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# Bass River Monthly

Unofficial Newsletter of Bass River Township, NJ

## Upcoming Events:

- Board of Commissioners Meeting – December 7.
- Bookmobile – December 8 & 22
- Planning Board Meeting – December 23.
- Christmas Day Township Offices Closed – December 25.
- New Year's Day Township Offices Closed – January 1.
- Board of Ed Meeting – January 5.

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## What's New

This issue include **December 2020 and January 2021** calendar of events.

**Obviously most dates in the newsletter are tentative due to the ongoing health crisis. At the time of publication the dates are still valid however I will send out email as information evolves.**

**See the Township Website page for cancellations, closures, and delays.** **December 7<sup>th</sup> Commissioner's Meeting** will most likely be live and virtual. I'll pass on the meeting info as I get it, **Virtual Board of Education meeting January 5<sup>th</sup>**. **Lizzie Rose** has cancelled all musical performances thru January. The **Seaport** indoor is closed but having outdoor activities and creek rides. Seaport has virtual lunch and learn. The county is offering COVID testing and flu shots to county residents. The township is still selling properties.

**Trivia Alert:** On December 19, 1973 late night television host Johnny Carson jokes during his monologue, "You know, we've got all sorts of shortages these days. But have you heard the latest? I'm not kidding. I saw it in the papers. There's a shortage of toilet paper!" The panicked public then began hoarding toilet paper causing empty shelves which further panicked people causing a real shortage. Carson was commenting on a statement by U.S. Congressman Harold V. Froelich, who had made remarks about the government's falling short of securing bids to provide toilet paper for its troops and bureaucrats stating that, "we hope we don't have to ration toilet tissue." This was during the 1973 Arab Oil Embargo which was causing shortages and long lines for gasoline, so the mere mention of a possible shortage became a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Sound familiar???

The newsletter has made every effort to be current and correct as of the publication date, however, there are likely scheduling additions or changes during the month. To receive the most current information or to access township services visit the township web site at: [www.bassriver-nj.org](http://www.bassriver-nj.org).

As always, if you're aware of something that should be publicized in an upcoming issue or have suggestions send an email to **submit@brmonthly.org** and I'll try to include them.

- Bill

## News from Township Website

**FEMA Stream and Shoreline Stabilization PEA** - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has produced a [Programmatic Environmental Assessment \(PEA\) Stream and Shoreline Stabilization in NY and NJ](#) for public review and comment. The [public notice](#) contains the purpose for this PEA, a link to the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management's website and instructions for how to register comments regarding this PEA with FEMA.

**Burlington County's 1st eNewsletter** - View Burlington County's first [eNewsletter](#).

**County Flu Shots** - Burlington County Health Department will be hosting Flu Shot Thursdays. Flu shots for adults and teens (13 years and older) are through Drive Thru clinics at various locations throughout the County from 9 am to 11am. Children (6 months to 12 years) are through Walk Up clinics at the Health Department (Westampton) from 2pm to 4 pm. Clinics will run from 9/24/2020 to 1/14/2021 at county locations. Signed consent forms will be required and residents are encouraged to print out and bring the completed [Adult](#) and/or [Children](#) form with them to the clinics. More information, including locations and schedules, can be found in the [detailed notice](#) or [brochure](#). Medicare Part B will be charged and for those without Medicare a \$15 donation is requested if affordable.

**County COVID-19 Test** - Burlington County has a number of COVID-19 test locations. The tests are available to county residents with or without symptoms, no doctors note required. See the [COVID-19 Test Flyer](#) for details.

**Township Owned Real Estate for Sale** - The Township is accepting bids for Township owned properties. For listing and further details go to the [Property Listing page](#).

## Schedule of Events

### December 2020

7 (Monday) 7:00 PM	Board of Commissioners Meeting	Township Municipal Building
8 (Tuesday) 11:10–11:40 AM	Burlington County Bookmobile	New Gretna Presbyterian Church
22 (Tuesday) 11:10–11:40 AM	Burlington County Bookmobile	New Gretna Presbyterian Church
23 (Wednesday) 7:00 PM	Land Use Board Meeting	Township Municipal Building
25 (Friday)	Christmas Day	Township Offices Closed

### January 2021

1 (Friday)	New Year's Day	Township Offices Closed
4 (Monday) 7:00 PM	Board of Commissioners Meeting	Township Municipal Building
5 (Tuesday) 11:10–11:40 AM**	Burlington County Bookmobile	New Gretna Presbyterian Church
19 (Tuesday) 11:10–11:40 AM**	Burlington County Bookmobile	New Gretna Presbyterian Church
27 (Wednesday) 7:00 PM	Land Use Board Meeting	Township Municipal Building

\*\* Dates are estimates. No dates posted for January at this time.

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## Upcoming Township Events

### FRIENDLY SENIORS:

#### **No Friendly Seniors Meeting for December**

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church of New Gretna.

**Program:** TBD at time of publication.

*Friendly Seniors is a group that meets the second Friday of every month and is open to all persons over the age of 55 who live in the surrounding area in Burlington, Ocean and Atlantic Counties. If you have any questions about the "Friendly Seniors" contact Pat Steinhauer, 609-296-4544.*

*The First Presbyterian Church of New Gretna is located at 19 North Maple Avenue, New Gretna. About 2 blocks off Route 9.*

### Burlington County Mobile Library

**Tuesday December 8 & 22, 11:10 - 11:40 AM**

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church of New Gretna parking lot

A library card can be obtained easily and at no cost. The best way to obtain a card is to go through the Burlington County Library web site. Fill out the information and a card will be mailed to you. After receiving the library card, go to the Mobile Library and Stan (the driver) will activate it; then you can begin to check out books. If you have any problems call 609-267-9660 and ask the Circulation Desk. The Burlington County Library card also allows you to get a library card for Ocean County Library system..

### Heritage Foundation Free Community Dinner

**No Community Dinner in December.**

For more information, call 661-3687.

## **Bass River School Notes**

### **BASS RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**The Bass River Township School District will become a non-operating district effective July 1, 2020.**

**Please see the Little Egg Harbor School District links for program information and registration or call 609-296-1719.**

- **Virtual School Board Meeting** January 5<sup>th</sup> 7PM Possibly go to <https://www.pinelandsregional.org/brsdvirtual-board-meeting> to attend.

A video of the November meeting is posted there. The meeting starts at about the 50 minute mark.

## Area Events

### An Evening of New Music Venue

Held at Lizzie Rose, 217 E. Main Street, Tuckerton. Tickets may be purchased by Phone (11-4) daily 609-389-0118 or stop by the Village Bicycles, 213 E. Main Street, Tuckerton (next to Lizzie Rose) for tickets or information during normal business hours. **ASK ABOUT TWO NIGHT COMBO TICKET!**

*As part of our ongoing commitment to minimize the impact of the Covid-19 Corona Virus on our Lizzie Rose community, we have postponed our concerts through January.*

*Thank you to our patrons for understanding that a postponement is not a cancellation. We continue to work with scheduled artists and their management companies to secure new concert dates.*

*We believe this is the responsible approach to take in light of recent ongoing events and are following the federal and state guidelines as they unfold. We will continue to post on our web page and on our Facebook page as each new date is confirmed.*

*Thank you and stay well, LRMR*

### Other Area Activities

Below is the link to the Ocean County's event website for people interested in what's happening.

<http://www.oceancountytourism.com/frmEvents>

## Tuckerton Seaport Activities

### COVID 19/Coronavirus Update

Tuckerton Seaport's outdoor and on-water programs are now available! Buildings remain closed for now due to safety considerations with COVID-19.

Visit us Saturdays-Sundays-Mondays for outdoor, self-guided tours from 10am to 5pm. Our Welcome Booth and Pop-Up Gift Shop will also be open during those times. Buy tickets at <https://tuckertonseaport.org/>

50 minute Creek Tours are available on Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays. Online reservations are now required in advance for all tours and tickets. **Reserve your seats at** <https://tuckertonseaport.org/lbi-ferry/>

Masks are required and social distance will be maintained. We are working on a plan to open the indoor spaces in the future. Right now, those spaces are unavailable. We look forward to welcoming you back!



## Tuckerton Seaport Classes

Please call 609-296-8868 to register for any of the classes listed below. Payment in full is required at time of registration. No refunds will be given.



**Lunch and Learn** / Join us on the **2nd Wednesday of each month** from September to May at the Seaport. All must register ahead of time

**This Month: Celebrate the Winter Holidays - 12:30 – 1:30.** Celebrate the winter holidays and the reopening of the Tucker's Island Lighthouse. This month's Lunch and Learn program will be hosted by a variety of speakers who are winter holiday experts. They will tell stories, discuss histories, and demonstrate some activities of winter celebrations. There are many cultural winter celebrations, most of which involve lights. We will explore those traditions that have been part of the Jersey shore, some for decades and some for centuries. The lighthouse will be decorated with some old traditions (decade trees) and new (elves). This year will feature a holiday pop-up gift shop in the lighthouse. The lighthouse will be open Saturday, Sunday, and Monday of all December weekends with timed ticket admission. Check <https://tuckertonseaport.org/> for details.

You must register in advance for this meeting. To register, please click [here](#).

Lecture: Free

**Speaker:**

**Venue:** Virtual

**Time:** December 9 @ 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

**Phone:** 609-296-8868

## Ongoing Events



**Pickin' on the Porch** / Join us on the **first Sunday of each month** for a jam session! Come to pick and sing, or to just listen. We'll swap songs, tell stories, and share a pot of beans and homemade bread. Acoustic instruments only please! Bluegrass, Country and Old Time



**Seaport Youth Carving Club.** Join master carvers and learn the art of decoy carving and painting. Open to students ages 11-17. Meets the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 1-3pm.

## Support Our Local Businesses

Allen's Clam Bar	296-4106
Allen's Dock	296-5660
Amon Construction	296-9063
Arrowhead Campground	296-8599
Atlantic Shore Pines Campground	296-9163
ATW Organizing Pros	276-3203
Bass River Seafood	294-9000
Bass River State Forest	296-1114
Bilmark Plumbing & Heating LLC NJ Master Plumbing Lic# 1311723	294-0223
Breezes Bar & Grill	296-0372
Buttonwood Campground & Trailer Park	296-3571
Chips Folly Campground	296-4434
Cramer Auto Recycling	296-4363
Everything Eclectic Consignment and Repair	857-3571
First Presbyterian Church of New Gretna	457-1378
Gretna Green Landscape	296-3423
JA Tree Service	296-3423
Kaszuba's Recycling	296-3944
New Gretna Liquors	296-4490
Patio Drive-In	296-0916
Pilgrim Lake Campground	296-4725
Reclaimed by Ben Wurst	<a href="http://reclaimednj.com">http://reclaimednj.com</a>
Smith Oil Company	296-7567
Speedy Deli	294-2020
St. Paul's United Methodist Church	296-9134
Tiffany's Hair Design	296-2644

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Timberline Lake Campground	296-7900
Viking Yacht Company	296-6000
Viking Yachting Center & Marina	296-2388