



Pine Beach

February 2024

Newsletter



UPDATES FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

Spring is coming. That is what the groundhog told us. As we prepare for longer days and warmer weather please slow down while driving through Pine Beach. We have many people taking advantage of our tremendous views walking and talking with their neighbors. We want everyone to enjoy their time in Pine Beach in a safe manner.

The water tower project has been completed. It looks wonderful with the new logo on the water tower. I want to thank everyone for their patience with this project.

The Borough is working on getting more grants to improve our drainage and road resurfacing. We are also looking to redo more of the walkway along Pennsylvania Avenue. These improvements continue to improve our infrastructure and help all of us.

We have also been working with Save Barnegat Bay to search for pollutants entering the Toms River and Barnegat Bay. Pine Beach has been at the forefront in this ongoing investigation.

Stay warm and stay safe,

Lawrence W. Cuneo
Mayor

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Mayor and Council are working with Boy Scout Troop 114 on an Eagle Scout project to erect a Monument representing all Veterans who have served our country.

If you would like to donate, please make your check payable to "Troop 114" and drop off your check at Borough Hall, or contact Council President Barry Wieck or Councilman Ray Newman.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Pine Beach Public Work department would like to thank everyone for the ongoing compliance with the Ocean County's recycle guide. For 2023 the residents of Pine Beach recycled 198 tons of single stream recyclables. Pine Beach also composted 263 tons of brush and leaves.



As a reminder please only place #1, #2, & #5 plastics, aluminum or steel cans, paper and cardboard into your recycling can for curbside collection.

Residents are encouraged to purchase and use as many recycling cans as needed to accommodate their curbside recycling needs—and please do not place recycling in 5-gallon buckets, totes, or laundry baskets.

We cannot accept plastic bags, plastic toys, plastic totes, or Styrofoam in your recycling can.

Heavy metal items such as old pots and pans as well as old or broken electronics **cannot** be recycled through curbside pickup, but they can be dropped off at the Borough Recycling Center.

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.

<https://co.ocean.nj.us/oc/solidwaste/frmRegContentSW.aspx?ID=12632da1-109a-4774-b31f-63dbde5545ab>

WATER DEPARTMENT

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

As springtime brings more sun back to Pine Beach, it is important to be mindful of our water use during warmer weather. Roughly 50% of our water that is used outdoors is wasted through evaporation or runoff that is caused by overwatering. Being mindful of the amount of water we use can not only help prevent water shortages during drought season, but it can also help reduce the cost of your water bill.

Here are a few tips to help you keep your water usage down during the warmer months.

Do not over-water plants and lawns.

Avoid water runoff into streets and gutters.

For best results, try morning watering.

Evaporation loss is at a minimum.

Avoid washing down paved areas.

Sweep driveway and sidewalks instead.

When washing the car...

Use a bucket of water. Use the hose only to rinse.

Invest in drought-tolerant landscaping. It requires less watering to keep your landscape healthy.

Use a drip irrigation system.

This reduces run-off and promotes deep rooting.

Preserve existing trees. Established plants are often adapted to low water conditions.

Porous paving materials such as brick, decomposed granite, or gravel used in patios and walk-ways help keep water in the garden rather than in the gutter.

Set automatic timing devices. This allows efficient watering on a schedule suited to each area of the landscape.

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. Save water today, secure your tomorrow.

https://www9.state.nj.us/DEP_WaterWatch_public/JSP/WSDetail.jsp?tinwsys=474



Free Rabies Clinic

**Join us on Saturday, March 2
9 am to 10 am**

**801 Pennsylvania Ave.
Borough Garage**

Dog & Cat Licensing will be available at this event. If your pet has been vaccinated before, please bring the most recent paperwork.

License fees at clinic
\$12 neutered/spayed or \$15 unneutered/unspayed
Cash or check to Pine Beach Borough
(dogs & cats must be paid on separate checks)

PINE BEACH EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 23 at 1 pm
(Rain date Sunday, March 24 at 1 pm)

& Petting Zoo 12:30-2 pm

Family fun activities will take place at Vista Park. Egg hunt will have a variety of age groups and fun for all!

Come early to visit the petting zoo too!



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 15th); \$175 after April 15th

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 for more information



For the LOVE of our trees: Consider this before cutting 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

ADOPT A DRAIN FOR THE RIVER & BAY

The Pine Beach Environmental Commission is asking residents to join the Pine Beach Adopt-a-Drain program. We are encouraging residents to look after their nearby storm drains and clear the top grate and surrounding area of debris year-round. Everything that is in the street ends up in the Toms River and the Barnegat Bay. Rainwater carries leaves, grass, fertilizers, excess salt, trash and dirt through the storm drain system directly to our waters. Public works does a good job of routinely clearing storm drains, you can assist by keeping your storm drain grate clear of debris.



Adopt "your" storm drain by sweeping, raking, and clearing leaves and other debris from the surface of the drain year-round. As a reminder, nothing should ever be discarded into storm drains, including waste oil, grass clippings and pet waste. Spread the word about the program. A simple task can make a big impact on the environment. Remember, only rain down the drain!

PINE BEACH PRESERVATION SOCIETY



The Pine Beach Preservation Society is celebrating

FOUNDERS DAY!

Saturday March 23rd @ 6:00pm

Bacchus Winery - 1540 Rt 37 in Toms River

Limited seating \$75pp

More info & invitation available at

www.facebook.com/PineBeachPreservationSociety

FOUNDERS DAY

Recognizing Founders Day for the Borough of Pine Beach is March 25, 1925.

In preparation for the Borough of Pine Beach Centennial celebrations in 2025, Celebrating 100 Years, through research the Pine Beach Preservation Society Historical Committee has identified March 25, 1925 as the Borough of Pine Beach Founders Day. On December 13, 2023, the Pine Beach Council adopted a Resolution memorializing this date into history.

On February 26, 1925, Chapter 12, Laws of 1925 "An Act to incorporate the borough of Pine Beach in the County of Ocean" was approved by the State Legislature. Based on Paragraph 3 of Chapter 12, Laws of 1925 provides that the adoption of "An act to incorporate the borough of Pine Beach in the County of Ocean" by a majority of the electors shall affect the incorporation of the Borough of Pine Beach.

On March 25, 1925, a Majority of Electors residing in the territory of Pine Beach voted "Yes" to adopt "An act to incorporate the Borough of Pine Beach in the County of Ocean". There were 63 Yes, 15 No, and 1 Spoiled. The incorporation of the Borough of Pine Beach automatically resulted at the conclusion of the vote held on March 25, 1925.

We are now entering the 100th Anniversary Year of Pine Beach! Be sure to follow the Pine Beach Preservation Society's Facebook page for exciting events planned all year long to celebrate the Borough of Pine Beach Centennial.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE INVITATION

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.

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

Collection of data about “old” Pine Beach families with a Pine Beach history 1900 to 1975 –
Format for collection data information – Please include:

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

Thank you for contributing your stories!

If you would like to join the Pine Beach Preservation Society as a Preservation Partner, please complete the application form

<http://pinebeachborough.us/images/PBPS%20Partnership%20Application%20Form.pdf>



The form is titled "PARTNERSHIP APPLICATION FORM" and is for the "Pine Beach Preservation Society Partner". It includes sections for "PARTNER CONTACT INFORMATION" (Name, Address, Phone, Email), "PARTNER RESIDENCY INFORMATION" (with checkboxes for "I live in Pine Beach" and "I don't live in Pine Beach"), and "PARTNER TYPE" (Preservation Partner, \$20 fee, or Founding Preservation Partner, \$50 fee). It also has fields for "APPLICANT SIGNATURE" and "DATE". A note at the bottom says "Please return application with payment by check to: Pine Beach Preservation Society, PO Box 101, Pine Beach, NJ 08741".

PINE BEACH BOROUGH

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



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