

MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY, INC.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Joan Moreland, 2009 President



I can't believe the first quarter of the year has passed and that Spring is just about upon us!

As I stated in my speech, I wanted to attend as many committee meetings as possible during my term as President. My schedule allowed me to attend the Laws Affecting Municipal Clerks Committee meeting in February. What an eye-opener! The committee is made up of Clerks who spend a lot of their own time looking over bills and keeping track of any that directly or indirectly affect Municipal Clerks. Through a computer hookup at the meeting I was able to see how to search for a bill and track the progress it followed all the way to the Governor for his signature. My time spent with this committee was informative and one I'll not soon forget. For the other committees out there, please let me know when your meetings are and I will make every attempt to attend as my schedule permits.

As a reminder to those of you who have not joined or renewed your membership in the Legal Defense Fund, **April 15th** is the deadline. If you are a new member, complete the application and send a *personal check* in the amount of \$75; or for members wishing to renew, send a *personal check* in the amount of \$25. Checks must be

made payable to Legal Defense Fund and mailed with application/renewal form to: L. Manuel Hirshblond, Administrative Consultant, 11 Boxwood Terrace, Toms River, NJ08755.

Hopefully you have all sent your dues in for 2009. Keep in mind that the conference registration for MEMBERS is lower than Non-Members. We have done everything possible to keep the cost down, realizing the struggle all of our towns are in. I know I pay less dues for MCANJ than I do for my County! MCANJ offers many chances for you to get CEUs, up to date information on the website, mini conferences, annual conference, not to mention the networking opportunities – I call it a real bargain!

Your 2009 Education Conference Committee, under the leadership of Joel Popkin and Elaine Kennedy, is ready to provide you with a wonderful conference on April 27th – 30th. You should have received your registration packet by now and hopefully have responded so you can avoid the late fee. The theme, “Knowledge is Power” is fitting with the educational sessions which have been planned for you. The Fund Raising Committee will be selling 2G USB Flash Drives and 2 types of shirts for women and men in new great colors. They hope to beat last year's profit of the Silent Auction – so please contact Kathy Wisniewski (973-912-2000) or Rosemary Saracino (732-721-5600) and let them know what you will be bringing and the value of the item. Let's see how many counties can be represented with an item or two in the auction!

Be sure you read the article presented in this issue of the *Quill* from our Legal Counsel, Richard Lustgarten, Esq. It will have timely information for Clerks who may be looking at cut backs in their offices or possible reduction of hours and salaries.

Lastly, on a personal note, thanks to the many of you who have contacted me about Rich. We just got word that the cancer seems to be shrinking. He will still need “maintenance treatments”, but not the 7.5 hour long chemotherapy treatments he has endured. We are both very thankful for the many kind words, cards and prayers offered on his behalf.

Hope to see all of you at the Tropicana in April.

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CORRECTION

In the January issue of the Quill, it was incorrectly reported that Carolyn Toy of Franklin Township (Gloucester County) was a Retired Municipal Clerk. NOT SO! Carolyn was appointed in 2008 to replace Carol Coulbourn, who retired December 31, 2007. Our deepest apologies for this error, Carolyn!

IIMC UPDATES: NEW CMC

Linda Z. Dougherty, Deputy Clerk for the Township of South Brunswick, has earned the prestigious Certified Municipal Clerk designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks in the month of February 2009. Congratulations Linda! to earn the CMC designation, a Municipal Clerk must attend extensive education programs, coupled pertinent experience in a municipality. The program has been in existence since 1970 and has helped thousands of clerks in various municipalities.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2009 IIMC CONFERENCE

Now that the MCANJ has won its bid to host the 2013 IIMC conference in Atlantic City we will have a booth at the 2009 IIMC conference to promote it. If you plan to be in Chicago for the meeting why not volunteer to staff the booth for an hour or two? As host you'll have an opportunity to meet and greet many delegates you wouldn't otherwise get to know. Also, it will be fun to give away gifts and prizes donated by the Trump Taj Mahal and the Atlantic City Convention and Visitors Authority. If you are interested and are in a position to help out, stop by the booth anytime or contact Chris Wilder at ACin2013@aol.com.

2009 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey will be offering scholarships for the 2009 education year. Municipal Clerks, Deputies and Assistants continuing their education in pursuit of RMC, CMC and MMC certifications are eligible. Candidates for all scholarships **MUST** be members of the Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey. CMC and MMC Scholarship applicants must be tenured Municipal Clerks. Scholarships shall be awarded at the Annual Meeting of the Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 during the League of Municipalities Conference in Atlantic City:

Four (4) RMC Scholarships

One (1) Peter H. Maclearie CMC Scholarship (Includes registration and 1 night's hotel accommodation)

One (1) MMC Scholarship (Includes registration and 1 night's hotel accommodation)

Completed applications should be mailed directly to:

MCANJ SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

c/o Bonnie Leonetti, RMC/CMC

Long Beach Township

6805 Long Beach Boulevard

Brant Beach, NJ 08008-3661

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

You are encouraged to take advantage of this scholarship program offered to you by your Association.

Please complete this application page (or a photocopy of it) and submit it as instructed.

Should you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Leonetti at 609-361-1000, ext. 218.

MCANJ 2009 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name _____ Title _____

Municipality _____

Address _____

Date of Appointment as Municipal Clerk _____ Deputy/Assistant _____

Check One: MCANJ Dues are paid by municipality MCANJ Dues are paid by member

I am applying for the:

RMC Scholarship – cost of one (1) course

CMC Scholarship [tenure date _____] – for tuition to CMC program by Rutgers University and one (1) night's hotel accommodation.

MMC Scholarship [tenure date _____] – for tuition to MMC program by Rutgers University and one (1) night's hotel accommodation.

List RMC, CMC and MMC educational courses taken and indicate whether the municipality or you paid for the course.

Reminder: All applicants must be members of the Municipal Clerks' Association of NJ, Inc.

Applicants for the CMC and MMC Scholarships must be tenured.

Use a separate sheet of paper for a short statement as to why you feel this scholarship should be awarded to you and attach it to your application.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS ADVANTAGES:

A message from the MCANJ Membership Committee

If you are enjoying this issue of the Quill, and would like to continue receiving future issues in the mail ...

MAKE SURE YOUR MCANJ 2009 DUES ARE PAID!

The 2009 Executive Board is continuing the practice of tying in the mailing list of the *Quill* with the dues list for 2009 MCANJ membership. So, if you have previously been receiving an issue of the Quill, and find that you are not receiving any more issues in 2009, check to make sure that your MCANJ membership dues are current and up to date.

Membership in the Legal Defense Fund also requires that your dues be paid and current.

Don't get left behind — Make Sure MCANJ 2009 Dues are Paid!

LEGAL DEFENSE FUND REMINDER

As happens every year we get closer to reorganization, I received a number of telephone calls and e-mails from Municipal Clerks. Most of them started out as, "I heard a rumor that..."; "Rumors are going around that..." "Word got back to me that..."

The definition of a rumor is "talk or opinion widely disseminated with *no discernible source*" or "a statement or report current *without known authority for its truth.*"

Why should anyone have to go through the stress of thinking about what "may" happen because some people enjoy passing around rumors? The best advice I can give anyone regarding rumors is to wait. Wait and see what really happens. Wait until you receive some sort of official word of what may or will happen. If any of the rumors do come to fruition, then the LDF is here to help and assist in any way we can.

Applications and renewal applications were included with your annual dues membership. If you did not receive one or misplaced it, you can download an application from the MCANJ website (www.njclerks.org).

Please mail the completed application with your
PERSONAL CHECK payable to MCANJ – LDF to:
L. Manual Hirshblond, Administrative Consultant
11 Boxwood Terrace, Toms River, NJ 08755

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me at 908-526-1300, ext. 103.

Sharon L. Brienza, Township of Branchburg
LDF Committee Chair

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APPLICATION FOR CANDIDACY: MCANJ EXECUTIVE BOARD

Article VI Section 1.A. of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey, Inc., specifies "Anyone seeking to be a candidate must file with the Secretary not later than 120 days prior to the Annual Meeting. No additional applications shall be accepted after this date". Article VI Section 1.C. specifies the criteria for eligibility to seek office: "All candidates shall have tenure of office, shall have experience and training for that office, shall have received the degree of Registered Municipal Clerk (RMC), and shall be actively employed as a Municipal Clerk". For anyone seeking a position on the Executive Board for 2010 (with the exception of the office of President), the following application must be filed by July 21, 2009 in order to be eligible for consideration by the membership at the Annual Meeting to be held in the Royal Swan Ballroom at the Tropicana Hotel in Atlantic City on November 18, 2009. Check one:

1st Vice President
 2nd Vice President
 Treasurer
 Secretary

Name _____

Address _____

Municipality Employed by _____

Position _____

*Date of Original Appointment _____

*Date of Reappointment _____

*RMC Certificate Number _____ Date Issued _____

I, _____, hereby certify that I am actively employed by
 _____ as a Municipal Clerk and am qualified to submit my
 (Municipality)

name as a candidate for the office of _____ of the MCANJ for 2010.

 (Signature)

 (Date)

* Attach certified copies of Resolutions of Appointment and RMC Certificate.

(Current members of the Executive Board seeking successive office are exempt from re-filing these supporting documents.)

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**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY
 JULY 21, 2009 AND SHOULD BE MAILED TO:**

Nancy L. Saffos, MCANJ Secretary,
 Municipal Clerk, Cherry Hill Township
 820 Mercer St., Cherry Hill, NJ 08002-2638

PEOPLE PAGE

by Sharon Brienza

MORRIS COUNTY

The Morris County Municipal Clerks Association Reorganized at their December meeting installing the following officers:

President – Barbara Shepard (Boonton Township)

Vice President – Sheila Seifert (Rockaway Borough)

Treasurer – Cindy Oravits (Town of Boonton)

Recording Secretary – Susan Caljean (Borough of Chatham)

Corresponding Secretary – Lisa Lashway (Mt. Olive Township)

MERCER COUNTY

The Mercer County Municipal Clerks Association celebrated their Annual Holiday Party on January 9, 2009 at Santino's Bar-One Italian Grill in Robbinsville, NJ.



MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Middlesex County Municipal Clerk's Association's annual reorganization was held January 9, 2009 at Ariana's Grand in Woodbridge. MCANJ Executive Board members Drew Pavlica, Vincent Buttiglieri and immediate past President Heather Mailender were also in attendance. As always everyone had a great time.



Barbara Nyitrai, Reina Murphy and Dawn Maisano, Cranbury's Deputy exploring life's deeper meanings.

SOMERSET COUNTY

Somerset County Municipal Clerks Association held their 10th Annual Toy Drive during their holiday luncheon at Char in Raritan on December 5. Toys were donated to the local "Toys for Tots" program.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Maryann Smeltzer, Borough Clerk of Sea Bright (Monmouth County) who was recently appointed Borough Administrator/Borough Clerk.

Congratulations to Alan Susen on the great article about Atlantic City in the recent IIMC News Digest. It should definitely get people excited about visiting New Jersey in 2013, if not before!

RETIREE NEWS

Congratulations to Kathyrn Kitchener (Green Brook, Somerset County), who took a long overdue honeymoon to Hawaii. Much happiness!

Congratulations to Bernadette Standowski (Lakewood, Ocean County) on her retirement. Our Best Wishes!

REMEMBERING NORMA

We send our heartfelt condolences to the family of Norma B. Sisco.

Norma, who passed away on December 17, 2008, was the retired Municipal Clerk of Sparta Township (Sussex County). She received the prestigious "Clerk of the Year" award in 1983 and served as President of the MCANJ in



1978. Norma was also the IIMC Region II Director from 1977-1980 and was an Advisory Board member as well as having served on numerous committees for both the State and International organizations. After her retirement, Norma moved to Virginia Beach to be close to her family and to the ocean that she dearly loved. She loved her Oakland Raiders, and could expertly discuss or debate endlessly, politics with anyone. Memorial donations can be made in Norma's name to the MCEF. Condolences can be sent to her son, David Sisco, 2201 Havershaw Close, Virginia Beach, VA 23454

MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE YEAR

A County Association or an individual Clerk may nominate a candidate for Municipal Clerk of the Year. Previous honorees are those individuals who have made positive contributions to our profession for the benefit of all of us. The Association invites you to submit the name of a Municipal Clerk who has had an impact on our profession and who should be considered for this prestigious honor.

MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

(please type)

All nominees must be members of the Municipal Clerks' Association of NJ, Inc., currently employed as Municipal Clerks and tenured in their positions. Current members of the Executive Board and former recipients of the award are not eligible. Qualifications must include activities within the MCANJ and may include related community and volunteer work. The selection of the annual "Municipal Clerk of the Year" is made by the Executive Board and announced at the Association's Annual Meeting during the League of Municipalities Conference in November in Atlantic City.

Nominee: _____

Appointment Date _____

Municipality _____

Address _____

County _____

Qualifications of Nominee:

Attach statement in support of Nominee's candidacy (maximum 500 words)

Nomination made by _____
(Name of County Organization or Individual)

Address _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____ Phone No. _____

Deadline for submission: July 1, 2009

Submit to: Nancy L. Saffos, MCANJ Secretary,
Municipal Clerk, Township of Cherry Hill
820 Mercer St., Cherry Hill, NJ 08002-2638

The Municipal Clerk As A “Protected Employee”

by Richard Lustgarten, MCANJ Legal Counsel



In the last issue I referenced a case relating to the tension between a Municipal Clerk and the Municipal Council when the Council wanted OPRA requests to be funneled through the Municipal Attorney. The case of Borough of Paramus vs. Ian I. Shore, Bergen County Docket #L-8240-08, was decided on January 12, 2009 in favor of the Municipal Clerk. The Court decided that a mandatory review by the Municipal Attorney was in conflict with the statutory requirement that the record custodian (Municipal Clerk) was required to process OPRA requests. While the Court found in favor of the Municipal Clerk, the Court said that it was “discomforted” by reposing with the Clerk the sole authority to determine whether to request legal advice to review decisions. However, the Court deferred to the Legislature in that regard. The Court also said that, had Paramus defined “non-routine” requests more narrowly, the Court may have found differently.

Ultimately, the Court found that Paramus must alter its OPRA request form so that the Borough Attorney and the Borough Administrator would receive copies of the requests but the Clerk was not required to wait for a response from them before making a decision on the request.

Obviously a good working relationship between the Clerk and the Attorney is required so that the Clerk can fulfill his/her responsibilities under the statute yet, at the same time, seek legal advice on matters that may be questionably public documents under the statute and requests that may impact on litigation against the municipality.

Under N.J.S.A 40A:9-133, a Municipal Clerk is appointed for a three year term and, under N.J.S.A 40A:9-134, receives tenure after continuously serving for five years and shall not be removed except for good cause shown after a fair and impartial hearing.

Under N.J.S.A 40A:9-165, the Municipal Governing Body, by Ordinance, shall fix salaries, wages or compensation to be paid to officers and employees of it. While the Ordinance from time to time may increase, decrease or alter salaries, wages or compensation, no such Ordinance shall reduce the salary of or deny without good cause, an increase in salary that is given to all other municipal officers and employees, to the positions of Tax Assessor, Chief Financial Officer, Tax Collector or Municipal Clerk during the term for which he or she shall have been appointed.

Effectively, this statute puts the Municipal Clerk on equal footing with other municipal employees with respect to salary increases to be given others except for “good cause”.

In Civil Service communities (Title 11), this section is subject to it. (The reference in N.J.S.A 40A:9-165 is incorrect since it is now known as Title 11A at least since 1986.) The Civil Service statutes apply to State employees as well as employees of political subdivisions (read Municipalities) and the various statutes relating to salaries, vacation, voluntary furlough and the like are too extensive to include in this article.

Generally speaking, salaries for municipal employees are governed by N.J.S.A 40A:9-10 which states that the governing body of the municipality shall fix the amount of salary, wages or other compensation to be paid to municipal employees.

Municipal Clerks, in conjunction with the other titles set forth above, are considered a “protected employee” at least with respect to salary.

In a case brought by an assessor (a title protected under N.J.S.A 40A:9-165) the Court set out the procedure to be followed with respect to salary increases (Haus v. Mayor and Council, 237 N.J. Super 558 (App. Div. 1990)).

In the first instance the Court indicated that the statute was enacted to protect the employees named therein from economic discrimination regardless of whether it is politically motivated or otherwise. The Court indicated that there was no simple formula to satisfy the legislative lodestar to protect them. The Court indicated that the burden is on the protected employee who claims to be aggrieved by an inadequate salary increase to make a threshold showing that generally other officers or employees were given increases that exceeded theirs. If this showing is made, the burden shifts to the municipality to present evidence demonstrating “good cause” for the disparity. The Court indicated that “good cause” means not only validating the economic basis for disparity but justifying it in light of the legislative policy to afford economic protection to the holders of the protected offices.

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by Richard Lustgarten, MCANJ Legal Counsel

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However, the aggrieved employee ultimately bears the burden of persuasion that there is no good reason for the disparity based on the general principle that ordinances are presumptively valid.

The reasoning in Haus was followed in the case of Assessors v. Boro. of Merchantville, 254 N.J. Super 401 (App. Div. 1993).

Of major interest is a Law Division case (Municipal Assessors v. Barnegat Tp 262 N.J. Super 55 (Law Div. 1992), which indicated that budgetary constraints, longevity, employee benefits and the unionization of certain of its employees (Police, DPW) did not justify the disparity in that case. Effectively, the municipality argued that because of long term contracts to others, budgetary “caps” and that some benefits were being given to the protected employee, that these factors, together, represented “good cause” to justify the disparity. As stated, these arguments were rejected by the Court.

In summary, in both Civil Service and non-civil service municipalities, the salary compensation and benefits Ordinances should be carefully read to see what they provide current employees. Additionally, any specific contract benefits or benefits provided for in a personnel manual should be further reviewed to see where you stand in your municipality.

One final thought. N.J.S.A 40A:9-165 does not make any reference to the Deputy Municipal Clerk as a protected employee. Normally statutes are interpreted by their plain language unless an absurd result would be generated thereby. N.J.S.A 40A:9-35 sets forth the authority to appoint a Deputy Municipal Clerk and the governing body sets compensation, terms, powers, duties, functions, etc. This statute further indicates that upon the absence or disability of the Municipal Clerk, the Deputy shall have all the powers of the Municipal Clerk and shall perform the functions and duties of such office. Query? Does the Deputy Municipal Clerk obtain the benefit of N.J.S.A 40A:9-165? While there is no reported case that I have found on this point, unfortunately, my opinion is no. Had the Legislature wished to include the Deputy Municipal Clerk in its protected employee category it would have done so. Additionally, N.J.S.A 40A:9-135 contemplates a non-permanent absence of the Municipal Clerk. So while the Deputy gets to do all the work in that circumstance, the Deputy, in my judgment, does not get the benefit of Section 165 protection.

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SPOTLIGHT ON: OCEAN COUNTY

Source: The Official Website of Ocean County, <http://www.oceancountygov.com>

Ocean County is the second largest in the State in terms of size and one of four New Jersey counties which border the Atlantic Ocean. Toms River, in Dover Township, serves as the County Seat and is centrally located within Ocean County. The County is in close proximity to two of the Nation's largest metropolitan centers, New York City approximately 60 miles to the north and Philadelphia roughly 50 miles to the west. In addition, Atlantic City is located approximately 50 miles to the south of the County Seat. These metropolitan areas are easily accessible to Ocean County via several major highways.

Although Ocean County has been settled since colonial times, its presence as a separate political entity is of relatively recent origin. The County was created from lands divided from Monmouth County in 1850. For much of its early history, the County was a rural, agricultural and fishing center. During the latter part of the 1800's and through the 1900's, the resort industry of the New Jersey Shore was developed, and the commercial activities associated with seasonal resorts quickly became the County's economic mainstay.

In the early 1950's, there began a nationwide trend towards suburbanization as people moved outward from the older urban centers into previously sparsely populated or rural areas. The opening of the Garden State Parkway in 1954 permitted access to a large amount of undeveloped and inexpensive land within commuting distance of the labor markets of New York and northern New Jersey. The County also became a desired location for people who wanted to retire away from the more industrial areas to the north. A primarily rural County with a population of 37,675 in 1940, the County's population increased to 433,200 persons by 1990. As evidenced by each of the decennial Censuses during this fifty year period, Ocean County was the fastest growing county in the State. Almost all of this growth was due to in-migration, rather than the natural increase of the population.

Development in Ocean County has traditionally occurred along the coastal beaches and in the corridor formed by the Garden State Parkway and US Route 9. Interstate 195 is a relatively new highway which is playing an increasing role in the development of the northern portion of the County. The Interstate provides direct access to the major employment areas of Trenton, the State Capital, to the west and Monmouth County to the northeast.

With the growing year round population, Ocean County's economic base has become increasingly diverse, with a variety of industries now supplementing traditional tourist related businesses. The growth in employment opportunities within Ocean County is now becoming as notable as the population growth was in the recent past.

Over the last ten years, Ocean County has had one of the fastest increases in new jobs in the State. The Health Care Industry has been by far the fastest growing employment sector and is now the top employer in the County. Employment projections released by the NJ Department of Labor show that Ocean County will continue to be at the forefront of New Jersey employment growth well into the next decade.

Despite the large growth in population and employment, Ocean County maintains a vast amount of protected open space which will ensure the balanced land use of the area in the future. Much of the area west of the Garden State Parkway contains large tracts of State Parks, Forests and Wildlife Management Areas. In addition, approximately 20,000 acres east of the Parkway are protected under the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge. The Barnegat Bay and Little Egg Harbor, which stretch nearly the entire north-south length of the County, were recently added to the US National Estuary Program and will be the subject of continuing environmental protection efforts. In the northwest portion of the County, active farmland is being preserved through the County Farmland Preservation Program. In addition, the Ocean County Parks Department maintains an active program for parkland acquisition and development to ensure that a variety of recreation opportunities are in close proximity to residents. As always, the coastal beaches of Ocean County are foremost among the County's attractions and continue to draw thousands of seasonal visitors to the area each year.

Brown's River Ad

21 Stories of Our Garden State; 21 Stories to say: "We're Great!"
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Source: The Official Website of Ocean County, <http://www.oceancountygov.com>

Ocean County lives up to its name with the barrier Seaside peninsula, 20 miles long, and Long Beach Island, another 20 miles long, bordering the Atlantic Ocean, representing one-third of the marvelous Jersey Shore. Long Beach Island truly is an island, about four miles at sea, but you can drive to it. Together they form the Barnegat and Little Egg Harbors, which provide more than 100 square miles of sheltered water playland offering parasailing, windsurfing, kite surfing, sailboating, jet skiing, motor boating and the docks make great places to crab. In Ocean County you can swim in the Atlantic Ocean, the two bays, a number of rivers and even a couple of lakes.

BOARDWALKS: Invented in New Jersey in the late 1800's, boardwalks were simple walkways constructed to help keep sand out of hotel lobbies and railroad parlor Cars. What a difference a century makes! Today the mile long boardwalks found in Pt. Pleasant Beach and Seaside Heights/Seaside Park are major centers of attraction and are lined with amusements, rides, games of chance, arcades, miniature golf courses, restaurants, night clubs, snack bars, boutique shops, gourmet candy shops, an aquarium, a beach train, a water park and an antique Dentzel/Looff carousel. For those whose tastes craves the simpler things in life, there also are boardwalks such as the one in Lavellette and the southern mile of the Seaside Park which offer little more than panoramic views of the ocean front beach and an occasional gazebo offering a shady resting place.

Other Attractions in Ocean County include:

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