



Greetings from Freeholder John C. Bartlett, Jr.

On behalf of the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, I welcome you to the Summer 2017 issue of ***Out & About Ocean County***, A Free Newsguide to Arts & Heritage Events. Each summer we have the opportunity to enjoy art and heritage events as well as the treasures of our beaches and natural resources.

Ocean County's arts and history organizations provide a rich tapestry of programs, events and classes for your summer enjoyment. Many of our towns and boroughs provide wonderful outdoor concerts including the Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation's *The Carousel of Music Concert Series* to be held at various locations throughout the summer.

The New Jersey Teen Arts Festival will be held at the Ocean County College on May 31 and June 1 and 2. We are all grateful to the Jay and Linda Grunin Foundation for their support of this important showcase of student talent from throughout New Jersey right here at our Ocean County College.

I am happy to report continued progress on repairing damage caused by Superstorm Sandy to Ocean County Parks: Cattus Island County Park in Toms River is open and Berkeley Island County Park in Berkeley Township is under construction. Renovations to the Cedar Bridge Tavern in Barnegat Township are also progressing.

The pages of this 2017 summer issue are graced with artwork received in response to a call for contributions from the Toms River Artist Community. This is the sixth summer that we have showcased art in our summer issue from one of our Ocean County artist organizations on a rotating basis.

I note with sadness the passing of Barbara Bolton, the longtime historian of Tuckerton Borough.

Please take special note of our exciting palette of summer cultural opportunities in the event listings.

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