

Greetings from Freeholder John C. Bartlett, Jr.

On behalf of the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, I welcome you to the fall 2016 issue of **Out & About Ocean County,** *A Free News Guide to Arts & Heritage Events*. Fall is a special time of year in Ocean County. Our ocean, bay and inland waters glisten in the crisp air and attract outdoor enthusiasts from all over the world.

The Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders will host the 34th annual Ocean County Decoy and Gunning Show at Tip Seaman Park in Tuckerton on September 24 and 25. Wells Mills County Park in Waretown will celebrate the 22nd annual Pinelands Jamboree on October 8. Cattus Island County Park is on schedule to reopen this fall.

The Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission is hosting the third Summit in 17 years on Ocean County Culture at the Bishop Building in Toms River on November 30 (snow date December 2). Members of the public and non-profit organizations are invited to offer their suggestions for the future of art and history in Ocean County.

The Ocean County based National Association for the Advancement of Latino People will host the third Garden State Latino Cultural Festival on October 1 at the Lake Terrace Facility on 1690 Oak Street in Lakewood. Seaside Heights will host the annual Columbus Day Parade on October 9, and the Italian Street Festival from October 7 to 9.

The Cultural and Heritage Commission is requesting nominations by November 15 for awards to be presented on April 4, 2017 at the annual Salute to Ocean County. Nominations forms are available for the 2017 Lifetime Achievement in Ocean County Arts and the 2017 Pauline S. Miller Lifetime Achievement in Ocean County History and the 2016 Ocean County Preservation Awards.

The Parks & Recreation Department commemoration at Cedar Bridge Tavern is on December 18 at 2:00 PM (snow date January 8). This fall the County Department of Parks and Recreation will begin a major renovation to our early 19th century tavern.

Please enjoy the arts and history offerings for the fall of 2016.

Sincerely,

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