Ocean County

Nearly 20% of adults in New Jersey cannot read a newspaper, fill out a job application, decipher train or bus schedule or understand verbal instructions at work or at a doctor's office. If you are 18 years or older and want to help these people, please contact Literacy New Jersey - Ocean County Programs. They need Volunteer Tutors to teach basic reading, writing and English comprehension skills to residents of Ocean County. Call 732-864-9646 or click <https://literacynj.org>.

Saturday, November 1

Clothing Donations Event

The Lacey Elks Veterans Committee holds a Clothing Donation Event at the Lacey Elks Lodge #2815 located at 900 Beach Boulevard in Forked River. Donations of new or slightly used clothing such as flannel shirts, socks, sweatshirts, sweatpants, pajamas, bathrobes will be accepted to support vets at Vineland, Menlo Park, Crystal Lake, Vet Haven and others. Call 609- 693-1281 for more information.

Saturday, November 1

March on Epilepsy

The first March on Epilepsy 5K Run and 1 mile fun run/walk takes place at Bucks Mills Recreation Area in Colts Neck starting with registration at 7:30 a.m. The March benefits the Patrick Ring Foundation, an organization dedicated to spreading awareness of Epilepsy and SUDEP (Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy). Click <http://www.wizathon.com/patrickringmarch/index.php> for more information.

Saturday, November 22

Coach Bag Bingo

The Lakehurst-Manchester Soccer Association hosts Coach Bag Bingo at the Manchester Volunteer Firehouse on Commonwealth Avenue in Manchester from 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. Call 732-267-3943 for more information.

Saturday, November 15

Craft & New Items Sale

The Silverton Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary presents their Craft & New Items Sale at the Silverton Fire House on Kettle Creek Road in Toms River from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Click 732-908-0943 for additional information.

Saturday, December 6

Trail Run/Walk

Poricy Park Conservancy holds its 11th Annual Trail 5K Run/Walk and Fun Run at the park's Nature Center located at 345 Oak Hill Road in Middletown beginning at 9:30 a.m. There is also a 5 Mile Run for the die-hard runner. For registration and additional information click PoricyPark.org or call 732-842-5966.

Friday, November 14

Girl Scout Leadership Open House

Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore holds a Leadership Open House at the Toms River branch of the Ocean County Library on Washington Street from 10 a.m. – 12 noon to provide the opportunity for volunteers to get information, orientation, register, and training to become a leader or co leader of a Girl Scout troop. You do not need to be a parent or guardian in order to be a leader. There is another Open House on Tuesday, November 18 at the Toms River Girl Scout Council on Old Freehold Road from 7p.m. – 9 p.m. For more information call 609-693-8291

Saturday, December 13, 2014

Juried Craft Show

The **Marching Dragon Caravan** holds their **Winter Juried Craft Show** at Brick Township High School located at 346 Chambersbridge Road in Brick from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, November 21

Festival of Trees

Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey holds their Festival of Trees at Ocean County Vocational Technical School on Old Freehold Road in Toms River from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. featuring creatively decorated trees, artwork, jewelry, and other gift items. Call 732-505-2273 or click www.caregivervolunteers.org for more information.

Saturday, December 6

Holiday Craft Fair and Gift Auction

The Pt. Pleasant Borough Band Boosters hosts a Holiday Craft Fair and Gift Auction at the Memorial Middle School on Laura Herbert Drive in Point Pleasant Borough from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. to benefit the band's scholarship fund. Call 732- 899-9099 for more information.

Monday, November 17

Forks and Corks

The Algonquin Arts Theatre hosts their Forks and Corks Event at The Mill on Old Mill Road in Spring Lake Heights from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Sample dishes from area restaurants as you sip an array of premiere wines, beers and inventive cocktails from local distributor as you enjoy live music from the Paul Marino Band and the Joey Evans Band. Call 732-528-9211 or click AlgonquinArts.org for tickets and additional information.

Tuesday, November 18

Caregiving Awareness Night

The Ocean City Caregivers Coalition hosts a Caregiving Awareness Night at the Elks Lodge on Washington Street in Toms River from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. highlighting the support and advocacy offered by the Coalition for countywide caregivers in the aging, disability, mental health and chronic illness communities. Call 732-262-8020 for more information.

Saturday, November 15

Let the Music Play: Change a Child's Life

The Asbury Park Musical Heritage Foundation, in collaboration with Lakehouse Music Academy, hosts Let the Music Play: Change a Child's Life, a fundraiser concert for the continued support of the new music program at Hope Academy Charter School at the 5th Avenue Pavilion in Asbury Park from 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Hope Academy is an 8th charter school that fosters a hands-on learning philosophy and strong focus on academic success, enrichment and civic engagement. Click <http://letthemusicplayap.eventbrite.com> or call 732-207-7114 for tickets and additional information.

Tuesday, November 18

Benefit Dinner

Friends of Dana Sabato hosts a benefit dinner at 3 B's Bar & Bistro, Route 70 in Lakehurst from 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. to assist her with her mounting medical bills, the result of Hodgkin's Lymphoma. For tickets and additional information call 732-323-7216. Donations may also be made at gofundme.com/gl3brg

Lacey Township EMT Seeks Members

Have you always wanted to help others, be an important part of your community and gain invaluable experience while truly making a difference in the lives of others? They can't offer you a pay-check but can offer rewards and experiences beyond what you would ever receive elsewhere. Lacey Township Emergency Medical Service is looking for new members who are at least sixteen years of age or older to volunteer and staff one of our ambulances. Training provided and no experience is necessary. Instead of watching EMT's and ambulances on television become one today. Click LTEMs23.com for an application & or call 609-693-9510.

Saturday, November 22

Caleb Thompson Fundraiser Pasta Dinner

A fundraiser Pasta and Meatball Dinner in support of Caleb Thompson takes place at the Toms River High School East Cafeteria from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. Caleb, a pitcher for the Raisers baseball team, injured his spinal cord during a visit to the beach and was knocked over by a wave which snapped his neck in September and is currently recovering at the Kessler Institute.

Saturday, November 15

Holiday Vendor & Craft Fair

Spirit Factory All Stars Senior Lime Cheerleaders host a Holiday Vendor & Craft Fair at the Toms River Elks lodge located at 600 Washington Street in Toms River. Call 732- 966-2358 for more information.

Wednesday, December 31

First Night Ocean County

The Seaside Heights Business Improvement District hosts First Night Ocean County, a family friendly New Year's celebration from 12noon – 5 p.m. Enjoy a day filled with children's shows, face painters, balloonists, caricature portrait drawings and more at each of the participating arcades along the Boardwalk culminating in a fireworks display at 5 p.m. \$5 bracelets go on sale Black Friday at the County Connection inside the Ocean County Mall on Hooper Avenue in Toms River. Click Exit82.com for more information.

Saturday, November 15

Autumn Gift Auction"

The West Dover Elementary PTO hosts a Autumn Gift Auction at **Toms River Intermediate School South on Pinewald Road in Beachwood starting at 5:30 p.m.** Click <http://westdoverpto.org/> for more information.

Saturday, November 15

Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast

The Brick Kiwanis and Key Club of Point Beach host a Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast at Applebee's at Brick Plaza in Brick from 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. Call 732-598-0751 for more information.

Saturday, November 22

Car Wash Fundraiser

An Eagle Scout Car Wash Fundraiser to benefit the Garden State Wildlife Center takes place at the Howell Elks Lodge located at 84 Ramtown-Greenville Road from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Call 732-901-8838 for more information.

Thursday, November13

Cocktails and Cuisine

Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey hosts its Cocktails and Cuisine fundraiser at the Eagle Ridge Golf Club in Lakewood from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Enjoy multiple wine sampling stations and other specialty drinks paired with gourmet food and dessert along with a silent gift auction. Click <http://caregivervolunteers.org/event/cocktails-cuisine/> for additional information.

Friday, November 14

Casino Night

Dottie's House hosts their 3rd Annual Casino Night, a tribute to Jimmy Buffet Parrotheads in Paradise at Hemminway's Cafe' in Seaside Heights from 6 p.m. – 11 p.m. For tickets and additional information call 732-295-7380.

Sunday, November 16

Craft/Art/Vendor Fair

The Manchester Township High School Cheerleaders hold a Craft/Art/Vendor Fair from 9am-1pm at the high school on Colonial Drive featuring over 30 vendors .

Friday, December 5 and Saturday, December 6

Christmas Wreath & Poinsettia Sale

The Lavallette Volunteer Fire Ladies Auxiliary hosts a Christmas Wreath & Poinsettia Sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. For more information call 732-814-0176.

Saturday, November 15

Holiday SpectACular

The Atlantic Club of Manasquan hosts their Holiday SpectACular from 9 a.m. – 5p.m. featuring over 75 vendors, Click

http://www.theatlanticclub.com/club/scripts/view/view_insert.asp?pg=home&GRP=&IID=226157&NS=&APP=106 for more information.

Kevin's Kids – Rosetta's story

Saturday, November 15

Gift Auction and Sale

The Manasquan Women's Club hosts a Gift Auction and Sale at 62 Main Street in Manasquan from 9 a.m. - 2 pm to benefit its scholarship fund.

Saturday, December 6 – Thursday, December 18

Festival Of Trees

Toms River Elks Lodge #1875 supports its community philanthropic efforts by sponsoring its first Festival of Trees extravaganza at their Lodge located at 600 Washington Street in Toms River Saturday, December 6 – Thursday, December 18. Areas nonprofits will showcase their creativity and mission by way of a custom decorated tree prominently displayed at the Lodge. Visitors will vote on their favorite tree(s) in the form of a cash donation and enter for the chance to win prizes over the course of the two weeks. On December 18th, the Lodge will host a gala holiday festival from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. featuring presentations by members of the Garden State Philharmonic's amateur Youth Orchestra and MasterWorks Community Chorus. Proceeds from the event will benefit the participating nonprofits, as well as the education and community-building activities of the Lodge and the Elks National Foundation. Click TomsRiverElks.com or call 732-349-9660, extension 207 for more information.

Saturday, December 27

Cause Caden Can Fundraising Dinner

A fundraising to benefit Cause Caden Can takes place at Connelly Station in Belmar from 2 p.m. – 7 p.m. Matt and Jill Zane are both teachers and coaches in the Wall School District. They had triplets four years ago and one of them, Caden, was born with multiple severe medical issues and is unable to walk, talk and eat foods other than through a feeding tube. The parents were so focused on seeking medical attention and getting a diagnosis for Caden that Jill neglected to pick up on medical symptoms she was experiencing. Only in her mid-30s, Jill was just given the shocking news that she has Stage 4 Breast Cancer that has already metastasized to her bones and two organs. For more information click www.youcaring.com/causecadencan.

Kevin's Kids

Donations are being taken at several locations around Manchester and at any Manchester public school for Kevin's Kids to not only provide toys but include much needed necessities such as clothing and food for around 400 children in Manchester through Friday, December 12. Teachers contact parents of the identified children and develop the wish list of each child. Monetary donations are also accepted at any Manchester school or sent to: sent to Kevin's Kids Christmas Driver, P.O. Box 4100, 121 Route 539, Whiting, NJ 08759-4100. Call **732-350-5900 for more information.**

Saturday, December 6

Breakfast With Santa

Lacey Elks Lodge # 2518 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks hosts its annual Breakfast with Santa at their lodge located at 900 Beach Boulevard in Forked River from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Please bring a wrapped name tagged present so "Santa" can present a gift to that special someone. For more information call 609-693-1281.

Monday, January 19

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast

The Community YMCA and the YMCA of Western Monmouth County host their 26th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast at Branches Catering located at 123 Monmouth Road in West Long Branch from 8 a.m. -10 a.m. The event includes speakers, musical selections and high school essay contest winners. Click <http://www.TheCommunityYMCA.org> or call 732-671-5505 for tickets and more information.

Saturday, December 6

Friends of Joe Applegate Dinner

The Friends of Joe Applegate host an All-You-Can-Eat Pasta Dinner fundraiser at the Bradley Beach Firehouse from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Joe is a member of the Bradley Beach fire department and lost everything in a recent fire. Donations may also be sent to Kearny Bank, 501 Main Street, Bradley Beach, NJ 07720 c/o Joe Applegate.

Saturday, December 6

Holiday Lighting Ceremony

The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation, Vietnam Veterans Of America Bergen County Chapter 800 and the Jewish War Veterans Department of New Jersey host the annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, located at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel at exit #116 of the Garden State Parkway starting at 6 p.m. The ceremony will include the lighting of the Christmas tree and Menorah, readings about Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, and a visit from Santa. The Brick Memorial High School Caroling Choir will lead the crowd in a sing-along of patriotic and holiday songs. Call 732-335-0033 ext. 100 for more information.

Warmest Wishes Drive

United Way of Monmouth County is in need of individuals and companies to participate in their Warmest Wishes drive for children's winter clothing! The Warmest Wishes drive will help to supply elementary and middle school students in 5 Monmouth County school districts with new warm clothing, including coats, hats, gloves, socks, underwear, and boots. Donations will be accepted at the United Way's office on Wyckoff Road in Farmingdale or at Target on Route 9 in Manalapan on Friday, December 5 and Saturday, December 6 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. both days. Call 732-938-5988 X 2042 for more information.

Saturday, December 6

Ugly Christmas Sweater Run

The Lavallette Business Association holds their Ugly Christmas Sweater 5K Run and Walk starting at 9 a.m. with Christmas music, a snow machine, Christmas cookies station and more. Click LavalletteBusiness.com for more information.

Saturday, February 14

Valentine Plunge

The Joan Dancy and PALS (People with ALS) Foundation hold their 9th annual Valentine Plunge on the Main Beach in Manasquan at 12 noon. The Foundation's mission to help people in the Shore area afflicted with ALS by providing a better quality of life for them and their families. Click ValentinePlunge.com for more information.

Thursday, November 27

Turkey Bowl

Shore to Help hosts a Turkey Bowl at Griffin Park in Monmouth Beach to benefit Mary's Place By The Sea starting at 9 a.m. Mary's Place is a non-denominational haven in Bradley Beach open to any woman with cancer who seeks a quiet, comforting, supportive environment. Click their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/events/317986198392201/> for more information.

Sunday, December 7

Clothes Collection

The Jackson Memorial Jaguar Marching Band will be accepting donations of used and wearable clothes, jackets, blankets, sheets, drapery, gloves and mittens and more at the high school located on Don Connor Boulevard in Jackson from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Donations should be brought in well-tied plastic garbage bags with shoes, stuffed animals and toys all separated out.

Sunday, December 7

The 15th annual Asbury Park Toy Drive begins with drop off locations Asbury Park. Check their [Facebook page](#) for a list of drop off sites and additional information.

Sunday, December 14

Breakfast With Santa

Toms River Fire Company No. 2 holds their Breakfast with Santa at the Toms River Elks Lodge located on the corner of Washington Street and Clifton Avenue in Toms River from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Christmas Tree Sale

Silverton Volunteer Fire Company #1 holds their annual Christmas Tree Sale through Christmas Eve (or sold out) at the Firehouse on Kettle Creek Road in Toms River Monday through Friday 5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. and weekends 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. Call 732-255-1122 or click svfc20.com for more information.

Saturday, December 6

Tree Lighting

The Asbury Park Chamber of Commerce hosts the annual Tree Lighting in Asbury Park at Press Plaza located at Cookman Avenue and Emory Street from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. featuring carolers from Alphabets Preschool and holiday favorites from Jeff and Karen. Attendees are asked to bring a gently worn coat for donation to the Community Affairs and Resource Center in Asbury Park. Click SeeAsbury.com for more information.

Saturday, December 6 and Sunday, December 7

Pet Photos with Santa

The Jersey Shore Animal Center offers Pet Photos with Santa on Saturday, December 6 and Sunday, December 7 from 12noon-3 p.m. each day at the Center located at 185 Brick Boulevard in Brick. All pets must be properly restrained. Click JerseyShoreAnimalCenter.org or call 732-920-1600 X208 for more information.

Saturday, December 6

A Night for Autism

Piece of the Puzzle presents A Night for Autism, a comedy fundraiser featuring Paul Venier at the Dutchman's on East Bay Avenue in Manahawkin with two seatings at 6 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Call (609)618-9119 for more information.

Saturday, December 6

Holiday Vendor Fair

Maple Place 8th Grade hosts a Holiday Shopping Day fundraiser at the Port Au Peck Firehouse located at 433 Myrtle Avenue in Oceanport from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. to help offset the cost of their educational trip to Washington DC. in the spring. Call (732)229-0267 for more information.

Saturday, January 17

Fisherman's Flea Market

The Lacey Township High School Fishing Club hosts their 16th annual Fisherman's Flea Market at the high school located at 73 Haines Street in Lanoka Harbor from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. to fund outdoor educational experiences for Lacey students. Call (609) 693-5510 for more information.

Tuesday, December 2 - Friday, December 12

Easter Seals New Jersey Winter Clothing Drive

Easter Seals New Jersey holds a Winter Clothing, Blanket and Food Drive Tuesday, December 2 through Friday, December 12. Donations of new or gently used winter gear (coats, hats, scarves and gloves), blankets and non-perishable food items at their office on Hope Road in Eatontown. Call 732-380-0390 or click EasterSealsNJ.org for more information.

Holiday Spectacular & Train Display

The Garden State Central Model Railroad Club presents their Holiday Spectacular and Train Display at the InfoAge Science Center on Marconi Road in Wall every Saturday and Sunday through December 21 from 12 noon- 5 p.m. See operating train layouts and display and visit with Santa and his animated reindeer. Bring a new, unwrapped toy for Toys For Tots and get a free adult ticket on December 6 & 7 and 13 and 14. Click InfoAge.org for more information.

Friday, December 5

Shawn & Sue's Making Miracles Radiothon takes place at the Ocean County Mall on Hooper Avenue in Toms River starting at 5 a.m. and continuing for 15 hours to raise funds and awareness for Children's Specialized Hospital & Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. Their vision is a world where all children can reach their full potential and their mission is be the preeminent provider of specialized healthcare services for infants, children and young adults.

Click WOBM.com for ways to donate and for more information.

Sunday, December 7

Breakfast With Santa

The Point Panthers Travel Baseball Team hosts a Pancake Breakfast with Santa to help raise money to go to Cooperstown Dream Park next summer at the at the Point Pleasant Boro Firehouse on Route 88 in Point Pleasant from 8 a.m. – 12 noon. Donations of new, unwrapped toy or gift card to support Bob "Weatherman" Burger's annual Santa Bob Toy Drive to help Ocean County families in need. Call 732-829-2958 for more information.

Saturday, December 13

Santacon

Asbury Park's annual Santa Claus convention, your chance to be Santa Claus, a reindeer, elf, or any other holiday character starting at noon at the Asbury Park train station on Cookman Avenue to help spread holiday cheer. Attendees should bring two cans of food or non-perishable items to support the FoodBank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties; a coat and toy drive will take place at Convention Hall.

Click <http://www.njsantacon.com/> for more information.

Saturday, December 20

Blood Drive

Abrahamsen Financial hosts a Blood Drive for Central Jersey Blood Bank at Manasquan Savings Bank on Meetinghouse Road in Wall from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Call (732)581-4100 for more information.

Sunday, December 14

Bake Sale and Bike Raffle

Friends of Southern Ocean County Animal Shelter holds a Bake Sale and Bike Raffle at Petsmart at Stafford Park on Route 72 in Manahawkin from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Call 609-418-6500 for more information.

Saturday, December 13

Winter Solstice Celebration

Friends of Cattus Island holds their Winter Solstice Celebration at Cattus Island County Park located at 1170 Cattus Island Boulevard in Toms River from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Welcome the winter season at an outdoor event with crafts, games, vendors, a bon fire, nature walk, sled dogs and more. Click <http://friendsofcattusisland.com> or call 732- 286-1664 for more information.

Sunday, December 14

Xander Bossone Fill-A-Truck Food Drive

The annual Xander Bossone Fill-A-Truck Food Drive takes place in the parking lot of the Acme supermarket on Route 71 at Main Street in Manasquan. 5 years ago, Xander Bossone decided that instead of planning a party and asking for gifts for his birthday, he wanted to give back to the community and hold a food drive. All donations benefit the FoodBank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties.

Saturday, February 21

Polar Bear Plunge

New Jersey Special Olympics holds their Polar Bear Plunge at Seaside Heights at 9 a.m. starting with registration. Nearly 6,000 will take the plunge into the freezing cold Atlantic Ocean in support of New Jersey Special Olympics' sports training and athletic competition to children and adults with intellectual disabilities throughout the state. Click NJPolarPlunge.org for more information.

Sunday, December 14

Breakfast with Santa

The Tuckerton Masons host a Breakfast With Santa at the Masonic Lodge on Church Street in Tuckerton from 8 a.m. – 12 noon. Call 609-296-2257 or click <http://tuckertonlodge4.org> for more information.

Saturday, January 24

40th Anniversary Celebration and Special Needs Children Charity Ball

Lacey Lodge # 2518 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks holds their 40th Anniversary Celebration and Special Needs Children Charity Ball at their lodge located at 900 Beach Boulevard, Forked River from 7 p.m. – 12 midnight featuring music from the band Contraband. Call 609-693-1281 for tickets and additional information.

Christmas Food Program

The Knights of Columbus Council #4969 of Toms River conducts its annual Christmas Food Program on Thursday, December 18 through Monday, December 29 and is accepting donations of non-perishable foods or funds. Drop off location is the Knights of Columbus building located at 113 Tennyson Avenue in Toms River. Call 732-779-9203 for more information.

Thursday, January 15

Comedy for a Cause

The Barnegat Rotary hosts Comedy for a Cause featuring Ryan Mahar and Jimmy "Round Boy" Graham at the Holiday Inn on Route 72 in Manahawkin from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. to benefit David's Believe & Dream Cancer Foundation, Grace Initiatives and an art scholarship in the name of Noreen McGillick. Call 609-610-2857 for tickets and more information.

Saturday, January 10

Add-A-Friend

Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore hosts the Add-A-Friend Recruitment Event at the Little Egg Harbor Community Center located at 317 West Calabreeze Way in Little Egg Harbor from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Click <http://www.girlscoutsjs.org/> for more information.

Monday, January 12

Special Days Camp Fundraiser

Special Days Camp holds their Winter Fundraiser at the Headliner in Neptune featuring DJs Johnny and Kirk Lopez. Special Days Camp offers fun activities and programs for children with cancer to promote self-esteem, confidence and friendships in a fun, camp environment that's medically supervised and filled with support, understanding and laughter. For more information call 732-775-6200 or click SpecialDays.org.

Saturday, January 31

Bowling for Scholarship Dollars

The Southern Regional Memorial Scholarship Fund hosts Bowling for Scholarship Dollars at Thunderbird Lanes in Manahawkin from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. For more information call 609-812-1415.

AARP

Saturday, January 17 – Sunday, January 25

The Glass Menagerie

The Algonquin Arts Theatre in Manasquan presents Tennessee Williams' drama, *The Glass Menagerie* Saturday, January 17 thru Sunday, January 25. For tickets and showtimes call 732-528-9211 or click algonquinarts.org

Saturday, January 10

Open House

The Community YMCA's Family Health and Wellness Center welcomes individuals and families to an Open House at their facility located at 166 Maple Avenue in Red Bank from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information call 732.741.2504 or click <http://www.cymca.org/TheCommunityYMCA.org/YToday>.

Saturday, January 25

Gift Auction

The Brick Twp HS Marching Dragon Caravan hosts their 4th annual Gift Auction fundraiser at the High school located on Chambersbridge Road starting at 1 p.m. Call 732-227-5626 for tickets and additional information.

Saturday, January 31

Rotary Polar Plunge

The Asbury Park Rotary Club holds their 7th annual Rotary Polar Plunge on the Asbury Park Boardwalk starting with registration at McLoone's Salt Water Beach Café on Ocean Avenue at 9:30 a.m. The Plunge will benefit two of the Rotary's service projects: the Mya Lin Terry Foundation and Rotary Eye Rescue. Click RotaryPolarPlunge.org for more information.

Prom Dress Giveaway

All branches of the Ocean County Library will accept donations of gently used gowns and formal dresses starting January 5, 2015 through Monday, April 27 for its annual Prom Dress Giveaways. Dresses can be both long and short styles for teens and can include bridesmaid's dresses and cocktail dresses. Donations of shoes, handbags and accessories are also welcome. Click <http://theoceancountylibrary.org/About/Press%20Releases/2014/20141205-prom%20dress%20giveaway.pdf> for more information.

Howell PAL Collection

The Howell Police Athletic League will be accepting donations for a Howell family, including the father who is an active serviceman, his pregnant wife and three young children that was burned out of their home in a fire Tuesday night. Donations of clothing, household goods, gift cards and money may be dropped off at the Howell PAL at the former Southard School from 6:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. starting Friday and any weekday. Howell Town Hall will also be open on Thursday, January 1 to accept donations from 12 noon – 3 p.m.

Saturday, January 10

Toms River High School East Bingo

The Toms River HS East Marching Raiders hold a Super Bingo Fundraiser at the Toms River Elks Lodge starting at 10 a.m. Call 908-330-5666 for more information.