

★ Belmar ★



## Belmar Community Calendar

To submit a calendar listing or Belmar news story, e-mail [zlevine@thecoaststar.com](mailto:zlevine@thecoaststar.com)

### Belmar Woman's Club To Hold Meeting

The Belmar Woman's Club will be holding the first meeting of their new term on Friday, Sept. 11 at 12:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Taylor Pavilion, located at 5th and Ocean avenues. Anyone interested in becoming a member is welcome to attend.

### Belmar Pro Set For Weekend Of Sept. 11

The Belmar Pro, one of the East coast's premiere surfing championships, will be held on Belmar's 16th Avenue beach from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 11, 12 and 13.

For more information regarding all events to be held in the borough, visit [www.visitbelmar-nj.com](http://www.visitbelmar-nj.com).

### 20th Annual Ocean Clean Up Slated

On Saturday, Sept. 19, Divers Two will host its 20th Annual Ocean Clean Up, located at L Street Beach in Belmar.

In the past, as many as 200 people have come out to help clean up the beachfront and ocean.

The event is open to both experienced and newer divers. For more information, call Steve or Joe at Divers Two at 732-776-7755.

### Belmar Chamber Holding Farmer's Market

Every Saturday until Sept. 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., come enjoy a beautiful Open Air Market at Pyanoe Plaza, 9th Avenue and Main Street, Belmar.

Farmers offer seasonal vegetables, flowers, fruits, and shrubbery. Talk with local farmers who will share how they plant and grow their fruits and vegetables. Bring your children to have fun and learn!

### Inaugural Chef's Classic To Be Held Sept. 21

The Belmar Chamber of Commerce will be launching the first ever White Night Chef's Classic on Monday, Sept. 21 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Barclay.

Numerous local restaurants will showcase cuisine during the evening.

Tickets will be \$30 and a cash bar is available.

For more information, please e-mail [admin@belmarchamber.com](mailto:admin@belmarchamber.com) or call the chamber office at 732-681-2900.

### Antiques By The Atlantic Show Set For Sept. 26

The sixth annual Antiques-By-The-Atlantic show and sale will be held on Sept. 26 at the Taylor Pavilion on the boardwalk at Fifth Avenue from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The show is sponsored by the Belmar Historical Preservation Advisory Council (BHPAC), and appraisals and refreshments will be available for a fee.

There is no admission charge. For more information or a dealer application, call 732-681-0732.

## Beautifying Belmar



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Several members of the Belmar Shade Tree Commission, as well as local volunteers, came out early on Saturday to help prune trees and landscape the area around the Belmar Marina, on Route 35. A similar event will be held on Oct. 3 around Silver Lake, and workshops educating residents about growing healthy trees are currently being planned.

## Fifth Annual Autism Beach Bash slated for Sunday

By Zach Levine

One of the biggest events for the autism community will be taking place in Belmar this weekend, as Autism Family Services of New Jersey [AFSNJ] hosts its Fifth Annual Beach Bash on Sept. 13 in Belmar.

Over 3,000 individuals attended last year's Beach Bash, and event organizers believe that the 2009 Beach Bash is on track to be the largest to date.

The event is free to the public and will take place on 7th Avenue, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Beach Bash will include musical entertainment, beach activities, and arts and crafts, as well as free product samplings by Napoli Boys, Rookie's Gluten Free, and Schar.

A surf camp will also take place during the Beach Bash, providing an opportunity for 190 children with autism to surf alongside professional surfers from the organization Surfers Healing.

Lifeguards will be donating their time in the offseason to watch the open swim area, and Belmar First Aid Squad will be on hand, volunteering their time and manpower.

In addition, Schar will have a nutritionist on site to discuss dietary needs with parents. Kula for Karma will be providing free yoga classes, and other vendors will be offering many resources for parents, such as free life insurance information and photo identification kits.

Eric Joice, Executive Director of Autism Family Resources,

noted that the organization started up at Sandy Hook, but he was thrilled to bring the event to the borough.

"Belmar is such a great venue for this event," he said.

He explained that it is because of the vast beaches in the borough that the event has turned into one of the largest events for the autism community in New Jersey.

"I'm sure that it is part of the reason it has grown into the largest event that we do," he said.

He noted that although the weather has been less than stellar this week, the forecast looks good for Sunday, for the event to take place and for all to enjoy the festivities.

Mr. Joice also said he believes this will be the biggest and best Beach Bash yet.

"We actually have a larger number of people pre-registered on our Web site than we had show up in person last year," he stated.

He explained that a mass amount of people are expected to come out for the event, and he is looking forward to seeing a large crowd show up to take part in the Beach Bash.

"It is an event that is of some interest, whether you are a resident of the Shore or just have an interest in autism or surfing," he said.

Furthermore, he noted how amazing it is to actually see some of the children come out and use a surfboard for the first time, especially considering what they have been through in their young

lives.

"When we started a few years ago, some of these kids didn't even want to be touched by a stranger, let alone a stranger on a surfboard in the middle of the ocean. And yet, with virtually no exceptions, they loved it," he said.

Mr. Joice noted that it's not just the children who are affected by the surfing, as friends and family will be amazed at what they see their children accomplish.

"I still remember we had a girl, maybe 7 years old. She came in on that first wave with her hands held up high, and she had a broad smile on her face. Her parents promptly dissolved into tears at the sight of their daughter doing something they never imagined possible," he stated.

All in all, Mr. Joice explained, the day is mainly about two specific things for the community:

"This is a day about possibilities and having fun," he said.

He also encouraged everyone to register for the event, even those who are just coming down to visit. This is due to the expected large scale of the event, so all are asked to register in advance for the safety of those attending.

Individuals may register for the Beach Bash by visiting [autismfamilyresourcesnj.org](http://autismfamilyresourcesnj.org), or by calling Autism Family Services of New Jersey, at 1-877-AFS-4477.

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SUEANNE GOSS, The Coast Star

Although many have left the Shore area for the summer, some people still took to the Belmar boardwalk recently for a leisurely post-Labor Day stroll.

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