



THE BELL TOWER

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE OCEAN PARK ASSOCIATION



EMBRACE HOPE

Each year as we begin our seasonal planning, we choose a guiding theme. This summer's theme is "Embrace Hope." Hope is not wishful thinking, but a conscious choice to turn toward light in times of uncertainty—trusting what we cannot yet see, acting with courage, and lifting one another along the way.

This spirit can be embraced personally, communally, and even globally. Special thanks to Patty Jackson for helping shape this year's theme. It's never too early to begin to Embrace Hope here in Ocean Park.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Jim Cocker joined the Ocean Park Association in March 2025 as Facilities Manager. Previously, he spent 38 years as a Salvation Army Officer including 20 years as pastor and then Director of Business for the Indonesia territory. He and wife Marcia spent 3 years in Papua New Guinea and 4 years in Indonesia.

In his spare time he is a woodworker, walked from Tennessee to Katahdin on the Appalachian Trail and completed 2 marathons.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS WILL BE MAILED EARLY FEBRUARY



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Happy New Year everyone. Ocean Park Realty has begun booking 2026 summer vacation weeks. Email chris@oceanparkrealty.com with your preferred weeks and we will get back to you with options. We have a few new rental opportunities for 2026 listed below:



17 Randall Ave.
4 bedrooms, 1 bathroom.
\$2600/week plus tax.



118 Massachusetts Ave.
4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms,
\$2500/week plus tax.



3 Casco Ave.
4 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms,
\$3800/week plus tax.



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We are also adding a 4 bedroom cottage one block from the beach with a 5th bedroom option, 2 kitchens, 2 bath for \$4500/week plus tax COMING SOON

We look forward to working with you in 2026!



FOOD DRIVE & ANGEL TREE

This Holiday season, our Angel tree was a powerful reminder of what community truly means. Thanks to your generosity, children and families received not just gifts, but hope and warmth during the Holidays.

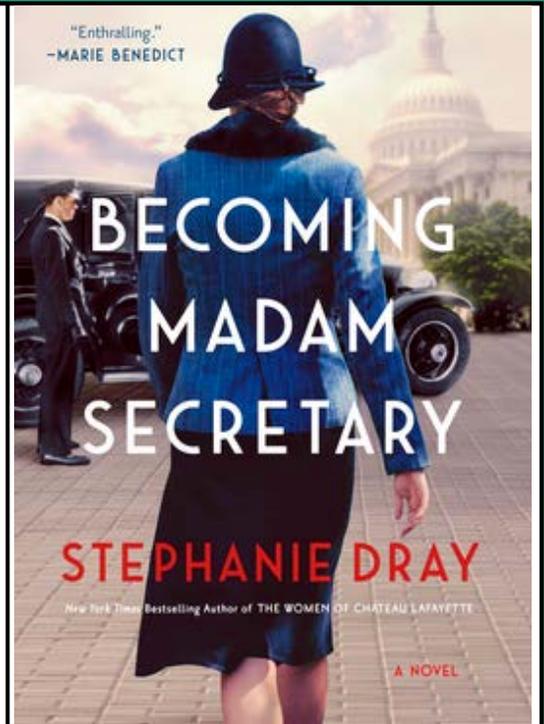
We were also able to raise food for the OOB Food Pantry at the United Methodist Church. We are deeply thankful for every contribution.

BOOK CLUB

On January 27th we discuss “Becoming Madam Secretary” by Stephanie Dray.

Becoming Madam Secretary is a historical fiction book that tells the story of the first woman to serve in a US presidential cabinet. From her early days as a social reformer in NYC to her glass breaking of the cabinet ceiling in Washington DC under Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Looking ahead, we will discuss “Coda” by Mary Ann Murray on February 24th at 10am in Jakeman Hall. She is an OP resident and will lead the discussion!



OUR ANNUAL GIVING REPORT

Our Annual Giving Report will be out in February. If you don't receive yours by the end of the month, please send us an email at opa@oceanpark.org so we can get you your document.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

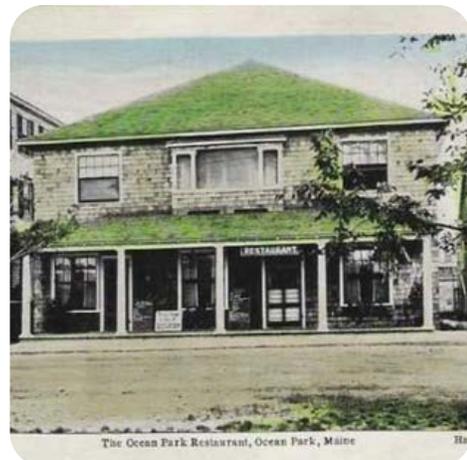
- Mahjong:
Jan. 13th & 20th: 3:00 - 5:00pm
Jan. 27th: 6:30 - 8:30pm
Feb. 3rd, 10th, 17th: 3:00 - 5:00pm
Feb. 24th: 6:30 - 8:30pm
- 2nd Tuesday of each month—Naughty Needles—7:00 pm
- 4th Tuesday of each month—Naughty Needles—3:00-5:00 pm
- Every Tuesday & Wednesday at 9:00 am—Chair Yoga and other fun exercise activities
- Every Thursday from 2:00-4:00—Games day
- January 20 Library open at Jakeman Hall - 10:00am -2:00pm
- January 27— Book Discussion Group— 10:00 AM
- February 17 – Mardi Gras at Oceanwood, 17 Royal Street – 5:30pm - 7:30pm

WHAT'S YOUR STORY

Join the Historical Preservation committee and the University of New England as we listen, gather, share and celebrate Ocean Park stories as part of an oral history project. Do you have a memory you'd like to contribute?

Email Ruth Gladu or Karen Brindle at the following emails.

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The Ocean Park Restaurant, Ocean Park, Maine

OCEAN PARK TRIVIA

1. In August of which year was OOB beach opened as an official airplane runway.
 - a. 1919
 - b. 1920
 - c. 1921
 - d. 1924

2. Which OP Property was the original host for the Women's Temperance Day Conference of 1887?
 - a. Jordan Hall
 - b. Porter Hall
 - c. The Temple
 - d. Curtis

3. An original swimming hole was dug in 1929 for the Baptist Boys Camp. It was the same length as a football field and ten yards wider. How many days did it take to dig?
 - a. 20 days
 - b. 40 days
 - c. 3 months
 - d. 6 months

4. Which famous American author worked at the Granite State Hotel, right here in OP?
 - a. Emily Dickinson
 - b. Robert Frost
 - c. Louisa May Alcott
 - d. Walt Whitman

5. Bette Davis's mother Ruth Favor, as a young teenager gave a recitation here in OP's youth program entitled:
 - a. Prince of India
 - b. The Road less Traveled
 - c. The Trees of the Field
 - d. The Lady of Shalott

LAST MONTH'S OP TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Chautauqua Lake is in New York State.

2. German & Greek were taught here in OP in 1889.

3. You could eat 21 meals for \$19.00 at the Tanglewood Guest House.

4. The Bakery & Restaurant which is now Jakeman Hall was first opened in 1903.

5. Tennis fees per game in 1959 were just .80 cents for adults.

