

COMMUNITY CALENDAR - 4th QUARTER 2016

Saturday, October 22

JBJ Soul Kitchen Chili Cook Off

Shore first responders show off their cooking talents in the 3rd annual JBJ Soul Kitchen Chili Cook-Off at the B.E.A.T. Center, 1769 Hooper Avenue in Toms River from noon until 2 p.m. Sample the entries and vote for the best chili of the day. Click their Facebook page for more information.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1109685355733471/>

Sunday, October 9

Panther Pride Fun Run

The Point Pleasant Athletic Boosters hold their Panther Pride Fun Run 5K Walk/Run on the high school track starting at 8:30 a.m. in support of the school's athletic teams. Click here for more information.

https://0ce747ce-a-62cb3a1a-sites.googlegroups.com/site/pointpleasantathleticboosters/home/Fun%20Run.jpg?attachauth=ANoY7cqn2ow35y-5hcPYQ_0MtVtocXCaLnZxHIZOF-1YhWm3sPm71UUqsM1LW-eUxMmFKDZywVCQwVH3EeCMZrGKJZjMG0FCYIb_pQEeZUmpoH1kLgKZSkotM7DqA3c42UYk4dpmw8teVNpYfDue9B9ASBIqwEIIFnFidbbgBRgJcYhgZGkGd1ESKfqiOAqrOC-EH7Kuslx7PBWpP11KHBXFR3htn4rz3z72AEoQfH2Uqnopty8Xo%3D&attredirects=0

Thursday, November 3

Dancing With Our Monmouth & Ocean County Stars

Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore host Dancing With Our Monmouth & Ocean County Stars at the Eagle Oaks Country Club in Farmingdale from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. The Point's Lou Russo and other s show off their dance skills to claim the shore' very own mirror ball trophy. Click

<http://www.jerseyshoregirlscouts.org/en/give/special-events/dancing-with-our-monmouth-and-ocean-county-stars.html> for more information.

Saturday, October 29

Shoreline Heart Walk

The American Heart Association holds its Shoreline Heart Walk at FirstEnergy Park, home of the Lakewood BlueClaws starting at 8:30 a.m. Help bring to life the AHA's healthy living mission of the American Heart Association: Building healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke. Click

http://www.heart.org/HEARTORG/Affiliate/Shoreline-Heart-Walk_UCM_455816_Event.jsp#.V_D_IPArLcs or call 609-223-3775 for more information.

Saturday, November 5

An Enchanted Evening

Pinwheel Place hosts An Enchanted Evening Tricky Tray event at St. Dortha's Church on Broad Street in Eatontown starting at 5 p.m. Pinwheel Place provides a temporary home for children at-risk for abuse and/or neglect. Click <http://www.pinwheelplace.org> or call 732-233-1634 for more information.

Monday, October 31

Toms River Halloween Parade

Toms River Fire Company #1 holds their 78th Halloween Parade stepping off at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Toms River. Click <http://www.trfc1.org/halloween.html> for more information.

Saturday, November 19

Flapjack

Breakfast

Applebee's on Route 35 in Middletown hosts a Flapjack Breakfast to benefit the Keansburg High School music students traveling to Virginia in April for the International Music Festival. Enjoy breakfast and a performance by the students. Call 732-787-2007 or click <http://www.keansburg.k12.nj.us/Domain/223> **for more information.**

Saturday, November 19

Fall Luncheon & Show

CONTACT of Ocean & Monmouth Counties hosts their Fall Luncheon & Show at Woodlake Country Club on New Hampshire Avenue in Lakewood starting at 10 a.m. featuring live music, shopping and more. Call 732-240-6104 for tickets and additional information.

Wednesday, October 26

Job Fair for Healthcare Workers

The Toms River branch of the Ocean County Library hosts a Job Fair for Healthcare Workers with over 20 employers from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Bring multiple copies of your resume, CVs, and a pen and be ready to fill out applications. Call 732-349-6200 or visit our webpage at www.theoceancountylibrary.org .

Saturday, October 15

Car Show

Ocean Gate EMS hosts their 11th annual Car Show at Ocean Gate First Aid Park on East Cape May Avenue in Ocean Gate from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Click <http://oceangateems.org/carshow.html> or call 732-575-1112 for more information.

Friday, November 4

Casino Night

Ronald McDonald House of Central & Northern New Jersey holds a Casino Night at the Battleground

Country Club in Manalapan from 7 p.m. – 11 p.m. with blackjack, roulette, craps tables and more. Click <http://www.rmh-cnj.org>/or call 732-222-8755 for tickets and more information.

Saturday, October 15

Chili Cook Off Fundraiser

Joan's Reach holds their 5th annual Chili Cook Off Fundraiser at the Freehold VFW on Waterworks Road in Freehold starting at 2 p.m. Joan's Reach provides advocacy and support for families who receive a devastating prenatal diagnosis. Click joansreach.org or call 732-788-6001 for more information.

Friday, November 4

Gift Auction & Dinner

The Interfaith Hospitality Network of Ocean County hosts its 5th annual Gift Auction & Dinner at the Woodland Country Club in Lakewood starting at 5:30 p.m. Call 732-736-1550 for tickets and more information.

Friday, October 14

Tavernfest

The Monmouth County Historical Association hosts Tavernfest, an evening of beer tasting, tavern spirits and food at the Allen House located at 400 Sycamore Avenue in Shrewsbury from 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. Call 732- 462-1466 for tickets and additional information.

Friday, October 7 - Sunday, October 9

Italian Street Festival

The Seaside Heights Business Improvement District hosts their Italian Street Festival Friday, October 7 from 4 p.m. – 10 p.m., Saturday, October 8 from 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. – and Sunday from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Enjoy a weekend of Italian specialties, arts & crafts, entertainment and the 25th annual Ocean County Columbus Day Parade stepping off Sunday at 1 p.m. Click exit82.com for more information.

Thursday, November 17

Five Chambers of Commerce Mega Business Expo

The Greater Toms River Chamber of Commerce along with Brick Township, Lakewood, Point Pleasant & Point Pleasant Beach Chambers of Commerce host the **Five Chambers of Commerce Mega Business Expo** at Martell's Tiki Bar, on the boardwalk in Point Pleasant Beach from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Click tomsriverchamber.com for more information.

Friday, October 21 & Saturday, October 22

EAKFest

The EAKFest fundraising event to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation take place at VFW Post #8867 on Adamston Road in Brick from from 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. each night. Enjoy hayrides, carnival rides, a

ghoul-free game room, vendors, music, face painting and a scary haunted trail. Click <http://www.eakfest.com/Pages/default.aspx> for more information.

Monday, October 17

Chef's Night Out

The HOPE Center hosts their 6th annual Chef's Night Out at the Woodlake Country Club in Lakewood from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Sample the best dishes from 20 area restaurants to benefit the House of Hope of Ocean County and their mission to provide support, resources, referrals and food to clients as they work to overcome a current life crisis. Call 732-341-4447 for tickets and additional information.

Saturday, October 15

Sarcoidosis Awareness Fundraiser

The 6th annual Sarcoidosis Awareness Fundraiser takes place at Leggett's Sand Bar in Manasquan from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. featuring live music from Don't Know Jack.

Wednesday, October 19

Career & College Forum

Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore hosts a Career & College Forum, a town hall style meeting, girls will have the opportunity to speak with women professionals in the community about their experiences in college and as professional adults at the Girl Scouts' Ocean Service Center located at 1405 Old Freehold Road in Toms River starting at 6:30 p.m. Click jerseyshoregirlscouts.org/CareerNight for more information.

Saturday, October 29

Monster Dash 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run

The Point Pleasant First Aid & Emergency Squad hosts their Monster Dash 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run on the boardwalk at Jenkinson's in Point Pleasant starting at 10:30 a.m. It's optional to run in a costume. Call 732-899-0146 or click <http://monsterdash5k.com> for more information.

Friday, November 11

Beer & Wine Tasting

The Tom Giannattasio Jr. Memorial Fund hosts a Beer & Wine Fundraiser at the Brick Township Volunteer EMS Building from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. featuring wine, beer, snacks and sweets from area food establishments. Call 732-477-8959 for tickets and more information.

Sunday, October 16

Help Us Help Arielle Vendor Event

The American Legion Post #166 Ladies Auxiliary hosts a Vendor Event at the post located at 1256 River Road (Route 9) in Lakewood from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Call 732-606-3055 or click their Facebook page for

more information. <https://www.facebook.com/events/292933114426175/>

Saturday, October 22

Comedy Night

Boy Scout Troop 92 hosts a Comedy Night at the Silverton Firehouse located at 15 Kettle Creek Road in Toms River featuring Richie Minervini and John Pizzi. Call 732-581-0540 for tickets and additional information.

Saturday, October 29

Craft Fair

The Stafford Twp. Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary hosts a Craft Fair at the firehouse located at 133 Stafford Avenue in Manahawkin starting at 10 a.m. Call 609-548-9812 for more information.

Sunday, October 16

Seaside Half Marathon and 5K

The Ocean Running Club holds their 39th Annual Seaside Half Marathon and 5K in Seaside Heights to benefit the Tri-Boro First Aid Squad of Seaside Heights, Seaside Park and Berkeley Township & The Ocean Running Club's Scholarship Fund starting at 8:30 a.m. Click <http://www.orcseasidehalf.com/> or call 732-963-7087 for more information.

Sunday, October 23

Book Fair

Barnes and Noble at the Monmouth Mall in Eatontown hosts a Book Fair to benefit the TEARS Foundation to help build a free community lending library Purchase books in the store or online using the voucher found [on their website](#). A percentage of your purchase will go directly to help bereaved families in New Jersey. For more details click thetearsfoundation.org.

Monday, October 17 – Friday, October 21

Ocean of Love Billboard

105.7 The Hawk's Andy Chase will live on a billboard in the parking lot of Target and Lowes on Hooper Avenue in Toms River Monday, October 17 – Friday, October 21 with the goal of raising \$105,700 for Ocean of Love, an organization that provides financial and emotional support families in Ocean County with kids that have cancer. Click 1057thehawk.com for more information.

Tuesday, October 25

A Crucial Catch Day

The VNACJ Community Health Center on Main Street in Asbury Park hosts A Crucial Catch Day, a day to learn more about reducing the risk for breast cancer or find it early from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sunday, December 4

Vendor & Craft Fair

The Jackson Liberty Lion Band hosts their 4th Annual Vendor & Craft Fair in the high school gym on Hope Chapel Road from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 23

Food Truck Takeover

The Monmouth Beach Policemen's Benevolent Association Local #332 hosts its first Food Truck Takeover at the Monmouth Beach Bathing Pavilion with food trucks from the Jersey Shore, live music, kid's bounce house, corn hole and a beer garden Click www.monmouthbeachpba.yapsody.com for tickets and more information.

Saturday, October 29

MusicFest

The Brick Township High School Marching Dragons host their Musicfest band competition at the school on Chambers Bridge Road in Brick starting at 5 p.m. with 6 area bands competing.

Friday, October 21 & Saturday, October 22

Atlantic Highlands Haunted History Ghost Walk Tours

The Atlantic Frightlands Committee hosts the Atlantic Highlands Haunted History Ghost Walk Tours on Friday, October 21 & Saturday, October 22 from 8 p.m. – 10 p.m. each night. Stroll along Historic First Avenue and visit the town's ghostly "Hot Spots" and scenes of past terror! Click <http://www.atlanticfrightlands.com/coming-events-dates-.html> for more information.

Sunday, November 13

Scott A. Nokes Fundraiser

A fundraiser to Scott A. Nokes, a Marine and volunteer firefighter who became seriously ill and is recovering at Jersey Shore University Medical Center takes place at the Headliner on Route 35 in Neptune from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wednesday, October 26

Holiday Shoppe Preview

Odpykes located in Bay Head hosts their annual Holiday Shoppe Preview to benefit Providence House. Call 732-350-2120 for more information.

Thursday, November 17 – Saturday, November 19

The Skin Of Our Teeth

The Performing Arts Academy presents *The Skin of Our Teeth* at the Jay and Linda Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College on Friday November 18 at 7 p.m. and Saturday November 19 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. with a special senior citizen performance Thursday, November 17 at 10 a.m. *The Skin of Our Teeth* is a Pulitzer Prize winning comedy by Thornton Wilder. It tells the story of an American family as they face the challenges of catastrophic world events. Call 732-255-0050 or go to tickets.ocean.edu for tickets and additional information.

Thursday, November 24

Avon Pond Turkey Trot

The 3rd annual Avon Pond Turkey Trot takes place on the boardwalk in Avon By The Sea starting at the badge hut at 8:30 a.m. All of the proceeds of the event go to fund the operating costs of the Avon Pond, an outdoor ice skating facility located in Volunteer Park maintained by volunteers and receives no public funding. Click avonpond.org for more information .

Sunday, October 30

Freehold Costume Parade

Freehold's Costume Parade steps off from the Freehold Raceway parking lot at 1 p.m.with costume judging at noon. Click FreeholdSpooktacular.com or call 732-995-2137 for more information.

Saturday, November 19

Fall Craft & Vendor Fair

The West Tuckerton Fire Company Auxiliary hosts its Fall Craft & Vendor Fair at their firehouse on Route 9 from 10 a.m. -3 p.m. Click <http://www.station71.org/> or call 609-891-6202 for more information.

Saturday, November 26

Holiday Craft Fair

The American Legion Auxiliary hosts a Holiday Craft Fair at their headquarters located at 2025 Church Road in Toms River from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Click <http://Alpost129.com> or call 732-272-7552 for more information.

Sunday, November 13

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

The Lanoka Harbor Fire Company hosts a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser at their firehouse on Warren Avenue in Lanoka Harbor from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. to fund the purchase of new equipment and tools. Click <http://lhfd61.com> for tickets and more information.

Saturday, December 3

Marching Raider Super Bingo

The Toms River High School East Marching Raider Band holds a Super Bingo fundraiser at the Toms River Elks Lodge on Washington St. in Toms River starting at noon. Call 908-330-5666 for tickets and additional information.

Wednesday, November 9

Distinguished Citizen Award

Boys Scouts of the Jersey Shore holds its Distinguished Citizen Award at La Bove Grande on Route 70 in Lakehurst starting at 6 p.m. to honor Ron Rosetto, president of Rosetto Realty. Call 732-349-8093 for tickets, sponsorship opportunities and additional information.

Sunday, November 6

Run With Dennis

The Lt. Dennis W. Zilinski Memorial Fund holds their 11th annual Run With Dennis at Christian Brothers Academy on Newman Springs Road in Lincroft, rain or shine, starting at 10 a.m. Lt. Zilinski was killed in action in Bayji, Iraq on November 19, 2005. The fund awards scholarships and assists wounded military personnel. Click <http://runwithdennis.org/events/11th-annual-run-with-dennis/> for more information.

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving Dinner

The Church of the Epiphany on Thiele Road in Brick hosts a Thanksgiving Dinner for those alone for the holiday. For more information call 732-458-0220.

Saturday, November 12

Gift Auction

The Lakehurst First Aid Squad holds a Gift Auction at the Lakehurst Community Center on Center Street in Lakehurst starting at 6 p.m. Call 732-703-5639 for tickets and more information.

Saturday, December 3

Christmas Gift Shop

The Triboro First Aid Squad holds a Christmas Gift Shop at the Squad house on J Street in Seaside Park from noon – 3 a.m. Call 732-830-3236 or click <http://TRIBOROFIRSTAID.COM> for more information.

Saturday, December 16

The Nutcracker Ballet

The NJ Dance Project presents The Nutcracker Ballet performed by area dance students of all ages at the Jay and Linda Grunin Center for the Arts on the campus of Ocean County College in Toms River starting at 5 p.m. <http://newjerseydanceproj.wixsite.com/website> for tickets and additional information.

Saturday, November 26

Gift Auction

The Arthritis Foundation Alyssa's Angels Gift Auction takes place at the Brick Elks located at 2491 Hooper Avenue in Brick from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Call 732- 364-5740 for more information.

Saturday, December 3

The Caboose Mystery

The Monmouth Museum hosts The Caboose Mystery - A Train Themed Magic Show at the museum located at 765 Newman Springs Road in Lincroft starting at noon. Volunteers will be turned into Junior Train Engineers in this high energy train-themed family magic show. Call 732-747=2266 or click <http://monmouthmuseum.org/programs-events/upcoming-special-events/> for tickets and more information.

Monday, December 19

Holiday Express Concert

Holiday Express performs all the songs they perform around the state throughout the holiday season at the Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank starting at 7:30 p.m. Click <http://www.holidayexpress.org> or call 732-544-8010 for tickets and more information.

Sunday, November 27

Craft & Vendor Fair

The Jersey Shore Animal Shelter hosts a Craft & Vendor Fair at the Brick Elks located at 2491 Hooper Avenue in Brick from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Call 732- 262-1601 for more information.

Saturday, November 19

Steak Bake & Gift Auction

The Unexcelled Fire Company hosts a Steak Bake & Gift Auction at the Hamilton Fire Banquet Hall located at 10 Jumping Brook Road in Neptune starting at 6 p.m. Click <http://unexcelledfire.com/> for more information.

Food Bank of Monmouth & Ocean Counties Holiday Meal Appeal

Support the The FoodBank of Monmouth and Ocean and their holiday meal appeal. Help a local family by making a monetary donation—every \$1.00 provides 3 meals, or you can donate frozen turkeys, chickens, stuffing, canned vegetables, or mixed fruit at either of the FoodBank locations at 3300 Route 66 in Neptune or 1769 Hooper Avenue in Toms River. For more drop-off locations or to donate online click foodbankmoc.org.

Thursday, December 1

Holiday Cocktail Party

Dottie's House hosts a Holiday Cocktail Party at the River Rock Restaurant on Route 70 in Brick from 6

p.m. – 9 p.m. Dottie's House provides transitional housing to women and children who have survived domestic violence. Click DottiesHouse.org for tickets and more information.

Sunday, November 20

Flapjack Breakfast

The Pleasant Plains Volunteer Fire Company hosts its 67th semi-annual All You Can Eat Flapjack Breakfast at the Pleasant Plains Firehouse on Clayton Avenue in Toms River from 7 a.m. – noon. Call 732-349-0808 for tickets and more information.

Friday, November 18

Dinner Dance

The Board of the Ocean County St. Patrick's Day Parade hosts their first Dinner Dance at LeBove Grand on Route 70 in Lakehurst from 7 p.m. – 11 p.m. to honor first parade grand marshal Timothy E. Ryan. Call 848-480-3990 or click http://www.ocstpatricksdaysparade.com/#!_events for tickets and additional information.

Thursday, December 1

Career Exploration Night

Brookdale Community College hosts its first Career Exploration Night at the Navesink Rooms of Brookdale's Student Life Center starting at 6 p.m. Explore new career options and learn about affordable local training programs. Information about short-term career training courses, professional certification programs and two-year college degrees that prepare students for immediate employment will also be available along with information on financial aid, grants and scholarships. Call 732-224-2068 for more information.

Friday, February 3

Casino Night Gala

The Hannah Duffy Foundation holds their 4th annual Casino Night Gala and Gift Auction at the Renaissance on Valley Road in Ocean from 7 p.m. – 11 p.m. Hannah Duffy was a Tinton Falls teen who died from brain cancer in 2014 and provides scholarships and funding for cutting edge pediatric brain cancer research. Click HannahDuffy.org for tickets and more information.

Sunday, December 11

Pet Photos with Santa

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Berkeley/Lacey presents Pet Photos with Santa at the VFW Post #9503 on Veterans Boulevard in Bayville from noon – 4 p.m. Dogs on a lease and cats & other small pets in a carrier are welcome. Click <http://www.relayforlife.org/Berkeley> or call 908-910-4842 for more information.

Thursday, December 1

Children's Holiday Art & Craft Show

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ocean County holds a Children's Holiday Art & Craft Show at the Jay & Linda Grunin Center for the Arts on the campus of Ocean County College in Toms River from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Call 732-505-3400 for more information.

Friday, December 2

Gift Auction

The Barnegat High School Ski and Snowboard Club holds a Gift Auction at Barnegat High School on Bengal Boulevard in Barnegat starting at 5:30 p.m. Click 609-290-2026 for more information.

Tuesday, November 15

Bourbon Tasting

A Bourbon Tasting to benefit the Hunger Foundation of Southern Ocean takes place at The Old Causeway on East Bay Avenue in Manahawkin starting at 6 p.m. Click <https://soccfoundation.org/product/bourbon-tasting-2016/> for tickets and additional information.

Friday, November 19

Caregiving Awareness Day

The Ocean County Caregivers Coalition holds a Caregiving Awareness Day at the Ocean County Library on Washington Street in Toms River from 1 p.m. – 4p.m. with information for family caregivers of the aging, disabled, chronically ill and those with mental illness. For further information call 732-262-8020.

Giving Tuesday

Join 94.3 The Point, WOBN and 105.7 The Hawk on Tuesday, November 29 for ‘Giving Tuesday’ as we host an all-day radiothon at the legendary [Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank](#) as we broadcast live all day to help raise funds to underwrite the 2017 Sensory Friendly Performance Series for children with autism and their families. By adding more sensory-friendly performances to the Count Basie roster, parents of children with Autism Spectrum and Sensory Processing Disorders will gain a safe and judgement-free environment to experience the arts. A dollar from every ticket sold that day will be donated to New Jersey’s POAC Autism Services, plus The [Jay and Linda Grunin Foundation](#) will be matching gifts, dollar for dollar, up to \$25,000! Visit TheBasie.org for more information.

Thursday, December 8

60th Anniversary Gala

The Brick Township Chamber of Commerce hosts their 60th Anniversary with a gala event at the Crystal Point Yacht Club in Point Pleasant featuring the 10 piece band The Jazz Lobsters. The evening will also honor Michele Eventoff for 25 years of outstanding leadership and dedication. Click www.brickchamber.com or call 732-477-4949 for more information.

Saturday, December 31

First Night Ocean County In Seaside Heights

The Seaside Heights Business Improvement District hosts First Night Ocean County In Seaside Heights, a family celebration along the boardwalk with fun for the entire family ending with fireworks at 5 p.m. Bracelets are on sale at the County Connection office at the Ocean County Mail in Toms River. Click <http://www.exit82.com/event/first-night-ocean-countyin-seaside-heights/> for more information.

Saturday, January 28

Bowling for Scholarship Dollars

The Southern Regional Memorial Scholarship Fund hosts their Bowling for Scholarship Dollars at Thunderbird Lanes on East Bay Avenue in Manahawkin from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Call 732-812-1415 for more information.

Saturday, December 3

Holiday Bazaar

Manchester Elementary School hosts a Holiday Bazaar at the school on Colonial Drive in Manchester from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. to raise funds for the 5th grade class graduation events. For more information call 732-323-9600.

Saturday, January 14

Fisherman's Flea Market

The Lacey Township High School Fishing Club hosts their 8th Annual Fisherman's Flea Market at the LTHS Gym located at 73 Haines Street in Lanoka Harbor from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to fund multiple fishing trips taken throughout the school year plus scholarships for student members. Call 609-661-3003 or click http://twitter.com/LTHS_Fishing for more information.

Friday, December 16

Brick Elks Hoop Shoot-Free Throw Contest

Brick Elks Lodge #2151 hosts a Hoop Shoot-Free Throw Contest at Drum Point Elementary School located at 41 Drum Point Road in Brick from 6:30 p.m. -9 p.m. for Brick residents age 8-13. Call 973-796-4950 for more information.

Friday, December 2

Holiday Celebration & Tree Lighting

The Borough of Eatontown hosts its Holiday Celebration & Tree Lighting at the firehouse on Broad Street in Eatontown from 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. featuring Made in Monmouth crafters. Call 732-389-7607 or click eatontownnj.com for more information.

Sunday, December 3

Breakfast with Santa

Boy Scout Troop #175 hosts Breakfast with Santa at the East Dover First Aid Station on Garfield Avenue in Toms River from 8 a.m. – noon. Call 732-330-3892 for tickets and more information.

Sunday, December 3

Ugly Christmas Sweater 5k and 1 mile fun run

All Saints Regional Catholic School hosts their Ugly Christmas Sweater 5k and 1 mile fun run at the school located on Doc Cramer Road in Manahawkin starting at 8 a.m. Call 609-592-3800 or click ascrs.org for more information.

Thursday, November 24

Gobble Wobble 5k Run/Walk and 1 Mile Drumstick Dash

The Southern Ocean Ladies Running Club holds their Gobble Wobble 5k Run/Walk and 1 Mile Drumsick Dash at the Stafford Municipal Building on East Bay Avenue in Manahawkin starting at 8 a.m. to benefit Ocean County CASA and Stafford's DARE program. Click <http://solrunningclub.com> or call 609-713-3115 for more information.

Saturday, December 25

Community Candle Lighting

Congregation B'nai Israel hosts a Community Candle Lighting at the temple located at 1488 Old Freehold Road in Toms River starting at 5 p.m. Click <http://www.cbitr.org> or call 732-349-1244 for more information.

Friday, December 9 – Sunday, December 11

A Christmas Story: The Musical

The BCCT presents *A Christmas Story: The Musical* at the Strand Theatre in Lakewood Friday, December 9 through Sunday, December 11. Click <http://www.bcct.org/> or call 732- 920-9041 for tickets and additional information.

Saturday, December 17

New Jersey Autism Warriors Holiday Shop

The New Jersey Autism Warriors Holiday Shop takes place at the Brick Township Volunteer EMS Hall located at 500 Aurora Place in Brick with over 30 local vendors plus an appearance by Santa, New Jersey Autism Warriors Holiday Shop hosts sensory friendly, judgement free events for families affected by autism. For more details visit NJAW Holiday Shop on Facebook.

Saturday, February 19

OceanCares Foundation Art & Soul Brunch

The OceanCares Foundation Art & Soul Brunch takes place at the Jay and Linda Grunin Center for the Arts Gallery on the campus of Ocean County College in Toms River from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. showcasing the tremendous talent OceanMHS has discovered from individuals suffering with mental illness. Click <http://oceanmhs.org/art-soul-brunch/> or call 732-349-5550 for more information.

Saturday, December 3

Coat Drive for One Warm Coat

Howell Girl Scout Troop #60418 hosts a Coat Drive for One Warm Coat at Chik-Fil-A on Route 9 in Howell from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Donations of new and gently used coats, hats, gloves and scarves will be accepted. Call 732-237-5625 for more information.

Sunday, December 4

Jingle Bells 5K

Toms River Police present their 18th annual Jingle Bells 5K in downtown Toms River starting with a Kiddie Dash at 2:45 p.m. followed by a 1 mile fun run/fitness walk at 3 p.m. The race benefits the benefits the Toms River Police Foundation to enhance police training, provide funding for equipment, and

to provide various scholarship programs to benefit the children of Toms River. Click <http://jinglebellsrun.com/> for more information

Wednesday, December 7

Star Academy information Session

Ocean County Vocational Technical School hosts an information session with displaced Star Career Academy students to discuss OCVTS' medical assisting and culinary arts programs at the OCVTS Toms River Center, 1299 Old Freehold Road in Toms River starting at 7 p.m. Information regarding assessment testing, admissions and financial aid assistance will be discussed. Please bring any available transcripts, grades, or financial aid documents for review. Call 732.473.3100 extension 3144 to register and for more information.

Saturday, December 10

Reindeer Rest Stop

Two River Theater hosts their Reindeer Rest Stop at the theater on Bridge Avenue in Red Bank from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. with family-friendly holiday crafts, games and hot chocolate. Call 732- 345-1400 or click tworivertheater.org for more information.

Sunday, January 15

Beefsteak Fundraiser

The Central Regional Touchdown Club holds a Beefsteak Fundraiser at the Bayville Firehouse located at 645 Atlantic City Boulevard from noon-5p.m. Click <http://www.crtdc.org> or call 732- 995-6553 for tickets and more information.

Saturday, December 10

Share the Love

Freehold Subaru hosts a Share The Love event with Big Brothers Big Sisters at the dealership off Route 9 in Freehold from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Learn more about BBBS and meet some of the group's members. Click bbbsmmc.org for more information.

Saturday, December 10

Fire & Ice and Everything Nice

Clean Ocean Action holds their Fire & Ice and Everything Nice at Windows on the Water at the Surf Rider Beach Club in Sea Bright from 6:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. featuring Taylor Tote and The Haven. Click cleanoceanaction.org for more information.

Wednesday, December 21

College Night

Manchester Township High School hosts a Shore Conference College Night for high school football players from 5:30-8:30. This free event is geared to senior and junior football players interested in playing at the next level and they will have the chance to meet college coaches from not only New Jersey but surrounding states as well.

Residents in Ocean County are invited to a free rabies clinic being hosted by [The Toms River Animal Facility](#) from 10 am until 12 pm on January 14, 2017.

Saturday, January 14

Rabies Clinic

The Toms River Animal Facility located at 235 Oak Avenue in Toms River holds a free rabies clinic for Ocean County residents from 10 a.m. - noon. Bring proof of prior immunization, if possible as well as any records of your pet being spayed or neutered. Click www.tomsrivertownship.com or call 732- 341-1000 extension 8400 for more information.

Sunday, February 12

Benefit for Joey Polito

A benefit for Joey Polito and his battle against liver cancer takes place at the Headliner on Route 35 in Neptune from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. Call 732-803-6517 for tickets and more information.

Saturday, January 21

Paint Party

Kimmy's Safe Haven Rescue hosts a Paint Party at John & Sonia's Luncheonette from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. to help animals in need. Click their Facebook page for tickets and more information.

Sunday, February 19

Pinkalicious

The Axelrod Performing Arts Center, located at 103 Hawthorne Avenue in Neptune City, presents Pinkalicious at 2 p.m. Based on the popular children's book. Click <http://www.axelrodartscenter.com> for tickets and more information.

Sunday, March 12

Paint The Pony Purple

The Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey presents their 6th annual Paint the Pony Purple concert at the legendary Stone Pony in Asbury Park from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., a family friendly day with live bands, fun activities and more. Click efnj.com or call 800-336-5843 X 119 for tickets and more information.

Friday, January 27

Make a Difference Charity Gift Auction

The Dance to Inspire Foundation holds their Inspired to Make a Difference Charity Gift Auction at the Laurelton Firehouse Memorial Hall located at 1890 Route 88 West in Brick Township starting at 6 p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. to benefit Avery J, NJ non-profit whose mission is to provide financial assistance to people in the Jersey Shore area who are sick with cancer or a debilitating illness, in addition to

supporting educational initiatives for children in the dance arts. Click www.dtif.booktix.com or call 732-920-2400 for tickets and more information.

Saturday, January 7

Winter Family Carnival

The CentraState Healthcare Foundation holds its Winter Family Carnival at the Star & Barry Tobias Ambulatory Campus at CentraState Medical Center on Main Street in Freehold from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. with games, crafts, carnival fun and more. Click <https://www.centrastatefoundation.org/winterfestival> or call [732- 294-7030](tel:732-294-7030) for tickets and additional information.

Thursday, January 19

Chili Bowl

The Point Pleasant Beach Chamber of Commerce holds their Chili Bowl at the Northeast Sign & Light Company located at 1225 River Avenue in Point Pleasant from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.. Click their Facebook event page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/230702934033238/> or call 732-295-8850 for tickets and additional information about entering your chili into the event.

Saturday, February 25

Polar Bear Plunge

Special Olympics New Jersey holds their annual Polar Bear Plunge on the beach in Seaside Heights at 1 p.m. Big Joe Henry is your host as thousands get “freezin’ for a reason” and run into the ice cold Atlantic Ocean in support of NJ Special Olympics sports training, competition, leadership opportunities and health screenings to more than 25,000 athletes across the state. Click <http://www.plungeseaside.org/> for registration and more information.

Saturday, February 4

Valentine Plunge

the Joan Dancy and PALS Foundation (People with ALS) hosts their 11th annual Valentine Plunge at the Main Beach in Manasquan located at the end of Main Street starting at noon. The plunge also benefits Staytough.*fighthard*. Inc. Foundation. Click <http://valentineplunge.com/> for registration and additional information about the event.

Sunday, January 1

Asbury Park Polar Bear Plunge

The Sons of Ireland hold their 14th annual Polar Bear Plunge at Convention Hall in Asbury Park starting

at 1:15 p.m. to benefit the charitable organizations Stephys Place and Shore House. Click <http://www.sonsofireland.org/> for registration and additional information.

Saturday, January 7th –

The Ocean County Library in Toms River will host an exhibit of “Portraits of the Jersey Shore” from 2 to 4 p.m. See a collection of photographs and accompanying interviews of people found around the Jersey Shore from Sandy Hook to Cape May. Find out more at portraitsofthejerseyshore.com.

Thursday, January 12

Meet Opportunity NJ

The Greater Toms River Chamber of Commerce hosts Meet Opportunity NJ at the Holiday Inn Manahawkin starting at noon. Join a conversation with two of New Jersey’s leading business advocates: Thomas Bracken, President of the NJ Chamber of Commerce and Michele N. Siekerka, President of the New Jersey Business & Industry Association. Click <https://tomsriverchamber.com/chamber-calendar/> for tickets and more information.

Thursday, February 2

Paint Party with Easel on Down

The Congregation B'nai Israel Sisterhood hosts a Paint Party with Easel on Down at the temple on Old Freehold Road in Toms River starting at 6:30 p.m.. Click <http://www.cbitr.org> or call 732-349-1244 for tickets and more information.

Sunday, January 29

Congregation B'nai Israel hosts an American Red Cross blood drive at the temple located at 1488 Old Freehold Road in Toms River from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Click <http://www.cbitr.org> or call 732-349-1244 for more information.