

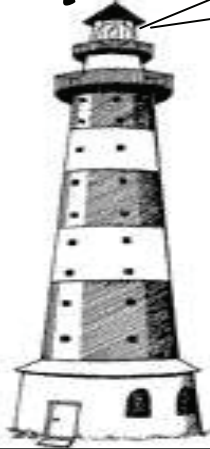
# THE SENIOR BEACON

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## HEADLINE NEWS

*There is a story, some say legend, of a special Christmas Eve in December of 1914. As the First World War raged, enemy faced enemy in muddy trenches some barely 30 feet apart. In the no man's land between the armies lay the dead and dying. Many fighting had all believed, hoped that "it would be over by Christmas."*



*But here it was, Christmastime.*



*History borne out by letters and photos speak of truces that broke out, not by the orders of leaders, but by the humanity of individuals. Music called forth better angels, soldiers put their lives at risk to reach out with a request, "Can we for a few hours celebrate what makes us one?"*

*In many places along the war's western front soldiers played games, sang, shared drink, played football, exchanged gifts and a longing for home. For a few hours there was peace. But the day ended and the sounds of hatred overtook what had been the sounds of unity.*

*Today we have become wrapped up in our ideologies and beliefs. Sometimes lashing out at those who do not share them because we know they are "wrong." They must be overcome. We listen intently and unquestioningly to others and see only with distrust and hatred those who do not agree with us. Perhaps if for a moment we remained silent and just saw another person the world would be different.*

*Many hope and wait for someone to step forward to speak a simple truth; we are more the same than different. We long for one who will call the cease fire not for a few hours but for good.*

*Why shouldn't it be me? Why shouldn't it be you? It must be us.*

*This Holiday season as we gather with friends, loved ones and remember those who now live only in our hearts; let us put the raucous noise of unfounded hatred behind us. Instead let us step bravely out of the trenches and ask that we exchange the gift of understanding and peace. Let us be the ones to call the truce.*

*May the blessings of this Holiday, however you celebrate, be yours both now and in the year ahead.*

*Stay well.*

*Randy*

*Due to the holidays, we ask that you refer to our calendar pages for class cancellations and program changes.*



***From the Desk of Robert Lane, Senior Center Liaison***

December already! First for residents who celebrate Hanukkah, I wish your family peace and light this holiday season. To others of Christian faith or those who just celebrate this joyous season, all the best!

Congratulations to VFW Post 1333 on their grand opening. They moved their charter from Asbury Park to Route 33 in Neptune Township and we are happy to welcome such a community minded organization. They had a great turn out to see the work they have done and a new venue that can be rented for special occasions.

As you know, December is a busy month for holiday events. Neptune Recreation Department will host its annual celebration of the holidays. Make sure to check out the Township website, [www.neptunetownship.org](http://www.neptunetownship.org), for the most current information.

In conjunction with the Ocean Grove Area Chamber of Commerce's Victorian Holiday Celebration on Saturday December 4, the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association will hold a Live Nativity that evening at 5pm followed by a tree lighting at 6 in Auditorium Park. Don't forget to make sure that Santa has your last minute wishes. You can visit the Jolly Old Elf at the Asbury Elks on Bangs Avenue, Dec.

11. Santa has a very busy schedule so the time has yet to be determined - stay tuned. The Jersey Shore Dream Center Toy Giveaway will be December 18; check their website, [jerseyshoredreamcenter.org](http://jerseyshoredreamcenter.org), for the time!

Neptune will be celebrating Wreaths across America on December 11 at 1pm at our Veterans' Memorial Park. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

With that, my family and I wish you all our Neptune neighbors a Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa and Seasons Greetings. May this be a very special Holiday and all the best in the New Year.

Till next year be happy and keep smiling.



***TOWNSHIP ELECTION CONGRATULATIONS***

Congratulations to our re-elected Township Committeemen, Dr. Michael Brantley and Nicholas Williams and congratulations to Committeewoman Tassie York on her first election victory. The public is invited to attend the Township Committee's Annual Reorganization meeting at the Municipal Complex on January 1 at 12noon. For info, call 732-988-5200.

All Municipal Offices and Senior Center will be closed on  
Friday, December 24 for the Christmas Holiday



*Vito Gadaleta, Neptune Township's  
Business Administrator will retire on December 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Thank you Vito for your service and your support of the  
Neptune Township Senior Community.  
Enjoy retirement!*

**LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Applications are being accepted for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP). HEAP is designed to help low-income households and/or individuals, 60 years of age or older, meet their home heating and medically necessary cooling costs. The application period is October 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. For applications or info, contact Ryan at the Center.

WE HAVE A GIFT FOR YOU  
ON YOUR SPECIAL DAY!!  
STOP BY THE CENTER  
NEAR YOUR BIRTHDAY  
AND LET US HELP YOU  
CELEBRATE!



**HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE AT CENTER**

**S.H.I.P.** (Senior Health Insurance Program) provides assistance with your health insurance. A counselor is available at the Senior Center. Contact Ryan to schedule an appointment.

**LEGAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE AT CENTER**



Free legal assistance provided by South Jersey Legal Services is available for seniors 60 years of age or older. Please contact the Center to schedule your appointment. Complex legal matters may need to be referred elsewhere.





Hanukkah ends on Monday, December 6



### **INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTIFICATIONS**

For inclement weather notices, cancellations, and closings, contact the Center. You can also go online at [www.neptunetownship.org](http://www.neptunetownship.org) or go to [943thepoint.com](http://943thepoint.com) and go to Storm Watch.


### **PROTECT YOURSELF NOW WITH TELEPHONE REASSURANCE**

 "Telephone Reassurance" is for any senior who lives alone.   
Participants are called Monday thru Friday, between 9am and 11am. Volunteers monitor the "Hotline" and, if they do not hear from you, our staff will immediately follow-up with emergency procedures to ensure your well-being. Protect yourself.

**"CARE COORDINATION"  
PRESENTED BY HACKENSACK  
MERIDIAN HEALTH  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7 AT 10AM**

Learn how to manage prescriptions and effective ways to communicate with your doctors so that you have the most accurate and helpful information.

**HOLIDAY CRAFT WORKSHOP  
WITH TENA  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21  
AT 1:00PM**

Tena will help you create a holiday craft perfect for gift giving or decorating your home! Sign up with Lindsay. 

**SENIOR CENTER HOLIDAY LUNCHEONS**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14 AT 12:00PM**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 12:00PM**  
**DOORS TO THE CENTER WILL OPEN AT 11:00AM**

**Please remember that if you arrive early, we will not be able to admit anyone into the building before 11:00AM.**

Join us for an afternoon of fun and holiday cheer. Reservations are required and can be made in person, or by phone, between **9:30-11:30 or 2:00-3:30**. You may reserve for yourself and one other person. Please choose one date only.

**All classes and programs will be cancelled that day.**



Kwanzaa begins on Sunday, December 26



**OCEAN GROVE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLIDAY FESTIVAL**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 AT 10AM – 4PM**  
**FOLLOWED BY A LIVE NATIVITY AND TREE LIGHTING AT 6PM**  
**OCEAN GROVE AUDITORIUM**

**OUR SENIOR CENTER CINEMA**  
**PRESENTS YOUR HOLIDAY**  
**FAVORITES**



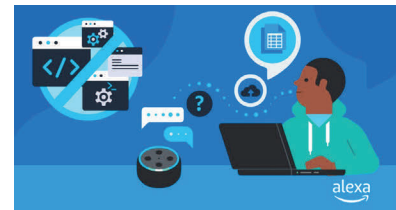
Join us for lunch and a holiday movie the week of December 20 at 12pm. A different holiday movie will be shown each day during lunch. Join us for a delicious lunch and celebrate the holidays with us! A movie listing will be posted at a later date.



**TECHNOLOGY 101**  
**WITH ALEXA**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22**  
**AT 10AM**

Learn the basics of computers and how technology can enhance your life during this presentation. Join us!



**CALLING ALL DOUBLE DECK PARTNER PINOCHLE PLAYERS**

Double Deck Pinochle is one of the most popular partnership card games. It requires at least four players in teams of two and will be played on Wednesdays and Friday at 1pm. Beginners and experienced welcome. Call Lindsay for info.



**FREE FITNESS CLASSES IN JANUARY**

We are offering FREE fitness classes during the month of **January**. We are encouraging you to take one of our wonderful classes. We have excellent instructors. Contact Lindsay for further information.

**ALL CLASSES REQUIRE PRE-REGISTRATION AND FITNESS WAIVERS.**

**REFER TO OUR CALENDAR PAGES FOR CLASS SCHEDULES.**





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*Where Community, Business & Tourism Prosper*

**We are so happy that you are a part of our Senior Center Family.  
If we can be of assistance to you and/or your family,  
please contact us at anytime. We look forward to having you  
visit us in the near future.**

**Randy Bishop, Director  
Kristina Torres, Deputy Director**

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**Lindsay Okuszki - Coordinator**

**Outreach Services**

**Ryan Ugrovics, CSW**

**Transportation Services**

**John Lalanas - Driver**

**David Pyle - Driver**

**Robert White - Driver**

**Custodial Services**

**Ralph Parkman**

**Dining Services**

**Teresa Richard - Manager**

**Jennifer Nurse - Aide**

**Carol McDonald - Aide**

**Administrative Office**

**Michelle A. Swift - Administrative Assistant**

**Sondra Attridge - Senior Programs Representative**

*And an Army of Dedicated Volunteers!*

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