

## Greetings from Commissioner Virginia E. Haines

On behalf of the Ocean County Board of Commissioners, I welcome you to the Summer 2021 issue of *Out & About Ocean County, A Free Newsguide to Arts & Heritage Events*. Each summer we have the opportunity to enjoy art and heritage events, as well as, the treasures of our beaches and natural resources.

The Covid-19 pandemic is limiting the event offerings usually listed so we are providing more stories than events in this issue. At this time, the Ocean County Parks and visitor centers are open to the public. Please check **http://www.oceancountytourism.com/frmEvents** for updated event listings.

Ocean County's arts and history organizations provide a rich tapestry of programs, events and classes for your summer enjoyment. Many of our towns and boroughs provide wonderful outdoor concerts including the *Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation's The Carousel of Music Concert Series* to be held at various locations throughout the summer.

The pages of this 2021 summer issue are graced with artwork received in response to a call for contributions from the Toms River Artists Community. This is the tenth summer that we have showcased individual art in our summer issue from one of our Ocean County artist organizations on a rotating basis.

Please take special note of our exciting palette of summer cultural opportunities in the event listings.



Commissioner Virginia E. Haines
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