

WELCOME TO THE 2021 SEASON IN OCEAN PARK!

Ocean Park is a place with deep attachments. Whether you have recently discovered Ocean Park or are part of a multi-generational family that has been coming here for decades, you cannot help feeling these attachments. It is here that life-long friendships are established and family ties are strengthened. We are so fortunate to experience Nature's wonders watching a sunrise on the beach, taking a refreshing plunge in the chilly ocean waters or gazing up in wonder at the tall pines in the grove. It is here in Ocean Park that we are reassured that we are all welcome and indeed we all belong. Yes, we are truly, deeply attached to this place, to each other and to our Creator.



We are grateful for all that Ocean Park offers, the opportunities for rest and renewal, for physical activities, for educational and spiritual programs and for cultural events as well. As I write this in the middle of winter, it is unclear how our summer programs will unfold this year. We are planning for a summer of full programs but because of the pandemic, all of us have to be flexible. Our Executive Director, Jerry Gosselin, and our staff have been working with all of the many volunteers on Standing Committees, planning events in creative and flexible ways.

A strategic planning process called 2020 Vision was put on hold this past year because of the pandemic but it is now being revived under a new name, OP Vision. As we look to the future, it has become abundantly clear that technology will be playing an enhanced role in broadening the number of people who will be able to participate in programs. Recognizing that much of the appeal of our beloved community lies in the fact that it is a "throwback in time", we know we need to be proactive as we move forward. Your hopes and dreams for the future of Ocean Park are critical so please be a full participant when the OP Vision Task Force reaches out to you.

Because we are so deeply attached to Ocean Park, we are also deeply committed. We are committed to each other and we show that by how we greet and treat one another. We show our commitment by our involvement on volunteer committees, by our membership renewals, by maintaining properties. We are truly grateful to the dedicated Post Office staff, our office workers, our maintenance crew, our retail merchants and all of our summer workers. We show our commitment by caring for the beautiful environment that surrounds us. For all things Ocean Park, we give thanks!

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