



Greetings from Freeholder Director Virginia E. Haines

On behalf of the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, I welcome you to the Spring 2019 issue of **Out & About Ocean County**, *A Free Newsguide to Arts & Heritage Events*. I am honored to be the Freeholder responsible for the Ocean County Cultural

& Heritage Commission, a division of Ocean County Parks & Recreation.

I note with personal regret the passing of Freeholder John C. Bartlett, Jr. in December of 2019. He was my mentor and my friend.

At 11 AM on Friday, May 24, the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders will complete the official commemoration of Ocean County participation in World War I with a ceremony at the Clifton Avenue School in Lakewood, commemorating the grand parade for returning Ocean County Soldiers down Clifton Avenue in Lakewood in 1919. The school is on the site of Hospital #9 that was converted from the 500 room Lakewood Hotel.

On April 11, we invite you to join our art and heritage community as they come together at the Jay and Linda Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College for the eighth annual Salute to Ocean County: Celebration of the Arts and Heritage, a showcase of the best performances from the 2019 Ocean County Teen Arts Festival, the recognition of grant recipients and special awards of merit.

The Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders is proud to announce that Thomas Rutledge will receive the 2019 Lifetime Achievement in the Ocean County Arts Award. Margaret Thomas Buchholz will receive the 2019 Pauline S. Miller Lifetime Achievement in Ocean County Award. Elaine H. McConnell will receive the 2019 John C. Bartlett, Jr. Government Service Award. Finally, William deCamp, Jr. will receive the Special Award of Merit as an advocate for Barnegat Bay.

Also at the Salute, the Ocean County Tourism and Business Advisory Council will award the 2019 Joseph H. Vicari Tourism Award to Anthony E. Vaz, Ed.D. and Christopher J. Vaz of Seaside Heights.

The Cultural & Heritage Commission has completed their annual arts and history grant award cycle. This year seventeen art and twelve history organizations will receive a total of \$115,455 in grants through the Ocean County C&H Commission funded by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and the New Jersey Historical Commission.

I hope you are able to join me and get out and about this spring to enjoy the many cultural and artistic activities in our county.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Virginia E. Haines".

Freeholder Virginia E. Haines