
Ocean City Beach Citizen's Council

Newsletter

1st Quarter 2014 - Volume 7

What would you do, if you knew you couldn't fail?

COMING EVENTS

- ❖ May 31, 2014 Wine & Hors d'oeuvres Meet and Greet
- ❖ July 3, 2014 - OC Block Party
- ❖ July 4 and 5, 2014 - Jazz Festival and Silent Auction
- ❖ August 30, 2014 - Annual Fish Fry & Party

IMPORTANT DATES

Scheduled Ocean City Beach Council Meetings

- ❖ May 31, 2014 @ Noon at the Community Center

Community News

Choir for Church Services

If you are interested in joining an acapella choir to sing at Sunday services, please e-mail us at info@oceancitync.com

Fund Raising Activity

Please help us earn extra cash by recycling empty inkjet and laser cartridges. Please drop off cartridges at the community center in designated box (located on side porch).

Ocean City Cookbook

Please submit your recipes to info@oceancitync.com by January 31, 2014. The Ocean City Cookbook will be available for sale in May 2014.

Message from the Jim Stewart, Senior Warden - Wade Chestnut Chapel

Happy New Year All! We hope that you all had a peaceful and joyous holiday season and that God is blessing your lives. We would like to announce that we are planning an Easter **Worship Service at Wade Chestnut Memorial Chapel for Easter Sunday, April 20, 2014 at 11:00 AM.** We hope that you can attend. Please send us a note to info@wadechestnutchapel.org to let us know you are interested.

Block Captains

Our Block Captains are: Kenneth Chestnut, Fanny Hairston, Craig Torrey, John Griffin and Monte Baker. Look for a visit from your Captain.

Dates Announced for 2014 Jazz Festival

The Ocean City Jazz Festival will be held July 4th and 5th. We will host our kick-off block party on July 3rd. Mark your calendars and save the date!

Sponsorship Opportunity for 2014 OC Jazz Festival

Would you like to be an individual sponsor for the 2014 Jazz Festival? We are offering two Sponsorship levels \$500 Sponsorship Level - Receive 4 concert tickets, 2 jazz polo shirts, preferred seating, 8 drink tickets to use during the festival and a listing in jazz festival program. \$250 Sponsorship Level - Receive 2 tickets, preferred seating, 4 drink tickets, and listing in jazz festival program. **If you are interested please contact us at info@oceancityjazzfest.com before June 9th 2014** or mail in attached form.

Association Fees for 2014 are now due. Annual Dues are \$50 per household of one to two property owners. Friends of the community and any additional adult household members may join for \$20 per person. Just mail in the attached form!

Beach Nourishment- Phase 5

The Town received a minor permit modification for the construction of Phase 5 and applied for and received a \$16,815,000 loan from the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). CP&E prepared the plans, specs, and bid documents and the Phase 5 project was advertised for bids in October. The Town later decided to cancel its request for bids due to the comments received from the prospective bidders. The bid results were not going to be within budget for construction this year based on dredge availability. The dredging contractors said that they were either not available or were not comfortable they could finish by the March 31st deadline which would put the Town at risk for a second mobilization. The USDA funds will be available for one year and the Town is requesting a one year extension. Postponing construction allows the Town time to complete the permitting process for Phases 2-4 and for the Town to consider other options, such as combining phases to save on mobilization costs. The Board discussed the possibility of re-advertising the project in late spring 2014 with a project start date as early as November 16, 2014.

NTB has Beach Wheelchairs and Walker

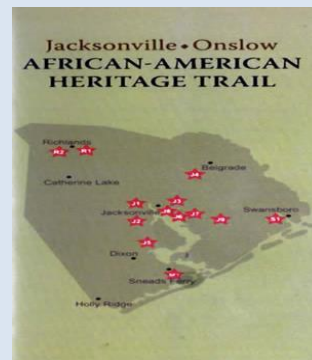
The chairs and walker are available on a first come, first serve basis and must be returned daily. Interested parties can go to the North Topsail Beach Police Department at Town Hall (2008 Loggerhead Court, N Topsail Beach, NC) to sign for and pick up the equipment (call 910-328-0042 to check availability). The equipment is available for use Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. and when possible, special arrangements may be made to allow for weekend use. The wheelchairs are not collapsible, so a van or truck may be needed to transport them to the beach.

CBRA Legislation

Write your congressman to support upcoming CBRA legislation, to lower flood insurance rates, a sample letter can be found at this link <http://www.ntbnc.org/Documents/LH%20CBRA%20031413%20Sample%20Letter%20for%20CBRA.pdf>. The NTB website also has a word version to download.

Onslow County African American Heritage Trail

The nomination for the Ocean City community to be added to the Jacksonville-Onslow African-American Heritage Trail was approved! The Trail is a combined effort of Onslow County Tourism, the Onslow County Museum, and the Minority Business Services Division of the Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce and celebrates the history and accomplishments of local African-American leaders, communities, history, arts and culture. It was formally announced in February 2010, and is an ongoing project.



A celebration of the installation is being planned, so be on the lookout for the announcement.

Little Free Libraries in Ocean City

What is a Little Free Library? It's a "take a book, return a book" gathering place where neighbors share their favorite literature and stories. In its most basic form, a Little Free Library is a box full of books where anyone may stop by and pick up a book (or two) and bring back another book to share. The free libraries will be located at the intersections of Ocean Drive with Carver, Greene and Chestnut Streets.



Congratulations to "Tatum's Totes" for Reaching Their Goal!



A special thank you to everyone who donated tote bags, gifts and monetary donations for this great cause. With the help of Tatum's family and friends, 100 tote bags were given to children hospitalized during the holiday season.

Larry Thomas

"Wilmington On Fire is a feature-length documentary that will give a historical and present day look at the Wilmington Massacre of 1898. The film features interviews from historians, authors, activists and descendants of the victims of the Wilmington Massacre of 1898. Wilmington on Fire will talk about things such as: African-American progress after slavery, African-American's in Wilmington prior to the 1898 massacre, The Wilmington Massacre of 1898, Reparations, African-American history in Wilmington, The state of North Carolina's involvement in the massacre, AND MUCH MORE! Larry has a part in the movie. . See movie trailers at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9toV2-zDWKA>

Special Thank You!



A special thanks to Francis Dyer for the beautiful Christmas wreath for the church.

Congratulations to Dr. Dana Bedden



The Richmond School Board has named Dana T. Bedden the city's next school superintendent, bringing in the first outsider in 17 years to lead the city school system. Bedden, 47, emerged as the leading contender from a field of 76 applicants hoping to replace Interim Superintendent Jonathan Lewis.

Are you 65 or Older?

[Look Into Property Tax Relief Exclusion](#)

Check in your county to see if you are eligible for a discount on your property taxes. What are the Property Tax Relief Exclusions/Exemptions that you may benefit from? North Carolina General Statutes for Property Tax Relief includes Elderly and Disabled Exclusion, Disabled Veteran Exclusion and Circuit Breaker Tax Deferrment Program. Restrictions do apply .and the residence must be your permanent legal address.

[Get Permanent Fishing or Hunting License](#)

Hunting, Inland and Coastal Fishing - Lifetime Resident Unified Age 65 (or older) Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing

Statewide hunting, inland and coastal recreational fishing. Includes hunting for big game, hunting on game lands, hunting for waterfowl (does not include federal duck stamp), fishing in Public Mountain Trout Waters, fishing in trout waters on game lands, and fishing in joint waters. - \$30

Fishing - Lifetime Resident

Age 65 (or older) Comprehensive Inland Fishing

Statewide inland fishing for residents. Includes fishing in Public Mountain Trout Waters, fishing in trout waters on game lands, and fishing in joint waters. It does not include fishing in coastal waters. - \$15

Age 65 (or older) Coastal Recreational Fishing

Authorizes fishing in coastal and joint waters. It does not authorize fishing in inland waters.- \$15

<http://www.ncwildlife.org/Licensing/HuntingFishingTrappingLicenses/LifetimeLicense/LifetimeLicensesTypes.aspx>

The Big Read

Cape Fear Museum is one of 77 organizations selected to receive funds from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to host a Big Read project in the Cape Fear region. The \$16,000 grant will be used to provide opportunities for the community to read *The Things They Carried*, a collection of related stories about a platoon of American soldiers in the Vietnam War by Tim O'Brien. Activities related to the book will be offered through February. The Big Read Greater Wilmington also coincides with the Cape Fear Museum traveling exhibition *Mail Call*, open through Jan. 20. *Mail Call* tells the story of military mail and communication from the American Revolution to current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. active duty military and their families with valid identification will be admitted free of charge to the exhibit. For information, visit capefearmuseum.com.

Properties For Sale

457 Ocean Drive (House) - <http://www.lewis-realty.net/property/200034/>

462 Ocean Drive (House) - <http://www.trulia.com/property/1083576224-462-Ocean-Dr-North-Topsail-Beach-NC-28460>

2810 Island Drive (House)) <http://www.teresabatts.com>

3102 Green Street (Lot)) <http://www.treasurerealtors.com>

3001 Green Street (House)) <http://www.teresabatts.com>

2688 Island Drive (House) <http://www.teresabatts.com>

2681 Island Drive (House)- http://www.realtor.com/realestateandhomes-detail/2681-Island-Dr_North-Topsail-Beach_NC_28460_M57648-93350

If you are aware of additional properties for sale please email us at info@oceancitync.com

Estate Planning Essentials: 8 Steps to Protect Your Family

Nobody likes to think about estate planning — except perhaps for estate lawyers. It's simultaneously morbid and boring, and you probably already have a long enough to-do list. The gutters are full of leaves and the kids need fall clothes — why worry about power of attorney?

But look at it this way: If the worst should happen and you don't have your financial affairs in order, you'll leave your loved ones a big headache, and possibly a financial burden. No one will be worried about home maintenance, but they will be forced to make crucial decisions about your estate at an emotionally charged time, with no idea if they're doing what you had in mind.

Most importantly, taking care of the basics in advance will also help ensure that your money stays in the family and not in the hands of your least-favorite uncle: Uncle Sam. Here are eight fairly simple steps you should take now to protect your family and your assets later.

1. Draft a will. More than half of American adults don't have one. Big mistake. Even if you don't have a Gates-sized estate, someone will need to handle your financial affairs after you die, and it'll be easier if there's a document spelling things out. This is especially important if you have children; the will should name a guardian for anyone under 18. You'll also want to name a trusted person as executor of your estate. If you have young children, ask an attorney about creating a minor's trust — assets you leave them will be held in the trust until they reach your state's "age of majority" (18 in most states). Review your will every two to three years, or whenever there's a life event, such as a birth, death, marriage or divorce.

2. Ask an attorney about trusts. If you establish a living trust, your estate can bypass probate and its associated costs and hassles, but you probably need one only if your estate is worth more than about \$2 million, you own real estate in more than one state or you want to keep the terms of your estate private. Otherwise, you might want to create a trust within your will to manage your assets after your death. This is a good idea if you fall into one or more of these categories: 1) You have minor children and don't want to leave property directly to them. 2) You have adult children and aren't confident they can responsibly manage their inheritance. 3) You want to protect your assets from ending up with a creditor or a child's ex-spouse.

3. Assign a power of attorney. This authorizes someone to handle matters if you're unable to act on your own behalf. There are two types: financial power of attorney, which lets someone take care of things such as writing checks; and medical power of attorney, which allows someone to make decisions about your health care. Without this form, your loved ones might have to go to court to handle simple estate matters if you were incapacitated. Decide whether you want a standard durable power of attorney, or a "springing" power of attorney that requires a doctor declare you incompetent or incapable before it's active. Update this document about every five years even if it's correct, since officials sometimes are hesitant about accepting an older form.

4. Set up an advance directive. Basically, this document lays out your end-of-life preferences, such as whether you'd want a feeding tube or to be placed on a respirator, if necessary. It can incorporate related requests such as a living will (explaining when you'd want to be allowed to die), medical power of attorney and Do Not Resuscitate orders. Creating one doesn't require an attorney; find the advance directive permitted in your state at caringinfo.org. Some states require you to have this document witnessed, so make sure you follow the rules to make it official.

5. Be sure you have enough life insurance. If you have children dependent on you financially, you need life insurance to cover lost income after you die. Generally, term life is your best bet; Accuquote.com can give you premium quotes. (A good rule of thumb: have enough life insurance to equal 10 times your annual salary.) If you're interested in permanent life insurance (such as variable or universal) with a built-in savings component, speak with your financial planner to find the right coverage.

6. Update your beneficiaries. You may not realize it, but beneficiaries on your 401(k), insurance policies, retirement accounts and investments trump your will. So even though you've left everything to your children in your will, if your ex-wife is still listed as your IRA beneficiary, the stash goes to her. Review your designations about every two years or upon life events, such as the birth of a child. And make sure to choose a contingent beneficiary. Otherwise, if your primary beneficiary dies before you do, your funds will go to your estate, which can create tax and legal issues.

7. Organize your paperwork. Do you know where your tax returns, insurance policies, brokerage and 401(k) statements, and mortgage paperwork are? If you're not sure, you can bet your loved ones won't be able to find them when they need to, plunging them into estate-settling hell. Put everything together in one place and then tell your spouse or closest family member where that is. Aside from the documents mentioned above, also include: your Social Security and health insurance/Medicare cards, plus contact information for your doctors, lawyers and accountants.

8. Keep it in the right place. Never keep your original will in your safe-deposit box. Some states seal the box when someone dies until the estate has been settled. (And of course, settling the estate is easier with the original will in hand.) You can keep a copy of your will in the safe-deposit box, but the original belongs with your lawyer or in a fireproof box at home or in your office. You may even want to scan all your important financial paperwork and keep a virtual copy with a Web site like vitalSAFE.com (it's free for up to 100MB of space). Just be sure to share access with your closest family member, so he or she will be able to get in.

Crock Pot Cheesecake

Ingredients:

Crust:

3/4 cup vanilla wafer crumbs or graham cracker crumbs
1/8 teaspoon almond extract
1 tablespoon sugar
3 tablespoons butter, melted

Filling:

1 cup ricotta cheese (light)
12 ounces cream cheese, light (neufchatel)
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
3 tablespoons whipping cream
1/4 cup amaretto
1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon cocoa
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/3 cup miniature semisweet chocolate chips

Preparation:

Combine crust ingredients and pat into a 7-inch spring form pan.

Beat the cheeses with the sugar until smooth; add eggs and whipping cream and beat for about 3 minutes on medium speed of an electric hand-held mixer. Add amaretto, cocoa, flour and vanilla; beat for about 1 more minute. Stir in chocolate chips; pour into prepared pan. Place the cheesecake on a rack in the Crock Pot (or use a "ring" of aluminum foil to keep it off the bottom of the pot). Cover and cook on high for 2 1/2 to 3 hours. Let stand in the covered pot (after turning it off) for about 1 to 2 hours, until cool enough to handle. Cool thoroughly before removing pan sides. Chill before serving; store leftovers in the refrigerator.

Please remember to like us on Facebook and post your photos.

Join the discussion forum and post your discussions/comments. For instructions of joining send us an email

Visit Us @ Our Website www.oceancitync.com and remember our directory of residents is there. For instructions of signing in to the directory send us an email

Please check our on-line directory and make sure your information is correct. Submit any correction to one of our e-mail addresses (ocbcc@hotmail.com or info@oceancitync.com)

Please review the memorial section of the website and submit any corrections or additions to one of our e-mail addresses (ocbcc@hotmail.com or info@oceancitync.com)

Ocean City Beach Citizen's Council 2014 Dues & Contributions

Name: _____

Beach Address: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Additional household member(s):

	Name	Address	E-mail	Home Number
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
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6.	_____	_____	_____	_____

		My Amount
2014 Membership Dues	\$50 per household (two people)	\$ _____
2014 Associate Membership Dues	\$20 per person	\$ _____
Additional Contribution to Support the Chapel (Tax Deductible)		\$ _____
Additional Contribution to Support OCBCC		\$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed		\$ _____

Please make check out to: OCBCC or Ocean City Beach Citizen's Council

Mail to: OCBCC, PO Box 1207, Sneads Ferry, North Carolina 28460-1207

Dues are not tax deductible. Additional contributions are welcome. Contributions to our Chapel are tax deductible.

**2014 Ocean City Jazz Festival
INDIVIDUAL SPONSORSHIP**

Thank you for being a sponsor of the 2014 Ocean City Jazz Festival. Please supply the following information to the festival to facilitate the sponsorship process.

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Sponsorship Level (**circle one**) and complete additional information requested

Scott Joplin Sponsor \$500

Preferred seating at Ocean City Jazz Festival

Listing in Festival Program

Eight (8) drink tickets

Two (2) polo shirts

Sex, Size and Color of Polo Shirt _____

Sex, Size and Color of Polo Shirt _____

Four (4) tickets to Jazz Festival (Please state ticket distribution)

Number of Tickets for Friday _____

Number of Tickets for Saturday _____

George Duke Sponsor \$250

Preferred seating at Ocean City Jazz Festival

Listing in Festival Program

Four (4) drink tickets

Two (2) tickets to Jazz Festival (Please state ticket distribution)

Number of Tickets for Friday _____

Number of Tickets for Saturday _____

Make check payable to the **Ocean City Jazz Festival** or **OCJF** and mail to
PO Box 1207, Sneads Ferry, NC 28460-1207

Festival dates for 2014 are Friday and Saturday, July 4th and 5th. Admission gate will open at 4PM each day. Any questions please contact Craig Torrey at 919-632-9489 or email ctorrey@oceancityjazzfest.com

Please refer to our website for additional information at www.oceancityjazzfest.com

Thank you for your sponsorship

Your 2014 Ocean City Beach Council Board

Town of North Topsail Beach Solid Waste, Recycling, and Vegetation Pick Up Schedule



2014

January							February							March							
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Solid Waste Schedule

In Season
(Memorial Day week through Labor Day week)
Tuesday and Saturday Mornings

Off Season
Tuesday Mornings Only

Recycling Schedule

In Season
(Memorial Day week through Labor Day week)
Friday Mornings

Off Season
Every other Friday

Vegetation Pick Up Schedule

4 Times Per Year for 4 days
(Feb, April, Sept*, Dec*)

First two days of pick up will be south of Town Hall. Second two days of pick up will be north of Town Hall. Please have vegetation out for pick up by A.M. of the second day.

All grass clippings, mulch, leaves, straw and vines must be in paper lawn and leaf bags (available at local hardware stores). **NO PLASTIC BAGS WILL BE PICKED UP.**

Tree limbs must be no longer than 6 feet in length and no larger than 6 inches in diameter. All vegetation must be at the right-of-way for pick up.

Debris from lot clearing (ex. to build a home) is not included. Vegetative debris resulting from the hiring of a private contractor is the responsibility of the contractor. It will not be removed by Town Staff.

* September 22-25th & December 1-4th 2014

****NOTE**** The Town's current Solid Waste/Recycling contract ends on June 30, 2014. Depending on the new contract and schedule agreed upon, significant changes may be made effective July 1, 2014. You will be contacted by the Town if carts need to be returned and how the transition will be made if the Town changes contractors. Please check the Town's website and update your Connect-CTY contact info (phone/email) for updates/notifications.

ACCEPTABLE/UNACCEPTABLE MATERIAL FOR RECYCLING:

Acceptable Material - DO NOT BAG or SEPARATE	
Newspaper Cereal Boxes Shoe Boxes Magazines Junk Mail Telephone Books Green, Brown, and Clear Glass Corrugated Cardboard Gable-Top Cartons (Milk Cartons)	Empty Aerosol Cans Aluminum Beverage Cans Aluminum, Steel & Tin Food Cans Aluminum Foils Plastics #1-7 Rigid Plastics (buckets, plastic toys, lawn furniture) Mixed rigid plastics must be under 2 feet in length and under 40 pounds.
Unacceptable Material	
Bagging material Mirrors, window or auto glass, light bulbs, ceramics, antifreeze containers, plastic bags, coat hangers, paint cans, or any household items (toasters, cooking pots or pans, etc.)	Plastic car shells, PVC pipe/tubing, vinyl siding, Styrofoam or polystyrene, plastic medical waste, and plastics that have come into contact with

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PUSH YOUR TRASH & RECYCLING CARTS BACK BY 10:00 AM ON THE DAY FOLLOWING COLLECTION

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PICK UP WILL TAKE PLACE EARLY IN THE MORNING. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT YOU PLACE CARTS OUT THE EVENING PRIOR TO PICK UP DAYS

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TRASH LEFT OUTSIDE OF THE CART WILL NOT BE PICKED UP IF YOU FREQUENTLY RUN OUT OF ROOM ANOTHER CART SHOULD BE ORDERED

Town Holidays =

The Town no longer picks up bulk goods (appliances and furniture).

Please go to our resident reimbursement policy at the Town's website (ntbnc.org) or call Town Hall (910-328-1349).