



The Bell Tower

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ED BUREAU CAPITAL CAMPAIGN IS UNDERWAY by Kathy Wade

The Educational Bureau of Ocean Park has successfully launched its \$100,000 capital campaign, #PreserveTheCurtis, to restore the old foundation piers of The Curtis, the 1882 guest house located in the Ocean Park square. After only a few weeks, we are nearly halfway towards our \$100,000 goal and we hope that many more Ocean Parkers will recognize the importance of preserving this landmark building with their generous support.



An inspection last October revealed that substantial foundation work is required to maintain the integrity and original structure of the building. The repairs are scheduled to be done this fall and will follow a flow-through engineering design to prevent flood damage in the future.

The Curtis sits prominently on the square at the corner of Temple Avenue and West Grand Avenue in the heart of Ocean Park and represents one of a dwindling number of authentic architectural structures from the period of Ocean Park's founding. In fact, the historic value of The Curtis has been recognized with a Maine Historic Preservation Matching Grant and the restoration project will be partially funded by a \$5,000 grant from The 1772 Foundation in cooperation with Maine Preservation.

Have you ever visited The Curtis? Please join us for our Coffee and Curtis Open House on Thursday, June 23rd, between 10:00 and 11:30 am to learn more about the project and why it matters.

For more information about The Curtis and the #PreserveTheCurtis campaign, please go to our website at <https://curtisguesthouse.org/campaign/campaign.html> or stop by The Curtis or Jakeman Hall. Your gift will qualify as a charitable contribution under Section 510(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code to the extent allowable by law. Please help us reach our goal to preserve this important Ocean Park landmark for generations to come. Thank you to those of you who have already given.



#PreserveTheCurtis

#PreserveTheCurtis Capital Campaign Committee



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A Few Summer Highlights

- Independence Day - Monday, July 4**
 Saco Bay Artists (art show/sale) 9:00-4:00 pm
 Independence Day Parade 10:00 am
 Band Concert 10:45 am
 Community Square Dancing 7:00 pm
- Thursday, July 7**
 Fairy Garden Day 10:00 am
 Family Fun Night 7:00 pm
- Saturday, July 9**
 Sand Sculpture Competition 1:00-4:00 pm
 This year's theme - *Fairy Tales*
- Thursday, July 21**
 Rob Surette, Speed Painter and his Amazing Hero Art 7:30 pm
- Friday, July 29**
 5K Race 7:00 pm
- Saturday, July 30**
 Kids Fun Run 10:00 am
- Thursday, August 4**
 Legacy Circle Presentation 7:00 pm
- Illumination Night - Saturday, August 6**
 Saco Bay Artists (art show/sale) 9:00-4:00 pm
 Ocean Park Band Concert 6:30 pm
 Strawberry Festival 6:30 pm
 "Walk About" (street & beach) 8:00 pm
 Duntlap Highland Band (bagpipes) 9:00 pm
- Thursday, August 11**
 Family Fun Night 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, August 17**
 Art in the Park Wet Paint Sale 5:00 pm

And - don't forget our Healthy You Series!

- Zumba Fitness Classes** - Rec Hall, Wednesdays & Fridays 9:00-10:00am June 22 to Sept. 2. \$5.00
- Yoga Fitness Classes** - Rec Hall, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00-10:00am June 28 to Sept. 1. \$5.00
- Walking Club** - Tuesdays at 8:00 am from June 21 to August 23. Meet in front of the Rec Hall.
- Cornhole Tournament** on July 20, 4:00 pm, Library lawn. Visit www.oceanpark.org FMI.
- Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament** on July 24, 3:00 pm, Library Lawn! Must pre-register. \$5/person, \$15/family

Ocean Park Music Festival



The Bandstand, 7:00 pm
 (if rain, moved to the Temple)
Free Will Donation

- ♪ June 26-Roll & Go
- ♪ July 3-Bold Riley
- ♪ July 10-Kyle Carey
- ♪ July 17-Subcirde (The Temple)
- ♪ July 24-BAT Bennett
- ♪ July 31-Ocean Park Choir (The Temple)
- ♪ August 2-Mark Thallander (The Temple)
- ♪ August 5-Moore Wild Lynch
- ♪ August 7-Ian Mackenzie and Cilantro
- ♪ August 14-Northern Groove
- ♪ August 21-Trevor & Company

Ocean Park Traditions, Old & New

- Children's Story time** - every Tuesday from July 5 to August 2, 10:00-10:30 am, Bandstand.
- Author Visit** at Porter Hall on August 4, 7:00 pm featuring book author April Jones Prince.
- Tennis Courts** -Three clay courts open to the public, for rates & times call the Tennis Hut, 207-934-9325, or visit the web FMI: www.oceanpark.org, **Triples Tournament** on July 23 and Sept. 17, **Mixed Doubles Tournament** on August 13/14
- Old Fashioned Shuffleboard Courts**-When was the last time you played shuffleboard? Stroll down Memory Lane! Open 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. **AND Family Fun Doubles Tournaments** on Thursdays, 9:00 am, starting June 30. FMI: www.oceanpark.org.
- Tuesday Evening Family Movies**-Every Tuesday from June 28 to August 16, 7:00 pm at the Rec Hall
- Classic Movies**-July 6, July 20 and August 3, 8:00 pm at Jakeman Hall
- Dances at the Rec Hall**-ages 13-17, Mondays 8:00-10:00 pm, June 27 to August 15. \$6, or \$4 for Rec Hall members.

Educational Opportunities

William & Elsie Hurter Educational Fund offers the following, at no cost:
Improv/Comedy Classes, 7:00-8:00pm/ages 6-12, 8:00-9:00pm/ages 13-18. First Class is building characters, second is building scenes (both at the Rec Hall), final showcase for friends & community is at Jordan Hall at 7:00 pm.

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| June 29, 30, July 1 | July 20, 21, 22 |
| July 6, 7, 8 | August 3, 4, 5 |
| July 13, 14, 15 | August 10, 11, 12 |

Intro/Workshops to Traveling Sketchbook
 Classes and workshops hosted by well-known artist Mary Byrom. Must register in advance - only 18 spots and this fills up quickly! (the Bandstand)

- Intro: July 6, 10:30-11:30am
 Workshop: July 7, 9:00am-12:00pm
- Intro: August 3, 10:30-11:30am
 Workshop: August 4, 9:00am-12:00pm

Ocean Park Summer Reading Club

"Let's Talk About It"....an opportunity to read, discuss & debate. No fee, just fun! Reading materials will be provided via email, discussions are in person hosted by Jeff Aronson on Thursdays, 11:00-12:30pm in Porter Hall. Cost: \$5.00.

June 30	July 7	July 21
August 4	August 18	

Tuesdays in the Park Series

The Education Committee is proud to sponsor interesting programs this year every Tuesday at 7:00 pm at Jordan Hall. Cost: \$5.00.

Historical Series

Open house at the Historical Room at Porter Hall. Visit Charlie and Ruth Gladu for a historical journey of Ocean Park throughout time! July 8 and August 12 at 7:30 pm. No cost.
 On Saturday, June 25, 11:00 am, meet at the Temple for a **walking tour** hosted by archivist Frank Gwalthney. How much did it cost to build the Temple?

Wednesday Evening at Jordan

Join us every Wednesday at 7:30 pm at Jordan Hall, July 6 - August 24 for an evening of local music and entertainment. Cost: \$5.00.

OCEAN PARK PRESENTS...

Cultural Programs, brought to you by the Religious & Cultural Committee

Bonfire by the Bay

Takes place on July 14 at 7:30 pm at the end of Randall Ave. Music, marshmallows, fun and fellowship.

Interactive Nature Program

Come to the Water with research staff from Wells Nature Reserve. Friday, July 15, 9:30-11:00 am, at Jordan Hall. School age children to adults - no cost.

Illumination Night

August 6th is **Founders' Day!** The first Saturday in August is a significant historical milestone in the life of Ocean Park. The Temple was dedicated on August 2, 1881. Join us for all of the activities!

Teddy Bear Picnic

Bring your favorite "teddy" and come to the Rec Hall for a picnic. Held on August 20, 3:30-5:00 pm. Refreshments, stories, and games.

Animal Blessing Service

Bring your beloved pet (leashed, caged or contained as appropriate) to the Bell Tower Grove lawn on August 24, 4:00 pm, for a special blessing service.

MORNING WATCH DISCUSSIONS

9:00-10:30 AM

- July 18 & 19: Rev. June Carter, Porter Hall
- August 1 & 2: Author Roland Merullo, Porter Hall
- August 8: Rev. Dr. Nick Carter, Jakeman Hall
- August 22 & 23: Dr. Celene Ibrahim, Porter Hall
- August 29: Rev. Steve Youd, Porter Hall

Please visit our website at www.oceanpark.org for complete details.

More than just a day at the beach...

THE PIPING PLOVER IN OCEAN PARK! *By Alice Thurston, Ocean Park Conservation Committee*

Source: Maine Audubon

It is Piping Plover season in Ocean Park, and that means being on the lookout and protecting their fragile nests. The Piping Plover is an endangered species, and its numbers in Maine are very low. Unfortunately, in Old Orchard Beach and Ocean park, the plovers are not reproducing well; according to Maine Audubon, the reproductive success rate in our area was a grim .786 chicks per pair, which means they are not replacing themselves, much less growing in population.

Piping Plovers need sandy beaches in order to nest and raise their young. Of course, people also love to live near and visit the beach. Over time, the development and construction of seawalls, jetties, piers, homes, parking lots, and other structures has significantly reduced the available shoreline habitat for these two species of birds.

The increase in Maine's beachfront population has also brought more people and their pets to nesting beaches. This can keep adult plovers from tending to their eggs and chicks, which leaves the nests vulnerable to predators and the elements.

Here are some facts on plovers:

- ◆ Plovers and terns lay their eggs directly on the sand. The eggs (and chicks) are sand-colored, and can be extremely difficult to see.
- ◆ When an adult Piping Plover perceives that a predator is threatening its nest, the bird will attempt to distract it by moving a few feet away, pretending to have a broken wing, and sounding a distress call. Even if this ruse works, the adult bird's absence leaves the eggs or chicks vulnerable to the elements.
- ◆ When a plover chick feels threatened, it will freeze in the hope of being overlooked. Sometimes people mistake this for an injury and pick the chick up, which puts the chick at risk of injury or even death.
- ◆ Chicks regularly move up and down the beach in search of food and shelter, sometimes traveling miles from the nest. They can be found anywhere on the beach, including far away from signs and fencing.
- ◆ Encroaching development has limited nesting habitat, and has also caused an increase in the numbers of foxes, raccoons, skunks, gulls, and crows, which prey on eggs and chicks.
- ◆ Piping Plovers and Least Terns are well-adapted to surviving losses in the naturally dynamic system of a coastal beach, but only if the system is intact.
- ◆ The best (and only) place for these birds is on the beach. Please enjoy watching these amazing endangered birds from a distance!

How to share the beach with Piping Plovers:

- ◆ Stay clear of fenced areas, which are places where plovers have been observed nesting. Observe the birds from a distance.
- ◆ If you see a hole that someone has enjoyed digging but abandoned for the day, fill the hole in so no chicks are inadvertently trapped.
- ◆ Keep dogs leashed and all pets far away from nesting areas. Roaming dogs and cats are among the top threats to the eggs and chicks of Piping Plovers and Least Terns.
- ◆ Fly kites well away from nesting areas. Plovers and terns mistake them for predators and leave their nests to ward off the "intruders."
- ◆ Take your trash and food scraps with you when you leave the beach for the day. Garbage attracts gulls, foxes, raccoons, and skunks, which prey on plover and tern eggs and chicks.

Notify Maine Audubon of any plover nests or disturbances to plover nests, at (207) 245-2353, or the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife at (207) 657-2345.



WELCOME TO STEVE AND JUDY BREITMAIER - NEW OWNERS OF THE SODA FOUNTAIN AND VARIETY STORE!



Let's give a warm Ocean Park welcome to Steve and Judy as they embark on an adventure of a lifetime - running The Soda Fountain and Variety Store in the Village Square! They have taken over the business from Patti Spence, who is thoroughly enjoying her retirement! Stop by and say "Hi" as they get their feet wet along their new journey!



LAST MINUTE CHANGE IN THE 2022 SUMMER PREACHER LINE-UP

Due to a medical reason, Bob Beverley will be unable to join us on Sunday, June 26. He will instead preach on August 28th, and Rev. Stephen Youd will "pinch hit" on June 26th.

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, by Kathy Wade, Board Secretary

At its April meeting the OPA Board of Directors approved the 2023 budget and the slate of nominees for Board positions that will be put before the membership at the Annual Meeting on July 13th. In addition to its work to prepare for a great 2022 summer season and attending to the routine business of the Association, the Board continues its work on the various initiatives spawned by last year's OPVision strategic planning process.

Should there be a matter that you would like to bring to the attention of the Board, you are invited to contact a Board member or send an email to the Board's email box at bod@oceanpark.org. This mailbox is monitored by me as the Board Secretary and your message will be forwarded to the appropriate Board member or members for attention. After the Annual Meeting, the Board will set its meeting schedule for the upcoming year. Once the 2022-2023 meeting schedule has been set, we will publish it in the early fall issue of the *Bell Tower*.

EDUCATIONAL BUREAU'S 67TH ANNUAL BAZAARS, by Nancy Kenney, Ed Bureau Bazaar Chairperson

The Educational Bureau will be holding their annual bazaars on Wednesday, July 20 (Rain Date: Thursday, July 21) and on Wednesday, August 17 (Rain Date: Thursday, August 18) from 9:00 - 1:00.

If you are interested in reserving a table for one or both dates, a reservation form can be picked up on the Curtis porch - hanging in a clear pocket, or by contacting Nancy Kenney, nancykenney@aol.com, 978-502-2615. If you have White Elephant donations, please contact Dana DeFilippo, dgdefilippo@comcast.net, 978-430-3414. Don't forget to put these dates in your calendars. Support the Educational Bureau by reserving a table, by attending these fun filled bazaars and don't forget lunch is also available. Chef Beth will be at the grill.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! OPA ANNUAL MEETING - JULY 9, 2022 AT 9:30 AM

The 143rd Annual Meeting of the Ocean Park Association is going to be held at 9:30 am on Saturday, July 9, at the Temple. The booklet of annual reports and other materials for the Annual Meeting were mailed and emailed on May 27th to OPA members in good standing as of May 24th. Extra copies will be available in the OPA office and will be made available at the meeting. Please note: masks are appreciated!

AS A REMINDER: To vote in the Annual Meeting you must be a life member or have paid your annual membership dues for 2022. You are cordially invited to review the materials, read the Annual Meeting Booklet and participate in the governance of your Association at the Annual Meeting!

Membership

The following are new Ocean Park Association members approved by the Board of Directors since the March edition of the Bell Tower:

Regular Members:

Rod Davey
Michael Koval
Michael M. Mathias
Judith L. Tasker

Youth Members:

Leah DeGisi
Vincenzo DeGisi

Upgrade to Life Member:

Donald Fraser Hill

Don't Forget to Renew Your Membership for 2022



If you need a new sign, just stop by the office - you can buy a new one for just \$10.00!

CHRISTIAN YOUTH CONFERENCE INVITES HIGH SCHOOL TEENS, *By Melinda Parry*



On August 7th, teens from all over the Northeast will arrive to spend two weeks at the Christian Youth Conference in Ocean Park. Teens like "C" who arrived shy and reserved last year but soon became one who boldly shared her faith journey, explored her questions, and had fun with new friends. Teens like "A" who felt safe to express his doubts and be pointed toward resources to help. Teens with unique interests and diverse backgrounds who together with their counselors and teachers will quickly become a family.

CYC is a unique experience that focuses on faith and discipleship and fosters independence and leadership for teens. Throughout New England churches and across generations there are many Youth Conference alumni who will agree that it is an amazing, life-changing experience. We want to continue offering this experience to as many youth as possible each year and so we are reaching out to your teens with this special invitation.



CYC is familiar to many of you. Previously known as the School of Methods and then the New England Baptist Youth Conference, it is also connected to the legacies of the Royal Ambassadors' and Camp Ataloo. It has been meeting in Ocean Park, Maine for over 100 years. We are proud of this heritage. We also continuously lean into the future seeking new ways to help teenagers grow as disciples of Christ.

We encourage you, or your high school age children and grandchildren, or the teens at your church to take advantage of this opportunity. Teens need connection with God and with each other -especially at this moment in history - and CYC has a long history of providing a positive venue for both.

Learn more and register at www.cycop.org.

Please feel free to contact Melinda Parry at outreach@cycop.org with any questions. For older teens (17+) who have never participated, we do have openings in our staff training program. Adults may be interested in teaching for one or both weeks. Please reach out to chair@cycop.org for more information.



We hope you will join us!
CYC 2022, August 7-20, Oceanwood, Ocean Park, ME

[Website](http://www.cycop.org) [CYC on YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/c/cycop)

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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 March Bell Tower.

To notify the Ocean Park Association of the passing of a loved one, please contact the office at (207) 934-9068, extension 0, or opa@oceanpark.org.

<i>Florence M. Larkin</i>	<i>Brunswick, ME and Ocean Park, ME</i>	<i>December 16, 2021</i>
<i>Carol A. Lindsey (Tracey)</i>	<i>Bangor, ME and Ocean Park, ME</i>	<i>March 17, 2022</i>
<i>Kerwin Carson</i>	<i>Marbury, AL and Ocean Park, ME</i>	<i>April 4, 2022</i>
<i>Christina Holt</i>	<i>Portland, ME and Ocean Park, ME</i>	<i>April 30, 2022</i>
<i>John L. Twarog</i>	<i>Warminster, PA and Ocean Park, ME</i>	<i>April 30, 2022</i>
<i>Ruth Baker</i>	<i>Duxbury, MA and Ocean Park, ME</i>	<i>June 5, 2022</i>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, By Rob Drake, OPA President

Strength flows into the OPA from the willingness of our members to volunteer their time. The Board is discussing three new initiatives, and wonders if there are members who would be willing to sign on to help with these efforts.

- One is the need for a renewed look at our Bylaws. This effort will be particularly focused on the structure of our committees, but might well extend into other areas.
- A second is our efforts to expand our social media presence. We need some savvy folks to help us set our presence in a visible and sustainable way.
- The third is a broad review of our technology needs. Is what we have up to date? Are there things we need to add? How can the OPA best address this rapidly changing area?

Your Board realizes that that there are many skillful people who are members of the OPA community and we hope you will help us address these areas of thought. If you are willing to volunteer to help, please call the OPA office at 207-934-9068 and leave your name! We will be in touch. Thanks, in advance, for your help!

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS,
By Jerry Scheinfeldt

With the summer season upon us, you are invited to join in the music at the Temple.

Temple worship begins on Sunday, June 26th. The first choir rehearsal will be Saturday, June 25th at 5:30 PM in the Temple. The choir will also rehearse on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM. The Temple Bells and the Temple Brass will also play. If you have questions please contact Sue Evans (Bells); Dan Evans (Brass) or Jerry Scheinfeldt (Choir) [Contact info is in the Annual program booklet.]. Or simply call the Ocean Park Association Office at (207) 934-9068, ext. 0.

YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS MORE THAN EVER!

Please visit the local stores in Ocean Park! The Ocean Park Association provides leases to these businesses, and your patronage helps further our mission.

Thank you!



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Ocean Park Realty recently helped facilitate a private sale in Whispering Sands condo community here in Ocean Park. Contact us if you would like some advice when it comes to selling your cottage, year round home, or condo.

We are looking for owners with year round homes/cottages that would be interested in renting to seasonal winter renters this 2022/2023 season. We have started a waiting list. The season runs from October 1 – May 31. We can discuss rates and utilities. Email Chris@OceanParkRealty.com for more information.



50 Seaside Avenue - SOLD

One block to the beach, this beautiful year round home features 4 bedrooms plus additional rental unit on lower level. Charming gathering room with views. So much potential.

Listed: \$819,000



184 West Grand Avenue - PENDING

4 bedrooms, only 2 blocks to the beach and all the charm of Ocean Park.

Listed: \$799,999



25 Massachusetts Avenue - FOR SALE

Welcome to this lovely 4 bedroom year round home in Ocean Park. This charming home features newer roof, flooring and heating system. Walk to the beach or Guild Park. Enjoy Ocean Park year round.

Listed: \$599,999



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Ocean Park Realty, a subsidiary of the Ocean Park Association, is a full-service brokerage that can serve your real estate needs throughout Southern Maine. If you are looking to purchase or sell your cottage, home or condo, or if you are looking for a seasonal rental, call or stop by the office in Jakeman Hall at 14 Temple Avenue, or call (207) 937-5054. Jeff and Chris are always ready to help you!



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Date: _____ Order # _____

Temple Service Flower Order Form 2022

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
Sharon can be reached at 934-9068 (option 0) or via email at opa@oceanpark.org.

