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JERSEY SHORE MATTERS
THIRD QUARTER 2023

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7/16/23 ERIN HOWARD, BOARD VICE CHAIR FOR THE VIN GOPAL CIVIC ASSOCIATION, discussed the new Food Pantry and Family Services Center on Shrewsbury Avenue in Red Bank, operated by New Jersey state Senator Vin GoPal's Civic Association, ways the center can help people with other issues, such as rental assistance and unemployment, items the pantry stocks, and how the community can help or get involved.

7/23/23 MONMOUTH COUNTY STATE SENATOR VIN GOPAL, the Democrat explained why he voted against legislation signed by Democratic Governor Phil Murphy to redirect federal tax credits to a Danish Offshore Wind Developer for a project off the Atlantic County coast. Gopal and other opponents of the controversial bill have said it will end up costing ratepayers more money for electricity and they're concerned future wind farm developers will want the same incentives.

7/30/23 RITA HJELM, CO-FOUNDER OF THE PLASTIC WAVE PROJECT, discussed how the Monmouth County non-profit got started by a group of friends, how the group is educating the public about harmful plastic pollution in our oceans and communities, ways to live sustainably, and how people can get involved in a community project to collect data on microplastics to prevent future pollution.

8/6/23 BRITTANY MCLAUGHLIN, JELLYFISH EDUCATION COORDINATOR FOR SAVE BARNEGAT BAY, discussed efforts by the Ocean County non-profit and its partners to try and reduce the increasing population of bay nettle and clinging jellyfish in Barnegat Bay. Residents in the Green Island section of Toms River, Berkeley Shores, and Shore Acres in Brick are being asked to volunteer to allow the SBB team to come in and scrape their floating docks and bulkheading that jellyfish attach to to reproduce, to see whether it can decrease the population.

8/13/23 THOMAS MARINO, CEO OF THE SOCIAL LEAF, OCEAN COUNTY'S FIRST CANNABIS RETAIL STORE ON ROUTE 9 IN SOUTH TOMS RIVER, discussed the process of securing local and state permits needed to open, how business is doing so far one month after opening, where customers are coming from and what they experience at the store, the training employees who work there have gone through, and future plans.

8/20/23 MARC DE GRANDPRE', PRESIDENT OF THE NEW YORK RED BULLS MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER TEAM, discussed ways the organization has been leading Autism Awareness in the sports world for the last decade, how his daughter inspired the team's commitment to families with Autistic children by having its Harrison stadium become the first MLS venue to have a permanent sensory room, the team's philanthropic initiatives and partnership with Autism Can, opportunities for fans to see players from New Jersey at upcoming games and events, and youth soccer programs the Red Bulls offer in Ocean and Monmouth Counties.

8/27/23 LEE PELTON, OCEAN COUNTY RESIDENT, talked about embarking on a trek to Mount Kilimanjaro on September 1st to raise money for research and a possible cure for a rare plasma cancer, known as Multiple Myeloma, how he learned he had the disease, how people can donate to the Multiple Myeloma Foundation, ways the proceeds are used for clinical trials of new drugs, and details of his upcoming trip.

9/03/23 KRISTEN MEISTRELL, VICE PRESIDENT OF STEWARDSHIP WITH NEW JERSEY AUDUBON, in light of the recent wildfires worldwide, discussed how the organization is trying to get the public and environmental groups to work together to protect the Pinelands, which stretches across seven counties, how fire suppression and lack of management in the ecosystems are putting forests at greater risk, some solutions to prevent forest fires, and how property owners can get help applying for state and federal fire protection funding programs.

9/10/23 DOUGLAS EAGLES, CEO OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF MONMOUTH COUNTY, talked about how the organization empowers young people facing extraordinary challenges growing up in their community, the various programs the non-profit provides for the 1,200 kids it serves, ways the club is celebrating its 85th Anniversary this year, including with Acts of Kindness and a fundraising Gala in October.

9/17/23 TERESA STAUB, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MONMOUTH ARTS, discussed how the non-profit got started, ways it supports local arts, programs and services it offers for all ages, and its upcoming Gala and biggest fundraising event, honoring well-known artists from Monmouth County, including Film Producer and Director Kevin Smith of "Clerks" fame.

9/24/23 DAN DAVIS, CO-FOUNDER OF THE 420 EXPO AT THE NEW JERSEY CONVENTION CENTER IN EDISON, discussed the upcoming three-day event returning this month after a successful turnout in 2022 with 17-thousand attendees. This

year's BYOC, Bring Your Own Cannabis consumer event is looking to attract more than 20-thousand people with dozens of celebrity appearances, including Cheech Marin from "Cheech & Chong" movie fame as the Guest Host, over 100 vendors, an outdoor smoking area, food trucks, and live entertainment. He also spoke about the focus being on helping poor and minor communities targeted during the War on Drugs in the 1980's and 1990's by having lawyers on hand offer free Expungement clinics to have marijuana convictions removed from people's records.