



# THE OSPREY ORACLE

A Newsletter for the residents of Osprey Landing – JULY 2018

*"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step"*

## Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

We are very lucky to live in an area that is rich with opportunities. We have the beautiful beaches, oodles of shops and outlets, water parks, camping, golf, tennis, live outdoor entertainment, country fairs, and these are just a few of the many choices we have. There is no excuse for being idle! Enjoy!

Thank you to the Charmingfare Farm and the Hopkinton State Fair and their traveling Farm Fair Van for bringing animals out into our community. Everyone really enjoyed the fun filled, "hands-on", experience. What a way to start the summer!

Happy Independence Day! To our service men and women whose bravery and selfless courage has sustained our liberties, we honor and thank you. We live in freedom because of you, those who have served before you, and those who will serve tomorrow. Salute!!

In honor of Independence Day, our office will be closed Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. As always, please contact the 24-hour answering service with any maintenance emergencies. We wish you all a very happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup>! - The Osprey Landing Team!

## PRESCOTT PARK

### Monday Night Movies Series

All the fun of a drive-in (minus your car, of course).

You'll find a giant screen on the stage, incredible sound, an HD projector and delicious snacks while you enjoy a movie in the park, under the stars. Movies start at dusk. July & August shows are as follows:

- July 2 – Star Wars: The Last Jedi
- July 4 – Independence Day
- July 9 – Indiana Jones: Raiders of the Lost Ark
- July 16 – Coco
- July 23 – The Dark Knight
- July 30 – Toy Story
- August 6 – Black Panther
- August 13 – The Greatest Showman
- August 20 – The Princess Bride
- August 23 – Wonder Woman

For more information visit [www.prescottpark.org](http://www.prescottpark.org).

## CHILL OUT

Cool off this summer at Water Country! Twist and turn your way down Thunder Falls & Wild Canyon, race your friends down Double Dive Boggan, Shoot & Scream down a heart pounding free fall in the dark, catapult through darkness on the Dragons Den, experience the thrill of a 58 ft high twin speed slide, or descent into a twisting 40 ft plunge, in the dark, on Dr. Von Dark's Tunnel of Terror!

Dr. Von Dark's Tunnel of Terror not your idea of a good time? Head to the giant wave pool, whirlpool, or the Adventure River for some relaxing fun!

Take the little ones to enjoy some tiny tot time in Tahiti Tree House, Ollie Octopus, Bubble Bay or Pirates Pool & Lagoon.

The park is open Saturday & Sundays 10:30-6:30pm, and Monday – Friday 10:30am-6pm. A day ticket cost \$39.99pp, parking is \$5, or preferred parking for \$25 per vehicle. Plan on visiting the park multiple times this summer? Purchase their unlimited season pass for \$69.99pp or a premium pass for \$89.99.

For more information about the park, hours, events, and cabana rentals visit their website at [www.watercountry.com](http://www.watercountry.com).

## Independence Day Celebrations

Celebrate the birth of our nation with a dazzling display of fireworks launched over South Mill Pond in Portsmouth. The fireworks will be held on Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:15pm. Rain date is Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Set up your blanket or chairs on Leary Field located on Junkins Avenue and enjoy the show!

## MUSIC BY THE SEA

Kick back with friends and family on Thursday evenings in July and hear some of the hottest bands in New England during the Music by the Sea concert series. The events are held at the Seacoast Science Center in Rye, NH, rain or shine.

Bring your beach blanket or a chair and enjoy a picnic or enjoy the hot off the grill fare, snacks, and ice cream treats and watch the sunset, eat, listen to music and enjoy! All proceeds from the concert series

support the science center's environmental education efforts.

Admission is: Ages 13-Adult \$12, Children 3-12 \$4, and under 3 are free. Gates open at 5pm and the music begins at 6pm. For a schedule of events and more information visit [seascoastsciencecenter.org](http://seascoastsciencecenter.org) or call 603.436.8043.

## Stratham Fair

It's time again for the Stratham Fair being held on July 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12 and seniors 65+, and children under 6 are free. Parking is free.

There will be daily entertainment, 4H activities & exhibits, midway rides, music & magic acts and the Miss Stratham Fair Pageant.

Gates open at 10am (3pm on Thursday). Ride Tickets are sold separately. For more information and a full line up of events visit their website at [www.strathamfair.com](http://www.strathamfair.com).

## TALL SHIP TOURS

The Tall Ships are coming back to Portsmouth beginning July 25<sup>th</sup>, through July 29<sup>th</sup>. This four-day event includes a Parade of Sail, deck tours, day sails, exhibits, food, music, and souvenirs. The two ships in attendance will be the Roseway and the Oliver Hazard Perry. The Parade of Sail will be held on July 25<sup>th</sup>, time to be announced. After the parade the Oliver Hazard Perry will dock at the Portsmouth Fish Pier on Pierce Island and the Roseway will dock at the UNH Pier in New Castle. The Oliver Hazard Perry will be open for deck tours July 26-29<sup>th</sup>, from 10am-5pm. The Roseway will offer day sails Thursday – Sunday. Exact times to be announced. The tall ships tour will cost \$10 for guests over 12. Tickets for day sails are \$60 per passenger. For more information call 603-353-0317 or visit the website at [www.sailportsmouthnh.org](http://www.sailportsmouthnh.org).

## AN AMERICAN CELEBRATION

Celebrate the birth of our country at Strawberry Banke's 'An American Celebration' being held Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> & a free event on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. The Museum plans a weekend full of activities. Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, will host a range of historic events by living history performers. This event is included with the regular daily admission.

On Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6-9pm, will be a 1940's Style Swing Dance. Come jump, jive and swing to the music of the Beantown Swing Orchestra. Then watch the fireworks display from the vantage point of Strawberry Banke. Tickets for the dance are \$20.

Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 11am, Celebrate America by welcoming new citizens at the US Naturalization Ceremony. Also, spend the day, from 10am-2pm, enjoying an Old-Fashioned Field Day. Learn games played throughout the centuries including, croquet, marbles, and hula hoops. Then beginning at 2pm, there will be a Patriotic Parade around the museum grounds. Kids are invited to decorate their bikes, wagons, or hats. For more information call 603-433-1100 or visit their website at [www.strawberyanke.org](http://www.strawberyanke.org).

## PUBLIC SWIM NOW OPEN

The Pierce Island Pool is now open. Swim lessons are available (free to Portsmouth residents). Contact the recreation department for more information & pool hours at 603.427.0717 or the below websites.

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/recreation/outdoor>  
<http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/files/rec/OutdoorPoolLessonSchedule2018-SessionI.pdf>

## Peach Cobbler

Total Cook Time: 1 hr 30 min, Servings: 8

### INGREDIENTS:

- \* Two 15-ounce cans sliced peaches in syrup
- \* ½ cup (1 stick) butter
- \* 1 cup self-rising flour
- \* 1 cup sugar
- \* 1 cup milk
- \* Homemade Whipped Cream, recipe follows [Homemade Whipped Cream](#)
- \* 2 cups whipping cream, chilled in fridge
- \* 4 tablespoons sugar

### DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Drain 1 can of peaches; reserve the syrup from the other. Place the butter in a 9x12 inch ovenproof baking dish. Heat the butter on the stove or in the oven until it's melted. In a medium bowl, mix the flour and sugar. Stir in the milk and the reserved syrup. Pour the batter over the melted butter in the baking dish. Arrange the peaches over the batter. Bake for 1 hour. The cobbler is done when the batter rises around the peaches and the crust is thick and golden brown. Serve warm with fresh whipped cream.

### Homemade Whipped Cream:

Chill a large metal mixing bowl and the wire beater attachment in the freezer for about 20 minutes. Pour the chilled cream and sugar into the cold mixing bowl and beat until it forms soft peaks, about 5 minutes. The mixture should hold its shape when dropped from a spoon. Don't overbeat or you'll have a sweetened butter.