

Catherine Crisafulli

I am Cathy Crisafulli, also known as Cathy Cris. I spent many of my childhood summers at the Jersey Shore and my family has been in Ortley Beach since 1967. I have lived in Ortley Beach full time since 2009. I am currently a substitute teacher at Hugh J. Boyd Jr. Elementary School, the local Seaside Heights Elementary School. In 2016, I founded Friends of Ortley Beach, a 501(c)3 non-profit as a companion organization to OBVTA. This has enabled Ortley Beach to accept Tax Deductible donations, Grants, have Fundraisers and a whole host of other benefits to Ortley Beach, including preserving the history of Ortley Beach, bringing culture, and other enhancements to sustain Ortley Beach for future generations to enjoy. I sold Commercial Real estate for 30 years, both selling and leasing commercial Real Estate. I was elected to the county committee, each year for 25 years until I retired. I secured a grant from the State of New Jersey for the Streetscape project and am an active member of the OBVTA Streetscape committee. I worked with Dave Roberts, Toms River Planner, and now am working with Robert Hudak current Township Planner on the project. I spoke before the Town Council to encourage the council to approve the plan. It is now before the State for final approval. I have advocated for the purchase of the Surf Club property. This included voting for hiring a mediator to help the transaction move forward. This allowed for the use and expansion of our public beach. My efforts are often included in published articles in the ShoreBeat newspaper and I believe that relationship with the press is important. For many years I have worked with other board members on our annual membership drive. My most popular contribution was the donut and pastries breakfast served to all of our membership at the beginning of each meeting! I have now retired but have put the breakfast in good hands. I would like to continue rebuilding Ortley Beach responsibly and continue making Ortley Beach a more desirable community to live and vacation. Please consider allowing me to continue working towards a more desirable community for all to enjoy.

Thank you,
Cathy Cris

Melindo A. Persi

Why? I would like to rejoin the Board of Directors to continue to assist the Board in serving the interest of the taxpayers of Ortley Beach.

Experience: I have had extensive experience in working with various Boards, both Governmental and Social. I am aware of Roberts Rules of Order that guide the operation of Boards as well as policy development for organizations.

Three years as the Vice President of OBVTA. During that time was instrumental in recognizing the Business Community and bringing them on as full members of the organization. I was also instrumental in the development and inclusion of the Street Scape for Ortley Beach. I organized the first Taste of Ortley after Storm Sandy devastated the Beach. Other experiences and Board Member experiences which qualify me for the Board of OBVTA include:

Acting Assistant Commissioner of Education, Passaic County Supt of Schools, Executive Director of the Former County Superintendents Association, Supt of Schools in Robbinsville, Edison, Elmwood Park, as well as Interim Superintendent of Schools in four school districts in NJ, Led the State takeover of the Paterson Schools and led in the reorganization of the district, Board Member, and Vice President 7 years Passaic County Community College, Board Member Middlesex County Educational Service Commission, President of the Mercer County Principal's Association, Mercer County Coroner (elected position) President of the Madison Chatham Red Cross, Board, Secretary of the National Eastern Area Red Cross, Chairperson of the Harriman Metropolitan Region of Red Cross (encompassing NJ, Pa. and parts of New York,) President of the Madison Kiwanis Club, UNICO President of the Passaic Valley Club, President of the Brick UNICO, National Treasurer of UNICO National, former member of the US Air Force, Crew Chief and in Charge of Squadron On The job Training, currently President of MAP Associates, providing organizational support to school districts. Given my experience with various organizations as well as my knowledge of the history of Ortley Beach, since 1948, I believe that I can continue to make a positive contribution to OBVTA in dealing with the current concerns of the taxpayers.

Respectfully submitted,
Melindo A. Persi

Michael Stramandinoli

Hi all. My name is Michael Stramandinoli and I am seeking support to join the OBVTA as a director. My families recently build a vacation home at 319 Durborow Ave during the pandemic and instantly have fallen in love with the community and town. During the summer months, my wife Christine and children Isabella (age 10), Alex (age 8) and Nicolette (age 4) spend their summers there, while I commute back to NYC during the week. In the off season, we spend most of our time in New Providence NJ where our children attend school. Both my wife and I are locally active in the community, church, and sporting organizations.

About myself. I currently serve as Managing Director for Global Pensions at Bank of America. My team and I are responsible for assisting global corporate, state, and

sovereigns with investment decisions in order for them to make benefit payments to retirees. I was appointed this role three years ago at the age of 35, which admittedly is on the younger end of the spectrum for a position of this significance. With that said, my passion, drive, and high energy I think is something I can bring to the table for our beloved community.

It's rather important for me to join and become a member as my young family and I look forward to keeping the town's family orientation and authenticity for future generations to come. I often tell my house guest, Ortley is one of the best kept jersey shore secrets! Someday, I look forward to retiring here and becoming a full time resident.

My resume is on the OBVTA website for further information.

I appreciate everyone's support!

Mike

Joan Strathern

My name is Joan Strathern and I am a retired educator. My husband George and I have lived full-time in Ortley since 2005, but my roots in Ortley go back much further than that.

My parents built a home in Ortley Beach in 1963 and I grew up spending my summers here. When my parents became full-time residents in 1986, my father was active in the Ortley Beach Voters and Taxpayers Association and played a big part in getting legislation written to allow Ortley to secede from Toms River. While they were not successful in passing that legislation, he inspired me to follow in his footsteps and dedicate my efforts to improving our community today. That is what I hoped to achieve by joining the OBVTA and why I have taken leadership roles in working to build and nurture OBVTA's relationship with Tom's River--so that our beach community can be the best that it can be.

I have served as President, Vice President and in At-Large positions in OBVTA since 2006. I was Vice President during Hurricane Sandy and spent many hours communicating with Toms River, FEMA and the state of NJ to get vital information to our members and aid in the recovery of Ortley Beach. As you all know, it was an emotional time and I worked to calm the fears of our residents and get them the information they needed. The OBVTA then-President and I spearheaded a drive to work with beach front property owners, not just in Ortley but all along the barrier island, to secure the necessary documents so that the Army Core of Engineers could begin beach

and dune replenishment. Every time I step on the beach I feel proud at having been a part of the process that led to the dune and beach replenishment we now enjoy. I have worked and continue to work on many other projects for OBVTA, including the process toward acquisition of the Surf Club property, beach and boardwalk maintenance and improvement, holiday lighting on Rt 35, social events, and Beach Jam, to name a few. I am now the head of the committee working on Ortley Beach Street Scapes. My committee helped Toms River win a \$1.2 million grant from the state of NJ dedicated to beautifying Rt. 35 North, with the hope that it will promote community pride, economic revitalization, and expand the business district in Ortley Beach. This project began in 2014 and we are just now getting to the stage of completion. I hope to have the opportunity to continue in my At-Large position so I can see this project through to fruition.

I also feel that the experience and knowledge that I have gained working for OBVTA, through building relationships with township officials, learning about town policies and processes and communicating with Ortley residents to understand their concerns, makes me an asset on your board.

Please vote for me for a Director At-Large position. Thank you.