



THE BELL TOWER

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE OCEAN PARK ASSOCIATION

**THIS YEAR WE HAVE UPLOADED
THE OCEAN PARK ASSOCIATION
BOOKLET TO THE
WEBSITE IN DIGITAL FORM!
IT IS FRONT AND CENTER ON
THE HOME PAGE WITH
ALL THE IMPORTANT INFO
YOU ARE LOOKING FOR!**

Ocean Park Association

Ocean Park, Maine

Chautauqua-by-the-Sea

146th Season, 1881-2026

Annual Program & Business Directory

Where Community Comes to Life!



2026 Ocean Park Sunday Preachers 10:00 AM in the Temple



Sunday, June 21

Rev. Patricia Batten
Asst. Professor of Preaching
Gordon-Conwell Theological
Seminary
Billerica, MA



Sunday, August 2

Rev. Dr. Doug Scalise
Pastor
Brewster Baptist Church
Brewster, MA



Sunday, June 28

Rev. Scott Cousineau
Senior Pastor
First Parish Congregational
Church, Saco, ME



Sunday, August 9

Rev. Dr. Alfred Fletcher
Regional Resource
Minister
American Baptist Church
China, ME



Sunday, July 5

Rev. Shane Claiborne
Founder of The Simple Way
Living as an Ordinary Radical
Philadelphia, PA



Sunday, August 16

Rev. Becca Stevens
Author, speaker, priest
Founder and President of
Thistle Farms
Nashville, TN



Sunday, July 12

Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes
Retired Pastor
United Methodist Church
Wells, ME



Sunday, August 23

Rev. Genna Hosterman
Associate pastor
South Church
Andover, MA



Sunday, July 19

Rev. Dana Baker
Can We Talk...® a safe
space to share stories of
grief, pain and loss
Medford, MA



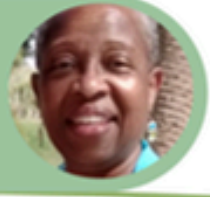
Sunday, August 30

Rev. Steve Youd
Former Senior Pastor
Mashpee Congregational Church
Bourne, MA



Sunday, July 26

Rev. Sandra Dorsainvil
Minister with the American
Baptist Churches
Author



Sunday September 7

Rev. Dr. Gina Jacobs-Strain
Former Executive Director of
the American Baptist Women's
Ministries
King of Prussia, PA



“Embracing Hope”



Ocean Park
REALTY
"Vacation at the Beach"

SALES AND RENTALS
"VACATION AT THE BEACH"

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LOOKING AHEAD...WINTER RENTALS 2026/27

- 43 COLBY AVE. – 3 BEDROOMS – \$2400/MONTH.
- 65 COLBY AVE. – 3 BEDROOMS SLEEPS FOUR- \$1600/MONTH PLUS HEAT AND ELECTRIC
- 42 FREE ST. – 3 BEDROOMS – \$2000/MONTH
- 18 MASSACHUSETTS AVE. – 4 BEDROOMS – \$1800/MONTH PLUS UTILITIES
- 22 MASSACHUSETTS AVE. – 1 BEDROOM – \$1250/MONTH PLUS ELECTRIC AND WI-FI
- 42 MASSACHUSETTS AVE. – 2 BEDROOMS – \$1500/MONTH
- OCEAN PARK MEADOWS UNIT 48-2 BEDROOMS ONE LEVEL – \$1900/MONTH PLUS UTILITIES
- OCEAN PARK MEADOWS UNIT 71-2 BEDROOMS ONE LEVEL \$1900/MONTH PLUS PROPANE, AND CMP
- 18 OCEANA AVE. – 3 BEDROOMS – \$2000/MONTH PLUS OIL
- 10 TUNIS LOWER – 2 BEDROOMS – \$2000/MONTH
- 27 WINONA AVE. – 3 BEDROOMS – \$1800/MONTH PLUS UTILITIES
- 17 NEW SALT RD- 4 BEDROOMS- \$2500/MONTH PLUS UTILITIES



SUMMER RENTALS

We still have some great options for weekly vacation rentals especially late June and late August. The website calendar is updated regularly. All bookings are Saturday to Saturday. Email Chris@Oceanparkrealty.com with your preferred week.



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MEMORIAL PAVERS - 2026

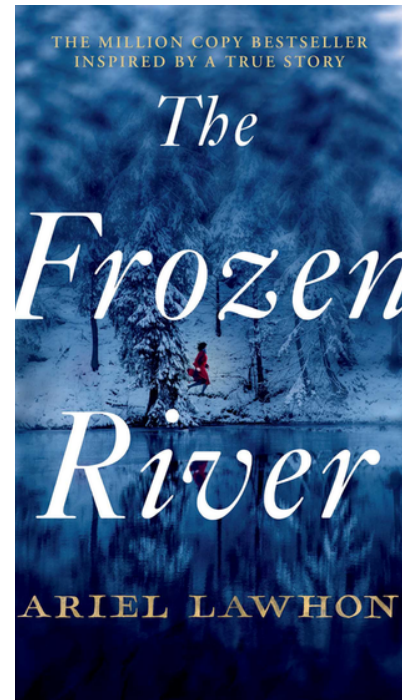
A friendly reminder if you want a Memorial Paver installed this Summer, the deadline is May 1st!

Contact Marcia at the OPA Office via email mcocker@oceanpark.org OR by phone 207-934-9068

BOOK CLUB

The next book discussion will be “Frozen River” by Ariel Lawhon on March 24th at 10AM in Jakeman Hall. It is a historic novel set in Hallowell and is a true story based on the life of Martha Ballard. PBS produced a documentary series in the 80's on the story.

Looking ahead, on April 21st we will discuss “Coda” Maryann B. Murray.



MEET THE LIBRARIAN

Valerie Sullivan joins The Memorial Library this Summer! During the school year, she works as the librarian at Carl J. Lamb Elementary School. She lives in Sanford, Maine with her husband, and their daughter will be graduating from Clark University this May.

In her free time, Valerie enjoys doing jigsaw puzzles and listening to audiobooks. She also shares her home with Pepper, her dog, and Cocoa, her cat. She is looking forward to getting to know the Ocean Park community and is excited to begin this new adventure.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- Mahjong:
Mar. 17, 24, 31
Apr. 7, 21, 28
May 5, 9
6:30 - 8:30 pm
- 2nd Tuesday of each month—
Naughty Needles—6:30 pm
- 4th Tuesday of each month—
Naughty Needles—3:00-5:00 pm
- Every Wednesday at 9:00 am—
Chair Yoga and other fun exercise activities
- Every Thursday from
2:00-4:00—Games day



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.

cgladu@maine.rr.com
kbrindle123@yahoo.com

We recently announced the OPA Volunteer Appreciation Awards. Members are invited to submit nominations using the following online form:



<https://forms.gle/V67hFT67wSkYsGBH8>

Nominations are open through April 15, 2026 and will be celebrated at the OPA Dance & Auction on July 11, 2026

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.

ANN CHARLENE CAMPISI - OCEAN PARK, ME - MARCH 10, 2026

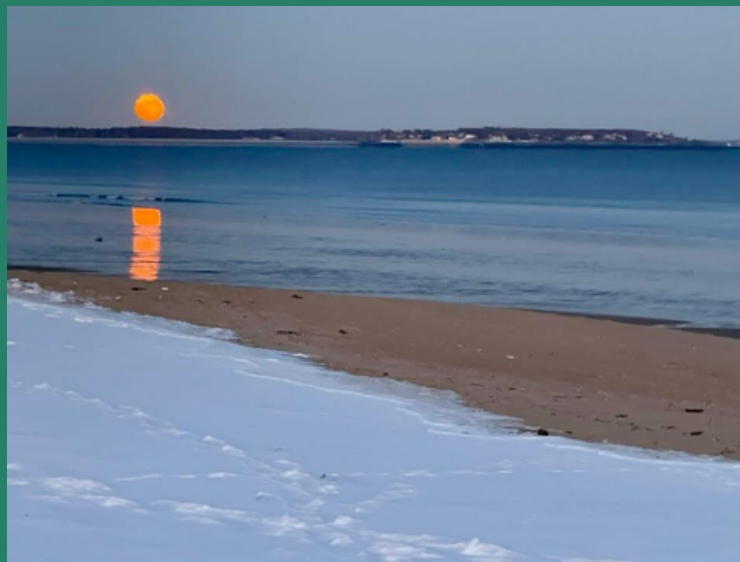
JAMES PAUL MEAGHER - WESTFIELD, MA - FEBRUARY 24, 2026

FRANCES DIFABIO - CAPE CORAL, FL & OCEAN PARK, ME - JANUARY 22, 2026

2026 MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER:

ADULT (PER INDIVIDUAL) \$175
YOUTH (PER INDIVIDUAL) \$50
LIFE MEMBER (PER INDIVIDUAL) \$5,000

LEARN MORE ONLINE: [HTTPS://OCEANPARK.ORG/MEMBERSHIP](https://oceanpark.org/membership)



OCEAN PARK TRIVIA

1. THE WILLIAM L. PRATT SWIMMING POOL WAS DEDICATED IN WHICH YEAR?
A. 1909 B. 1929 C. 1941 D. 1966
2. THE ALL GIRLS CAMP CONDUCTED BY THE NEW ENGLAND BAPTIST CONFERENCE WAS CALLED WHAT?
A. CAMP OTAKA B. CAMP BATES C. CAMP ATALOA D. CAMP LORING
3. THE EDUCATIONAL BUREAU OF OCEAN PARK WAS FOUNDED IN WHICH YEAR?
A. 1885 B. 1900 C. 1881 D. 1948
4. WHO WAS THE OCEAN PARK ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT IN 1891?
A. I.C. ESTES B. RUFUS DEERING C. A.S. HINDS D. DAISY HOYT
5. IN 2025, THIS ONLINE PUBLICATION NAMED OCEAN PARK ONE OF THE BEST "HIDDEN BEACHES" IN THE WORLD.
A. FORBES B. TRAVELUS C. DOWNEAST D. LIVABILITY

