

The Bell Tower

Newsletter of the Ocean Park Association

Affirming our heritage through our summer assembly, embracing and celebrating diversity and programs centered on religion, education, recreation and culture

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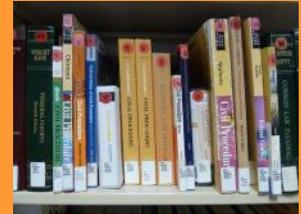
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Get out your winter coat, hat and gloves

The library will be open for eight hours each month to check out and return books. But the library is not heated well —so dress warm! We want to thank **Ginger McMullin** and **Jane Sparks** for helping us over the winter months. You can still drop books off at the post office counter at other times. And if you have a special request and can't visit the library when they are open— simply send an email to opa@oceanpark.org and we can get the book ready for you and bring to the post office for pick-up at your convenience.



See the upcoming events on page 2 for days and times.

Food Drive

From now until December 15th, the OPA is hosting a non-perishable food drive. You can drop off your non-perishable items during post office hours or to the OPA offices. The food will be delivered to the OOB Methodist Church once a week. Helping neighbors is something we can all support.



The End of Year Appeal

has now gone out, and if you didn't receive a mailing, please call the office so we can update our mailing list. Don't forget to return your gift at your earliest convenience. The words of our Executive Director reminded us that only 13% of the costs for the OPA are covered by Membership Dues. We need people to help us preserve the great heritage and legacy we all love and enjoy. This Christmas why not make a special commitment to help us by donating in honor of those hard-to-buy-for relatives. Every year the costs to maintain the facilities and programs increases, but our funding base has remained relatively flat over the past few years.



Don't forget that in order to make your donation tax deductible for 2025 it has to be in our bank account by the 31st of the month!

Upcoming Events in Ocean Park

Check out these off-season opportunities for residents & friends, in Jakeman unless otherwise specified.

- 1st, 3rd & 4th Tuesday of each month– Mahjong—6:30-8:00 pm
- 2nd Tuesday of each month– Naughty Needles—7:00 pm
- 4th Tuesday of each month– Naughty Needles—3:00-5:00 pm
- Every Wednesday at 10:00 am –Coffee & Conversation
- Every Tuesday & Wednesday at 9:00 am—Chair Yoga and other fun exercise activities
- Every Thursday from 2:00-4:00—Games day
- **November 11** Office & Post Office Closed for Veteran’s Day
- **November 11** Library open from 10:00-2:00
- **November 25** Library open from 10:00-2:00
- **November 27-28** Office closed for Thanksgiving (Post Office is open on the 28th)
- **December 7** Deck the Village in Red & Green. Beginning in Jakeman at 12:30 to decorate the Park, the Tree Lighting and finishing with an appetizer pot luck at 5:00 pm
- **December 17** Caroling from 4-6:30 pm
- **December 18th**– last day to return gifts for our special family in need



Ocean Park Trivia

(Answers in next month’s issue)

1. In what year were movies first shown in OP?
a) 1919, b) 1927 c) 1932 d)1941
2. What prohibition was in effect at the beach on Sundays in 1919?
a) fishing b) digging clams c) swimming d) use of umbrellas
3. When were tide charts first added to our seasonal booklet?
a) 1934 b) 1947 c) 1954 d) 1961
4. What services were offered at 11 Oceana & 42 Randall in the 1940’s and 1950’s?
a) boat charters b) bakery c) laundry d) doctor’s office
5. For which war was the Covered Bridge first dedicated?
A) WWI b) WWII c) Korean d) Vietnam



Our weekly **TWIOB** is posted in the Post Office, Jakeman, and online.

Want to Host an Event in OP over the Winter?

If you have an idea for a special event or you would like to share your talents with other Ocean Parkers let us know.

Hosts are needed for Thursday Game Afternoons and Wednesday Coffee & Conversation. Snacks and games provided, hosts just need to be there to greet friends!

Let us know if you can help by calling or emailing the OPA Office.



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SALES and RENTALS

"Vacation at the Beach"

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Two exciting properties are currently on the market...check them out!



For Sale– 17 Randall Avenue: 4 bedroom, 1 bath, beautiful corner lot, two blocks from the beach with marsh views.
Asking \$850,000.



Lot for sale in OP
34 Oceana Avenue
Ready to build your dream.
\$425,000

Homesite with plans and permits already in place.



Recently Sold– 3 Casco Avenue went under contract in less than one week.
Beautiful cottage with ocean views.

**WINTER RENTALS AVAILABLE– INQUIRE WITH
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November starts our summer booking process. We'll be reaching out to repeat renters then updating the website with availability. All bookings done through email. Please allow us time to get back to you. We anticipate heavy demand.



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Ocean Park Realty

Hey, Ocean Parkers! Did you know? If you rent or sell your home/cottage through Ocean Park Realty, some of the proceeds go to the Ocean Park Association and its work in supporting the mission of our Park?

Ocean Park Realty, a subsidiary of the Ocean Park Association, is a full-service brokerage that can serve all 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.



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NEW MEMBERS The following are new members who have joined our association recently. Don't forget that a membership is a great gift idea and helps to enhance the quality of programs here in OP.

Paul J Kelley, MD- Scottsdale, AZ & OP
Sam Wercinski- Scottsdale, AZ & OP

It is our hope to distribute the Bell Tower on a monthly basis in the coming year. If you have something you'd like included it must be sent to OPA@oceanpark.org no later than the 5th of each month, so we can send the Newsletter out on or about the 15th of the month.

OCEAN PARK ELF PROGRAM



This Christmas the Ocean Park elves need your help sponsoring a family in our community who needs some special help. After Thanksgiving, you will find a decorated tree in the OPA lobby

with mitten tags detailing the specific needs of the family. If you can help by taking a tag from the tree, purchasing the item and returning it to the Ocean Park Office no later than **December 18th**, we will see that the family receives these items to help make their holiday brighter.



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 our last Bell Tower. To notify the Ocean Park Association of the passing of a loved one, please contact the office at opa@oceanpark.org or by phone.

Peter Farr- Ocean Park—October 4, 2025
Gordon Andersen, Plymouth Mtg, PA October 15, 2025
Linda Larnerd, Paradise Valley AZ,. October 19, 2025

From the Board- Kathy Wade, Secretary

At the Annual Meeting of Members of OPA held in late July, new officers and members of the Board of Directors were elected. **Linda Lauritano** was elected President of the Association and **Martine Taylor** was elected Vice President. **Terry Gallagher** is continuing as Treasurer and **Kathy Wade** is continuing as Board Secretary. New members of the Board were elected - Chris Root as Chair of the Administration & Finance Committee, Lizzie Morrison as Chair of the Leadership & Nominating Committee, Bob Hurter as Chair of the Property Committee and Barry Jackman as Chair of the Religious & Cultural Committee. Valerie Forman was also elected as a Member-at-Large, but has since stepped down for personal reasons. The OPA Board has met formally four times since the Annual Meeting and the Committees have been busy at work on a variety of matters.

President Linda Lauritano set the stage at the new Board's first meeting, reviewing the role of the Board and the Committees and setting some of the areas of focus for the year, including more effective fundraising, the ongoing environmental projects, the likely tree removal around the Temple, the search for a new Music Director for next year, the need for a long-term strategic plan, and improvements in communication with the members and potential members of the Association. Many of these are already well underway.

There is much work to be done and the support of our members is key. During this upcoming holiday season, we hope you will keep OPA in your thoughts. We have much to be thankful for. **Happy Thanksgiving and may your Christmas and New Year's celebrations be joyful.**

Many thanks to **Lee Murray** for serving on our Personnel Sub-Committee. Lee's term is now complete and we are looking for a replacement. If you have experience in HR and personnel issues, we need your help. This committee assists with reviewing HR concerns, policy and procedure compliance and review and making sure our employees feel safe, heard and able to find support. There are many other committees also looking for new members. See the list of committees on our website. If interested, please reach out to Linda at :



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