

## Ortley Beach Voters & Taxpayers Association Inc. P.O. Box 223 Lavallette, NJ 08735 OrtleyBeach.org

## Who we Are:

- A neighborhood association with over 500 family and business paid memberships in Ortley Beach, NJ.
- Our mission is to improve our neighborhood and the quality of life in Ortley Beach
- A key role is to liaison between the residents of Ortley Beach and the Township of Toms River, Ocean County and the State of New Jersey.

## **Our Current Priorities:**

- Continue facilitating communication and cooperation between Ortley Beach residents and Toms River Town Council, the Mayor and Ocean County Freeholders.
- Encourage Toms River, NJ DEP and the US ACE to provide maximum possible protection to the community by properly maintaining the replenished dunes and beaches and meeting or exceeding US ACE requirements for dune and beach maintenance.
- Require that FEMA create updated and accurate BFEs and flood maps and that Toms River provide feedback to FEMA to ensure the maps are correct. Encourage Toms River to request lower flood elevations based on completion of the dune project.
- Lobby government officials to require that NFIP rates be reasonable and that increases, where required, be phased in over time to avoid property abandonment.
- Enhance and beautify the Rte 35 North business district and gateways to Ortley Beach
- Enhance recreational and parkland areas of Ortley Beach including improvements to the beach, the boardwalk and bayside
- Insist that Toms River, Ocean County and the State of NJ provide the services, capital improvements and up-to-date infrastructure that our taxpayers fully deserve.
- Collaborate with local, state and federal agencies to conduct storm resilience planning and implementation programs, including efforts to move forward with projects to reduce back bay flooding.
- Reinforce rebuilding be completed to current standards, including FEMA requirements
- Require that Toms River, Ocean County and the State of NJ fully consider the impact of rebuilding projects on the local community and homeowners and modify zoning regulations and building codes as appropriate.
- Encourage Toms River and homeowners to rebuild abandoned properties and the Township apply penalties when property owners unnecessarily delay rebuilding of substantially damaged and abandoned properties.
- Maintain a safe and clean environment for residents and businesses of Ortley Beach.
- Educate about ongoing RREM, Resettlement and business recovery grant programs.
- Find ways that allow the middle class to continue to own property at the NJ shore

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