



# The Bell Tower

## Newsletter of the Ocean Park Association

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### OUR YEAR BEGINS!

By Rob Drake, President

Happy New Year Ocean Park! Much has been happening in the dark and snow of winter as we prepare for our 143<sup>rd</sup> season. Our Interim Executive Directors, Sue Martin and Jeff Chute, assisted by Sharon Waterman and Warren Kenniston, are hard at work steering our Association toward summer. We have a dedicated Search Committee working to find a new Executive Director to lead us into our shared future. And our Board and many volunteers are working to put together a memorable and meaningful season for the summer of 2023.

Our theme this year is “Come to the water; refresh your spirit.” I invite each of you to begin now to plan to come to the special waters in Ocean Park this summer and to begin even now, in anticipation of that journey, to refresh your spirit in anticipation of the relaxation, fellowship, education, spiritual nourishment and peace which our shared community offers. We are truly blessed to have Ocean Park as a beacon toward which we can guide our journeys.



Photography by Laurie Blair Ernst - THANK YOU!

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**2023 GUEST PREACHERS AND SPEAKERS** (Sunday services 10:30 am at the Temple)

	<p><b>Sunday, June 25</b>                      Rev. Dr. Richard Haley                      Interim Pastor                      First Baptist Church                      Chelmsford, MA</p>		<p><b>Sunday, August 6</b>                      Rev. Dr. Cheryl Harris                      Retired Pastor                      First Baptist Church                      Attleboro, MA</p>
	<p><b>Sunday, July 2</b>                      Rev. Dr. Doug Scalise                      Pastor                      Brewster Baptist Church                      Brewster, MA</p>		<p><b>Sunday, August 13</b>                      Rev. Dr. Debora Jackson                      Dean                      Worcester Polytechnic                      Institute Business Sch.                      Worcester, MA</p>
	<p><b>Sunday, July 9</b>                      Rev. Fred Small                      Minister for Climate Justice                      Arlington Street Church                      Boston, MA</p>		<p><b>Sunday, August 20</b>                      Rev. Dr. Nancy Taylor                      Retired Senior Minister                      Old South Church                      Boston, MA</p>
	<p><b>Sunday, July 16</b>                      Rev. Dr. Patricia Lyons                      Senior Advisor to the Dean for                      Evangelism Initiatives                      Virginia Theological Seminary                      Alexandria, VA</p>		<p><b>Sunday, August 27</b>                      Rev. Larry Starr                      Retired Pastor                      Green Street Baptist Church                      Wakefield, MA</p>
	<p><b>Sunday, July 23</b>                      Michael Walker                      Former Administrative Minister                      Messiah Baptist Church                      Brockton, MA</p>		<p><b>Sunday, September 3</b>                      Rev. Stephen Youd                      Retired Senior Minister                      Mashpee Congregational                      Church                      Mashpee, MA</p>
	<p><b>Sunday, July 30</b>                      Rev. Adriene Thorne                      Senior Minister                      The Riverside Church                      New York, NY</p>		



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## Join us for the 2023 Music Festival!

*Good music and entertainment in a timeless setting*

- June 25** **Trevor & Company**, featuring local piano player/singer/performer Trevor Grenier and his talented band playing classic rock tunes from Billy Joel, The Beatles, Elton John, David Bowie and more (no cost, this is a sponsored program in memory of Albert and Janet Boulanger by their children and grandchildren)
- July 2** **“BAT” Bennett** is a singer/songwriter/guitarist from Texas. Don't miss this amazing performance of 12-string acoustical guitar music on steroids! (no cost, this is a sponsored program)
- July 9** **Seacoast Wind Ensemble**, performing an array of musical pieces including classic marches, contemporary compositions, jazz and popular tunes
- July 16** **Chris Humphrey Jazz Quartet**, blending energetic fresh arrangements with originality and sincerity
- July 23** **WoodStone Duo**, offering acoustic performances of classic and contemporary classic rock favorites
- July 30** **Jessi and the Cruisers**, playing dance music of the '50s and '60s with a modern sock hop flair
- August 6** **Bold Riley**, an acoustic folk quintet band featuring fiddle, guitar, banjo, accordion, and more
- August 13** **Ocean Park Choir Concert** featuring country, classical, sacred rock, ballads and more Held at the Temple, at 7:30 pm.
- August 20** **Trevor & Company Encore**, featuring local piano player/singer/performer Trevor Grenier and his talented band playing classic rock tunes from Billy Joel, The Beatles, Elton John, David Bowie and more
- August 27** **Kids at Play**, a unique duo with song selections from The Beatles and Jimmy Buffett to Willie Nelson and Rod Stewart, singing all those favorite songs you know by heart

All performances are held at the Bandstand (11 Temple Ave. in Old Orchard Beach) and begin at 7:00 pm (unless otherwise noted).

All events are *free-will donation or sponsored.*

Bring your beach or lawn chair to Bandstand events!

For more information, please visit our website at  
[www.oceanpark.org](http://www.oceanpark.org)

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## ***REVISED FEMA MAPS ARE NEAR FINALIZATION!*** *By Debbie Sousa*

In early November of 2013 FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) provided Old Orchard Beach with copies of the new Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM). In April of 2017 revised Preliminary maps were released. Old Orchard Beach hired Ransom Engineering to dispute 4 areas of the new flood maps. The appeal was partially successful and FEMA is continuing the adoption process which should be officially adopted this Summer/Fall.

Old Orchard Beach has updated the GIS map with the new preliminary maps: [Old Orchard Beach, ME \(axisgis.com\)](http://axisgis.com)

To find out the potential impact of these flood map revisions to your property:

- 1) Select I agree on the website
- 2) Input property address on the left search box
- 3) Select layers and check off flood zone. Shaded areas of color will indicate if your property is in a designated flood zone.

Sometime in the immediate future, FEMA will release the **actual** effective date for the proposed flood zone changes. Until then, the FEMA flood zone for your property is not changed. After an effective date has been designated by FEMA, you should revisit the GIS Map at [axisgis.com](http://axisgis.com) to confirm what flood zone your property will be in. FEMA has also implemented a new Risk Rating 2.0 rating methodology includes a discount for properties “Newly-Mapped” in high hazard flood zones.

### **When the map changes take effect, will you need to obtain flood insurance and when?**

- If you do not have a mortgage on your property, then it will not be required that you obtain flood insurance.
- If you do have a mortgage, chances are that your mortgage lender will be notifying you that you will need flood insurance. You will need to have flood insurance in place within 45 days of notification by your lender.

After the map changes have taken effect, a property owner can appeal their property’s flood zone to FEMA. Follow this link to FEMA’s Map Service Center for more information - <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home>.

Another resource for information relative to FEMA Flood Zone Map changes is at the NFIP website - [FloodSmart.gov](http://FloodSmart.gov).

Contact your insurance company with specific questions concerning obtaining an NFIP flood insurance premium quote or a “private” flood insurance quote for your property. We will continue to keep you posted on the status of the new FEMA flood maps.



Photo by Bill Paterson



Photo by Terri Annie O'Malley-Whitney



Photo by Lynn Hoenig

## ***IN MEMORIAM***

The following is a list of those friends of Ocean Park whose passing has come to the attention of the Association since the printing of the June Bell Tower. To notify the Ocean Park Association of the passing of a loved one, please contact the office at (207) 934-9068, ext. 0, or opa@oceanpark.org.

Joseph J. Galvin	Somerville, MA and Ocean Park, ME	August 17, 2022
George F. Geake	Davenport, FL and Ocean Park, ME	December 1, 2022
Joan R. Union	Stoneham, MA	December 9, 2022
Lisa Caldwell	Saco, ME and Ocean Park, ME	December 31, 2022
George Goforth	Scarborough, ME and Ocean Park, ME	January 1, 2023
Dr. Robert Krueger	Grand Rapids, MI and Ocean Park, ME	January 1, 2023
Nancy L. Eldredge	Ocean Park, ME	January 17, 2023
Adrian Dalziel	Montreal, QC Canada and Ocean Park, ME	January 18, 2023

### **At the December 3, 2022 Board meeting, the Board of Directors adopted the following policy for the burial or scattering of loved one's ashes:**

The Ocean Park Association's policy for the burial or scattering of a loved one's ashes on property owned by the Association is designed to be both respectful and thoughtful to families and reflective of the Association's values, including the preservation of our natural resources.

Based upon guidance from clergy and funeral directors, the Ocean Park Association will respectfully deny requests for the burial or scattering of ashes on Association owned property. This policy also applies to the remains of pets.

Why does the Ocean Park Association have this policy? First, the expansive network of trails and roadways through and around Ocean Park property makes it a challenge to be the recommended minimum of 100 yards away from trails or roads. Also, cremains may present a health and safety issue to both people and pets as they do not dissolve or break down quickly and may contain small bone fragments posing a risk of injury to pets. Finally, the Association's property is heavily forested and nestled in an important aquifer that may be adversely impacted by the presence of heavy metals found in cremains.

## **Membership**

### ***OPA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2023, by Debbie Sousa, Development Committee Member***

It's official...the OPA 2023 membership dues reminders are in the mail! Thanks to our volunteers who stuffed, sorted, sealed and stamped last week at the mass mailing!

Sometimes people will ask, "why should I be a member?" The answer is often very personal. Ocean Park means different things to everyone. It can be the programs, the sense of community or part of our heritage. We can all agree that Ocean Park is a truly special place and without your financial support, without the OPA, Ocean Park as we know it would not exist.

If you know someone who loves Ocean Park but is not a member, please encourage them to join. If you have kids or grandkids under the age of 21 – why not give them the gift of an OPA youth membership?

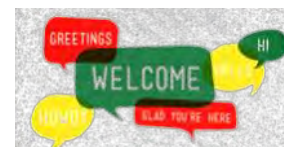
For more information, visit our website:

<https://www.oceanpark.org/membership.html>

The following is a list of new Ocean Park Association members approved by the Board of Directors since the June Edition of the Bell Tower:

#### **Regular Members:**

Mari-Jon ("MJ") Adams  
Sherry Cardinal  
Grenfell Cowper  
Janet Molinari



## ***RETRO NIGHT AT THE REC HALL A FUNDRAISING EVENT***

This is what happens when OPA Committees work together!

The Property Committee recently obtained an engineer’s report that informed us of repairs that should be made in the near future to the Rec Hall. Last year one of our OPA Facebook followers suggested it would be fun to have an Alumni Rec Hall Dance. What happens when the Recreation, Development and Property Committees come together and brainstorm ways to raise funds needed for the Rec Hall renovations? We come up with the Retro Night at the Rec Hall!

Thanks to Andy Chute, Ocean Park Pizza, Russel Whitten, and many volunteers, we will be hosting an adult evening of music, fun and fellowship on **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:00-9:00 pm. Tickets will be \$30 per person or \$50 for two tickets.** We will be having a silent auction of items, including a painting of the Rec Hall to the winning bidder.

Do you have great memories of Rec Hall dances or hanging inside the Rec Hall with making new friends? Do you have kids or grandkids that enjoy using the Rec Hall? Consider helping preserve the Rec Hall for future generations by coming by for an evening of music (a DJ!), food (courtesy of Ocean Park Pizza), a silent auction (donations by local artists and businesses), dancing and lots of fun! Ticket prices benefit needed renovations.

Stay tuned and **SAVE THE DATE!**

***WEDNESDAY EVENING AT JORDAN - 2023 LINE-UP***  
***7:30 PM AT JORDAN HALL***  
***COST: \$5.00***

July 5	Port City Sound	Enjoy the robust and vibrant music by the current senior barbershop quartet champion for the northeastern United States
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July 12	Portland Trumpet Ensemble	Come listen to the finest trumpeters in Maine who perform with many prestigious organizations throughout Maine
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July 19	Pretty Girls Sing Soprano	The 3 “Pretty Girls” sing to your soul and will leave you with a smile as they perform songs from folk, country, bluegrass and rock
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July 26	TBA	
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August 2	Ocean Park Temple Brass	The Temple Brass has provided quality entertainment in Ocean Park for over 20 years!
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August 9	Stephanie Babirak	Come listen to Stephanie Babirak, a classically trained harpist and singer from New York
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August 16	Bob & Joyce and Company	This duo covers songs from artists like Patsy Cline, The Beatles, Beach Boys, Miranda Lambert, and more
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August 23	The FLUKES	“Fun Loving Ukulele Society”, with a membership of over 35 ukulele musicians who perform throughout New England
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## SALES and RENTALS

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### For Sale in Ocean Park



57 Winona Ave.  
4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths,  
quarter acre

List: \$700,000

### Just Sold in Ocean Park



131 Temple Ave. #17  
2 bedrooms, 2 baths



22 Oceana #3  
1 Bedroom, 1 bath



67 Colby Ave.  
4 Bedrooms, 1 bath



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## Temple Service Flower Order Form 2023

Those who wish to pay tribute to their loved ones by placing flowers in the Temple for Sunday services can do so by completing this form and submitting it to the OPA office by **4:00 pm** no later than the **Monday before** the desired date. Arrangements are **\$50 each**, and are provided by Prestige House of Flowers in Biddeford.

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Arrangement: \_\_\_\_\_ *We will contact you if this date is not available.*

Text for Sunday Bulletin: (no more than 15 words, please) \_\_\_\_\_

Special Floral Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Type (*select one*):     Check    Credit    Cash                      Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card:    Visa    MC    Disc.    Amex   3/4 Digit Sec. Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to: Ocean Park Association

Mail completed forms to: Ocean Park Association, PO Box 7296, Ocean Park, ME 04063

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