



# Pine Beach

May 2024

# Newsletter



## BOROUGH CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- MAY:** May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> – Fire Hydrant Flushing  
 May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> – PBVFD Town Wide Yard Sale 9am-3pm  
 May 20<sup>th</sup> – R1 Bulk Pickup & trash  
 May 21<sup>st</sup> – R2 Bulk Pickup & trash  
 May 27<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day Service 1pm, Bluff at Vista Park / Boro Offices Closed
- JUNE:** June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Pine Beach 5K
- JULY:** July 1<sup>st</sup> –Final Water & 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Sewer bills due  
 July 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day Parade 9am / Boro Offices Closed
- AUGUST:** August 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Taxes due

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

**The Pine Beach Public Works Dept. would like to wish everyone a Happy Spring!**

As the flowers start to bloom here are a few important reminders. The recycling center is open 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Brush, leaves, single stream recycling, heavy metal objects and electronics may be dropped off to help you with your spring cleaning! Please consult your town calendar for any additional information.

Bulk Garbage pickup is right around the corner. Each house is limited to 5 large items that would not fit in your garbage can. Please do not box your items. Cardboard is a recyclable material and should be placed curbside for pick up or dropped at the recycling center. Extensive construction debris is not accepted curbside for bulk. For any questions about what is and is not accepted curbside, please call the Public Works Garage at 732- 240-0566. You may also visit Borough Hall for a free 2024 Ocean County Recycling guide.

Seth Bortko, Recycling Coordinator

**Ocean County**  
2024 RESIDENTIAL  
DOCUMENT SHREDDING PROGRAM  
SPONSORED BY THE OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

**FREE to ALL Ocean County residents at any location**  
Safely shred & recycle your documents!  
More info at [co.ocean.nj.us/recycle](http://co.ocean.nj.us/recycle)

**Paper ONLY** - Documents with Social Security or open bank account numbers  
4 File boxes max | Reusable containers welcome | NO BLACK PLASTIC BAGS!

**All events run 9 am to 12 pm or until truck fills**

SCHEDULE			
SPRING			
Seaside Park	Sat. May 4th	Parking Lot	5 Bayview Ave & 14th Ave
Waretown	Sat. May 11th	Municipal Bldg.	117 Wells Mills Rd.
Toms River	Fri. May 24th	Riverwood Park	250 Riverwood Dr.
Jackson	Sat. June 1st	Municipal Bldg.	95 West Veterans Hwy
Little Egg Harbor	Sat. June 15th	Sports Complex	1 Sports Complex Dr.
Pt Pleasant Boro	Sat. June 22nd	PP Boro HS	2300 Panther Path

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**PINE BEACH WATER DEPARTMENT will be flushing hydrants on May 8 & 9, 9 am to 3 pm**

Systems flush hydrants for several important reasons, all aimed at maintaining water quality and system integrity:

1. **Clearing Sediment:** Over time, sediment and minerals can accumulate in water mains. Flushing hydrants help to clear out these deposits, ensuring that water flows freely and preventing blockages that could impede water distribution.
2. **Maintaining Chlorine Residual:** Chlorine is often added to water as a disinfectant to kill harmful bacteria and pathogens. Flushing hydrants help to maintain an adequate chlorine residual throughout the system, ensuring that water remains safe for consumption.
3. **Identifying Issues:** Flushing hydrants allows water system operators to identify and address any issues with the distribution system, such as low pressure or stagnant water. It can also help detect leaks or other problems with the hydrants themselves.
4. **Improving Water Quality:** Flushing hydrants can improve water quality by removing stagnant water that may have become discolored or developed an off-taste or odor due to sitting in the pipes for an extended period.
5. **Testing Fire Hydrants:** Flushing hydrants is also part of regular maintenance and testing of fire hydrants to ensure they are functioning properly in case of emergencies.



Overall, flushing hydrants is a proactive measure taken by water systems to ensure the delivery of clean, safe, and reliable water to consumers while also maintaining the infrastructure's longevity and efficiency.

*“Water is Life, and Clean Water Means Health” - Audrey Hepburn*

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**FIRE COMPANY EVENTS**



***Town Wide Yard Sale***  
**Sat. & Sun. May 18-19**

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!

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## PINE BEACH SEWER DEPARTMENT - Wipes Are Bad News for Sewer Systems

In today's fast-paced world, convenience often comes at a cost, and one of the unsuspecting culprits wreaking havoc on our sewer systems is the humble wipe. While these handy disposable products may seem harmless, their impact on our infrastructure is anything but.

Wipes, ranging from baby wipes to makeup wipes to cleaning wipes, are designed to be durable and absorbent. However, these very qualities make them a nightmare for sewer systems. Unlike toilet paper, which disintegrates quickly upon contact with water, wipes are typically made from materials like polyester or polypropylene, which are non-biodegradable. This means that once flushed, wipes do not break down easily.

As wipes travel through the sewer system, they can accumulate and clump together with other debris like grease and solid waste. This conglomeration forms giant "fatbergs" that clog pipes and sewer lines, leading to blockages and backups. These blockages not only cause inconvenience for homeowners but also result in costly repairs for municipalities, who must deploy crews to manually remove the obstructions.

Moreover, wipes that make it past the initial stages of the sewer system can wreak havoc on wastewater treatment plants. Traditional wastewater treatment processes are not equipped to handle the influx of non-biodegradable wipes. These wipes can clog screens and filters, leading to equipment failure and increased maintenance costs. Additionally, when wipes break down into smaller pieces, they can contaminate waterways and harm aquatic life.

Despite efforts to educate the public about the dangers of flushing wipes, many people still dispose of them down the toilet. Misleading labeling on some wipes, such as "flushable," contributes to the confusion. While these wipes may technically flush down the toilet, they still pose a significant risk to sewer systems due to their slow degradation.

So, what can be done to mitigate this problem? Firstly, consumers must be educated about proper disposal methods for wipes. Wipes should always be thrown in the trash, never flushed down the toilet. Additionally, manufacturers should be held accountable for accurately labeling their products and developing more environmentally friendly alternatives to traditional wipes.

In conclusion, wipes may seem innocuous, but their impact on sewer systems is far-reaching and costly. By raising awareness about the dangers of flushing wipes and advocating for better product design and disposal practices, we can work towards preserving the health and longevity of our sewer infrastructure for generations to come.

## PINE BEACH FIRE COMPANY

The Pine Beach Volunteer Fire Company has been honored to provide fire protection for the residents and visitors of Pine Beach for 98 years. Since 1925, we and the men and women who served before us have worked to help make our community safe. We pride ourselves in being 100% volunteer. Last year, we responded to 183 emergency calls. Our members provided 1,042-man hours of emergency response and logged 2923 hours of individual hours of training at our fire station, with neighboring fire companies and at various

fire academies. These statistics do not reflect the additional time and man hours spent maintaining our company with work details, company business meetings, community events or our various fundraisers.



- The Pine Beach Fire Company has recently been awarded a \$55,000 American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant through the State of New Jersey. This grant, which was applied through the Borough of Pine Beach, will help ensure our members are provided with safe, compliant PPE to wear for response to emergency calls. We thank the Mayor, Council and Borough Finance Office for their assistance in obtaining this grant.
- The 2024 Fund drive is now in progress. Please give generously to help YOUR volunteers provide fire protection to the residents, visitors, and business of Pine Beach Borough.



### Seasonal Badges and Permits

are available for purchase at Borough Hall; checks or cash accepted. Stop by Monday - Friday, 9 am-4 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>)

### Hiring Seasonal Lifeguards for Station Ave. Beach

- ⚙ Must be 16 years or older
- ⚙ Must be CPR, lifesaving, and open water certified
- ⚙ Start date 6/15 end date 9/2
- ⚙ (732) 349-6425 or [www.PineBeachBorough.us](http://www.PineBeachBorough.us) for more information



**Pine Beach Preservation Society**  
**P.O. Box 101**  
**Pine Beach, NJ 08741**  
[www.pinebeachpreservationsociety.org](http://www.pinebeachpreservationsociety.org)  
[www.facebook.com/pinebeachpreservationsociety](https://www.facebook.com/pinebeachpreservationsociety)

## The Pine Beach Preservation Society is seeking partners

Join us in the celebration of our town by becoming a Pine Beach Preservation Society Partner. To do so, return the partnership application linked here along with your payment to the address listed above.

The Pine Beach Preservation Society will be holding special events before our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Thanks to those that turned out for our most recent events. Our Kick Off Social held at the Pine Beach Yacht Club on Friday, November 3, 2023 & the Founders Day celebration held at the Bacchus Winery on Friday, March 23, 2023. Both were a great success.

The Pine Beach Preservation Society will be raising funds in connection with the planning for and funding of the **Borough of Pine Beach's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on March 25, 2025.**

Should you want additional information or would like to become more involved with the Pine Beach Preservation Society, please contact Rob Brown, PBPS Membership Committee, at [rabrown601@gmail.com](mailto:rabrown601@gmail.com).

After a number of planning meetings open to anyone interested, the Pine Beach Preservation Society, Inc., was established in February of 2023 as a 501 (C) (3) charitable organization. The purpose of the organization is to preserve and celebrate the history of the Borough of Pine Beach and connect residents to the stories, landmarks, people and events of the borough through time.

**PARTNERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**  
One application per person (not one per family)

**PARTNER CONTACT INFORMATION**

NAME	
ADDRESS	
PHONE	
EMAIL	

**PARTNER RESIDENCY INFORMATION**  
Are you currently or have you ever lived in Pine Beach or its vicinity? (We reserve the right to have an address in the Borough of Pine Beach, the Municipality of Pine Beach, and the Township of the 1990s incorporated.)

YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/> I live in Pine Beach Please let us know what year you moved here.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> I lived in Pine Beach Please let us know what year you lived here.	<input type="checkbox"/>

**PARTNER TYPE** (Please use a separate tab to get payment)

<b>PAID BY FORM-DONOR</b> (one-time fee)	<b>\$20</b> (Provides a partner tab)
<b>FOUNDING PRESIDENT</b> (one-time fee plus \$100 donation to the society)	<b>\$50</b> (Will receive a Founding Partner and its name in the historical book celebrating Pine Beach's 100th anniversary and a commemorative plate)

I wish to have my name in the Pine Beach Preservation Society as a partner supporter.  
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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return application with payment to: Pine Beach Preservation Society, P.O. Box 101, Pine Beach, NJ 08741

**Pine Beach Preservation Society**  
**Fundraiser Merch Store | Open May 1st - May 20th**

**T-Shirts, Tank Tops, Sweatshirts, Hoodies, Hats, Beach Towels, Bags, Blankets and MORE!**  
*Prices Starting at only \$15*

**Get Cool Merch! Rep Your Town! Support the Preservation Society!**

<https://accent.promo/pbps-spring2024>

Visit the link or scan the QR code to view the online store!

All proceeds go to: Pine Beach Preservation Society Inc 501 (C) (3) charitable organization  
Visit <https://pinebeachpreservationsociety.org> for more information regarding the Preservation Society.

The Merch Store Managed and Fulfilled by: **Accent Apparel**

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## PINE BEACH PRESERVATION SOCIETY – Historical Committee

**In preparation for the Pine Beach 100th Anniversary celebrations in 2025, The Pine Beach Preservation Society – Historical Committee** is inquiring if there are any residents in Pine Beach who are videographers or experienced with video productions, that would be interested in volunteering to create a documentary of Pine Beach for the Centennial Celebration.

Please send us a post card with your contact information or send your details in the format provided below to:

Pine Beach Preservation Society  
c/o Historical Committee  
P.O. Box 101  
Pine Beach, NJ 08741

**In preparation for the Pine Beach Centennial Celebration in 2025, The Pine Beach Preservation Society – Historical Committee** is collecting data about “old” Pine Beach families; families with a Pine Beach history prior to 1975. We would love to hear about your Family Stories of your memories of Pine Beach and see any family photographs from Pine Beach or photographs from around town. We are focusing on the Time periods of 1900 to 1925 and 1925 to 1975.



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Collection of data about “old” Pine Beach families; families with a Pine Beach history 1900 to

Family Name

Address of first home residence in Pine Beach

Current Address in Pine Beach

What City/State did you travel to Pine Beach from

How did your family find Pine Beach, NJ

Year of first started visiting Pine Beach

Year of first residency: Full time / Part time

Number of family members originally living in Pine Beach

Number of family members currently residing in Pine Beach today

Tell us a little about your family

Share a favorite memory of Pine Beach





Jersey-Friendly Yards and native plants are perfect together! Native plants not only add beauty to New Jersey yards, they offer important environmental and economic benefits. Native plants help conserve and filter water, provide habitat for native wildlife, protect soil resources, and reduce the costs and environmental impacts associated with fertilizers and pesticides. They also give us a “sense of place.” From the unique plant communities of the Pinelands to coastal salt marshes to the hardwood forests in the Highlands, New Jersey’s native plants make us feel at home.

JerseyYards.org was developed by the Barnegat Bay Partnership with a grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

<https://www.jerseyyards.org/jersey-friendly-plants/native-plants/>

Where to buy Native Plants nearby that are local to Pine Beach:

Cicconi Farms Inc.  
1005 Farmingdale Road  
Jackson, NJ 08527  
Phone: (732) 363-1420  
<https://www.cicconifarms.com/index.html>

Hammett’s Landscaping and Garden Center  
425 U.S. Highway 9  
Forked River, NJ 08731  
(609) 971-0453  
<https://www.hammettsgc.com/>

RareFind Nursery  
957 Patterson Road  
Jackson, NJ 08527  
(732) 833-0613  
<https://www.rarefindnursery.com/>

Moore’s Farm Market  
66 Atlantic City Blvd  
Bayville, NJ  
(732) 349-2876  
<https://www.facebook.com/MooresFarmMarket/>

**For the LOVE of our Trees: Some Fun Facts to consider before cutting your Trees down.**

Oak trees support more forms of life and more fascinating interactions than any other tree genus in North America. In most U.S. counties, oaks, cherries, willows, birches, hickories, pines, and maples are producing the vast numbers and types of insects that support animal populations.

"Oaks sustain a crucial and complex web of wildlife above ground but are just as impressive underground, producing enormous root systems that make them champions of carbon sequestration, soil stabilization, and watershed management."

"Unfortunately, the diverse web of life that is associated with oaks goes unnoticed and thus unappreciated by most homeowners and even many trained biologists. In fact, too many homeowners cut down oaks on their properties because they have grown tired of raking leaves. The cause of this indifference is lack of knowledge. How can we be interested in or understand the ecological significance of something we know nothing about"?

The removal of dead, diseased, and dying limbs are another major consideration. Making regular pruning part of your tree care plan, will help to ensure a long lifespan for your trees. When a tree has problematic branches or limbs, a tremendous amount of energy can be sent toward them to try and make repairs. This can start to affect the health of the rest of the tree. But keeping up with regular pruning can help ensure that those problematic limbs are removed and do not affect the overall health of your tree.

We understand that sometimes a tree needs to come down on someone's property. We all may find ourselves in that position at one point. Providing information will help homeowners make a more informed decision when they decide to take a native tree down.

"The Nature of Oaks" by Doug Tallamy. Doug Tallamy is a professor in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology and the University of Delaware. He is one of the conservation movement's most respected and important advocates. Here is the link to the book:  
<https://www.amazon.com/Nature-Oaks-Ecology-Essential-Native/dp/1643260448>

**Motor home discharge service**

Did you know that Residents that own motor homes can discharge the contents of the motor home's holding tank at OCUA's Bayville treatment plant FREE of charge as long as they provide proof of residency.

Central Water Pollution Control Facility  
501 Hickory Lane  
Bayville, NJ 08721-2157  
Phone: 732-269-4500

Hours

Monday – Friday      8:00 am to 3:45 pm  
Saturday                8:00 am to 1:45 pm







**4TH OF JULY**

**DEADLINE**  
5/15/2024

HAVE A LOCAL BUSINESS?  
WANT TO ADVERTISE IN OUR  
4TH OF JULY FLYER?  
SEND \$25 & A BUSINESS  
CARD TO:

PINE BEACH BOROUGH HALL  
599 PENNSYLVANIA AVE.  
PINE BEACH, NJ 08741

★★★



Pine Beach

**MEMORIAL DAY**

REMEMBER AND HONOR

**Memorial Service**  
May 27, 2024  
1:00pm Vista Park



HAVE YOU ADDED A  
FURRY FRIEND  
TO YOUR FAMILY?

NEED A DOG OR CAT LICENSE  
FOR YOUR NEW PET  
CLICK HERE FOR THE FORM

\*BE SURE TO LICENSE YOUR CURRENT PETS. \$10 LATE FEE APPLIES



6.23.24

**THE PINE BEACH 5K**  
+ One Mile Run

RUN IT  
WALK IT  
CRUISE WITH A STROLLER IN IT  
SKIP IT  
RUN WITH A DOG IN IT

[WWW.RUNSIGNUP.COM](http://WWW.RUNSIGNUP.COM)

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## 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 on 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**

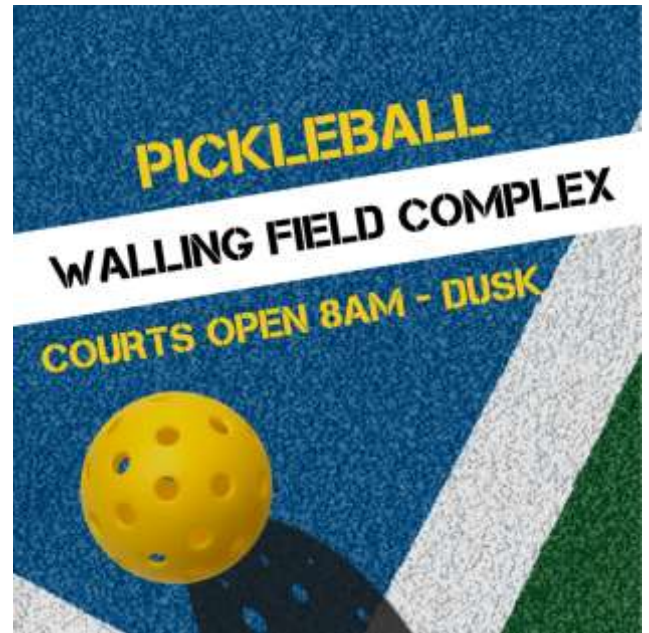
1. Boats must be pre-built and can be "fined tuned" on site.
2. Boats must be made **ONLY** of cardboard and duct tape. **NO** reinforced cardboard tubes, only broken-down cardboard boxes. No industrial type of cardboard is allowed. No waxed cardboard.
3. Cardboard cannot be sealed with any paint or 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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## Pickleball Courts at the Walling Field Complex

- Pickleball Courts are open 8:00am to 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.



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### PINE BEACH BOROUGH

599 Pennsylvania Avenue  
PO Box 425, Pine Beach, NJ 08741  
732-349-6425

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[www.PineBeachBorough.us](http://www.PineBeachBorough.us)

Borough Hall Hours  
Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm



### Pine Beach Mayor & Borough Council

**Lawrence W. Cuneo, Mayor**

Council Members & Liaisons:

Jim Keesling, Docks & Beaches

Lori McGee, Celebrations & Environmental Commission

Ray Newman, Finance & Administration

Richard Polhemus, Environmental & Natural Resources

Jim Saxton, Legal Affairs

Barry Wieck, Public Works & Public Safety