



# Pine Beach Newsletter

May 2023



## UPDATES FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

Get your paddle ready! The pickleball courts look awesome. If you have not seen the new courts they are located at Walling Field by the water tower. I hope that everyone gets a chance to have some fun on our new courts.

The water tower is still looking ugly, but that is going to change. After taking T-Mobile to court we have come to an agreement which will allow us to start reconditioning the water tower in the fall. This will also include new paint on the outside of the tower.

While we are thinking about painting, Jonathan Cirlin has agreed to host the painting of the wall at Henley Avenue pier. This will be a community project where our residents will get to do the painting under Jonathan's guidance. Look for more information to follow.

The bike path on Pennsylvania Avenue has a new look thanks to a Community Development Block Grant that the borough received. This is the first phase in completely renovating the bike path.

The Land Use Board is also looking for new members. If you are interested in this position, please leave your contact information with our borough staff.

Please drive safely as more people are out and about with the better weather.

As always, if you have an idea to better our borough, please let me know.

Thank you,

**Lawrence W. Cuneo**  
**Mayor**

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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

**The Pine Beach Public Works Dept. would like to wish everyone a Happy Spring!** If you have any questions/comments, please contact DPW @ 732-240-0566.

## **WATER DEPARTMENT**

### **The Pine Beach Water Dept. would like to share some Outdoor Water Conservation Tips**

During these warmer months, we spend more time outdoors tending to our lawns, growing gardens, and washing our cars. All of these activities require water. More than half of the average household's water occurs outdoors. As a result, your water bill can see a significant increase during the next few months. Using these simple tips will reduce your water bill and save you money.

1. Inspect your garden hose and irrigation system for leaks. Check hose connectors to make sure rubber washers are in place.
2. Add a shut-off nozzle to your hose. You can save about 5-7 gallons each minute your hose is on.
3. Put out a rain barrel. Collecting rainwater is an excellent (and FREE) way to water your indoor plants or wash your car.
4. Water outdoor plants in the morning or late evening. Due to the colder temperatures, less water will be lost from evaporation. Avoid watering on windy and hot days.
5. Use a broom to clean off outside living areas (decks, porches, driveways), rather than hosing them off.
6. When cutting the lawn, set the mower blade to 2-3 inches high. The longer grass will shade the soil, allowing for better moisture retention.
7. Keep your mower blades sharp. Dull blades tear grass, making it susceptible to disease, and causing it to appear tan and worn.
8. Only water your lawn when necessary. Over-watering results in the growth of shallow root systems that are easily damaged. If rainfall isn't sufficient, water your lawn once a week. This routine will encourage healthier and deeper grass roots.
9. Mulch around plants and flower beds to keep the soil cool, reduce moisture evaporation, promote growth and control weeds.
10. Take your car to the car wash, rather than washing it at home. Most commercial car washes recycle the water.
11. Wash your pet outdoors in an area of your lawn that needs watering.
12. Don't water your lawn during a drought. The grass may turn brown, but it is not dead. Your lawn will turn dormant during dry and hot spells, but it will revive itself when wetter weather returns.

The Borough of Pine Beach Water Dept. is required by the EPA and NJ DEP to adhere to very stringent water quality parameters to ensure residents receive safe drinking water. Testing is provided by an outside agency (Henderson Labs, Beachwood NJ) and results are reported to NJDEP and published on the NJ Drinking Water Watch Web Site. You can use the following link to access the report:

[https://www9.state.nj.us/DEP\\_WaterWatch\\_public/JSP/WSDetail.jsp?tinwsys=474](https://www9.state.nj.us/DEP_WaterWatch_public/JSP/WSDetail.jsp?tinwsys=474)

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## **Pennsylvania Ave. Bike/Walking Path Improvement**

The improvements for the Pennsylvania Ave. bike/walking path, between Avon and New Jersey Avenues, started on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The week-long project will remove the old path which has been eroded by tree roots and replace it with a new concrete path. This has been an ongoing initiative to improve the infrastructure of Pine Beach, eventually replacing the entire walking path. The funding for this project was provided through the Ocean County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program at no cost to the residents of Pine Beach. The CDBG program requires that each funded activity/project must either principally benefit low- and moderate-

income persons, aid in the elimination of blight or meet a community development need having a particular urgency.

The bid was awarded to AJR Masonry LLC, and the project was completed during the spring school break in order to minimize any safety issues with children walking to school. The Borough of Pine Beach has had a long-standing partnership with the Ocean County CDBG which has provided the funding for many improvement projects for over a decade.

**Councilman Richard “Ritty” Polhemus**  
**Pine Beach Coordinator for the Community Development Block Grant**

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## Communication and Information

The Pine Beach Borough website is a wealth of communication and information. Minutes from all meetings can be located under the corresponding heading along the left side of the website. A few points of interest for this article include open positions within Borough and the Code and Enforcement online book. Anyone can review this book online, without cost prior to any project to get guidelines for projects that can or cannot be done, or project requiring or not requiring permits. When in doubt, please reach out to Borough Hall who are always more than happy to assist. Other areas of interest include contact information for Borough staff and historical Budget documentation. Lastly, I would be remiss if I did not mention all work and council meetings where we always welcome the residents of Pine Beach to attend and participate in shaping the future of Pine Beach. The website can be located at [www.PineBeachBorough.us](http://www.PineBeachBorough.us)

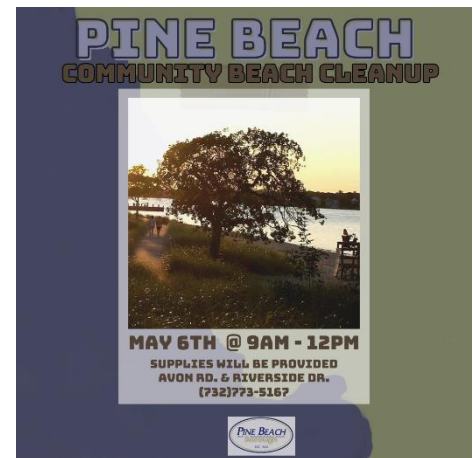
**Councilman James Saxton**

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### Pine Beach Community Beach Cleanup

**Join us on Saturday, May 6**  
**9 am to 12 pm**

Meet at Avon Rd. and Riverside Dr.  
Supplies and equipment will be provided



### BADGES, PARKING & RAMP PERMITS



Seasonal badges and permits are available for purchase at Borough Hall, checks or cash accepted. Stop by Monday through Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

- \$10 pickle ball/beach/docks/crabbing badge - \$5 for senior
- \$10 parking permit - \$5 for senior
- \$150 per year boat ramp fee (until April 15<sup>th</sup>); \$175 after April 15<sup>th</sup>



- ☀ Must be 16 years or older
- ☀ Must be CPR, lifesaving, and open water certified
- ☀ Start date 6/17 end date 9/4
- ☀ (732)349-6425 or [www.PineBeachBorough.us](http://www.PineBeachBorough.us) for more information

## FIRE COMPANY EVENTS

### ***Fire Company Open House*** **May 6th from 10am until 2 pm**

Firefighting and vehicle extrication demonstrations, firefighting games for the kids, information tables on Fire Company history, where your donations go, future plans for our old building, current and future fire trucks, recruiting, communication system, FireFest and more.

Free refreshments will be provided.



### ***Town Wide Yard Sale*** **Sat. & Sun. May 20-21**

Registration forms available at Borough Hall, Post Office 7-11 and on the Fire Company website:

**[www.pinebeachfire.org](http://www.pinebeachfire.org)**

Don't forget the Vol. Fire Company **Annual Fund Drive**; please send in or Venmo your donation today!





## **Welcome to Pine Beach Walling Field Complex Rules for use and enjoyment of the Pickleball courts.**

- Pickleball Courts are open: 8:00am – dusk, weather permitting.
- The Pickleball Courts are to be used only for their intended purpose of pickleball.
- A Recreation Badge is required and can be obtained Mon – Fri at Borough Hall 9:00am-4:00pm.
- One player may not hold or occupy a court if a waiting line exists. During busy hours, players are encouraged to play doubles and a ONE-hour time limit exists.
- A Borough issued permit is required for Instruction, Tournaments, Clinics or Private Events. Permits require 30 days processing, available at Borough Hall.
- Proper attire is required to ensure the safety of players and the courts. NO spiked shoes.
- Children under the age of 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult.
- Pine Beach is not responsible for lost or damaged items.
- Please report any damage immediately to Borough Hall, or Police upon discovery.
- Help keep Pine Beach clean, dispose of all garbage and recyclables properly. Leave the Pickleball courts in better condition than when you arrived.

PLEASE JOIN US!

### **Pine Beach Centennial Celebration 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting**

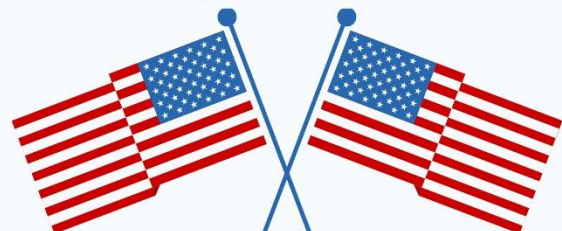
Wednesday, May 24 - 6:30 pm at Borough Hall

All are welcome to attend

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## **THANK YOU HEROES!**

Memorial Service  
May 29, 2023  
1pm - Vista Park



*The Borough of Pine Beach*



July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration is coming. Part of the day's activities is a parade field day and the cardboard boat races. Below is the information to get you started in the construction, we would love to see you participate!

## **CARDBOARD BOAT RACES RULES & INFORMATION**

1. Waiver must be signed when registering boat.
2. Award will be presented to the team in the fastest boat.
3. Teams must consist of two people.
4. The boats will race 100ft and back.
5. All boat crew members must bring and wear their own US Coast Guard Approved personal flotation device. (Life Jacket)
6. Boats, Boat parts, and debris **MUST** be disposed of by the team after the event. A dumpster will be available on site.

## **BOAT DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION**

1. Boats must be pre-built and can be "fined tuned" on site.
2. Boats must be made **ONLY** of cardboard and duct tape. **NO** reinforced cardboard tubes, only broken-down cardboard boxes. No industrial type of cardboard is allowed. No waxed cardboard.
3. Cardboard cannot be sealed with any paint or sealants. Absolutely **NO** use of the following items: paint, Tar-based substances, two-part varnishes, Fiberglass resin, epoxy glue, any other two-part substances or corrugated cardboard that's bonded to any material.
4. Duct tape may be of varying colors for creativity but must have come manufactured in said color.
5. Boats may be a maximum width of 5 ft (60") and a maximum length of 7 ft (84")
6. Boats must be propelled by use of paddle. Paddles must meet the same requirements of boats. (Cardboard and Duct Tape only) Pool noodles may also be used as oars.
7. The use of any prohibited boat or paddle construction items will result in disqualification.
8. **NO** surfboard style boat is allowed.
9. Unique boat designs and creativity is encouraged. Crew costumes are encouraged.
10. Your boat must be free of sharp edges, pointy objects or anything else that could cause injuries.
11. Boat may be decorated with paint over the duct tape only.



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# Happy Earth 🌍 Day!

Special people doing beautiful things at the Admiral Farragut Pier!  
Thanks to PB GARDEN CLUB and PB ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB.  
Kudos to grassroots community projects and selfless volunteers.



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