



# OCEAN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE



# FOR THE RECORD

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## Over 117,000 Documents Recorded Generating \$31.1 Million in Revenue for 2011

In 2011 the Ocean County Clerk's Office recorded 15,078 deeds and 24,364 mortgages. In addition to deeds and mortgages, the County Clerk's Office processed and placed on record 78,290 other documents such as assignments of mortgages, cancelled mortgages, discharges of mortgages, notice of settlements, etc., for a total of 117,732 documents recorded. The Recording Division generated \$31.1 million in revenue from the fees collected in 2011 as mandated by New Jersey law for the recording of land transactions submitted to our office.

Realty Transfer Tax collected from real estate transactions saw the State of New Jersey receiving \$21.3 million in revenue. Ocean County realized a revenue total of \$9.8 million from Realty Transfer fees. When comparing the County revenue generated from the Recording Division with the total operating expenses in 2011 of \$2,180,000 - Ocean County taxpayers realized a return of \$7,620,000 on the operation of the Recording Division. A return of \$3.50 for every tax dollar spent. The dollars collected help to provide property tax relief to residents.

13,290 applications for US Passports were processed thru the County Clerk's Office in 2011, 1,947 Notary Public applications, 930 Trade Name Certificates were recorded for individuals starting a new business in Ocean County, 708 Ocean County veterans had their Honorable Military Discharge (DD-214 Papers) recorded and over 24,000 mail-in ballot applications were processed as well as over 1 million sample ballots printed for various elections.



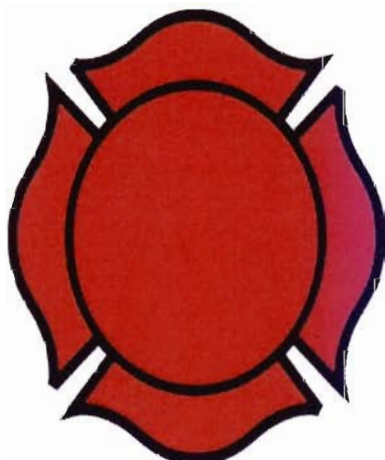
**Scott M. Colabella**  
Ocean County Clerk

## The Monthly RECAP.

During the first month of 2012 the Ocean County Clerk's Office Recording Services staff placed 1,116 deeds and 2,093 mortgages on record. Over \$2 million in revenue was collected from fees as mandated by New Jersey law for the recording of document transactions submitted to our office in the month of January. Of that total, \$898,806 was delivered to the County of Ocean, and over \$1.1 million was forwarded to the State of New Jersey.

In January, 1,476 U.S. Passport applications were processed (17 Passports at the Court House in Toms River, 1,107 at the County Connection at the Ocean County Mall, 291 at the Northern Resource Center in Lakewood, 4 via the Mobile County Connection Bus, and 57 at the Southern Service Center in Manahawkin). In addition, 154 Notary Public applications were processed (22 at the Court House in Toms River, 98 at the County Connection at the Ocean County Mall, 19 at the Northern Resource Center in Lakewood, and 15 at the Southern Service Center in Manahawkin). A total of 24 Ocean County Veterans had their Honorable Military Discharge papers (DD-214 form) placed on record (17 at the Court House and 7 at the Southern Service Center in Manahawkin) and 71 individuals filed for a Trade Name to establish a new business (68 at the Court House and 3 in Manahawkin). 142 Ocean County registered voters were issued Vote-By-Mail Ballots for the February 18<sup>th</sup> Fire District Election.

## Fire District Elections Set for Saturday Feb. 18th



Fire District Elections will be held on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> in the Ocean County municipalities of Brick, Jackson, Lakewood, Little Egg Harbor, Plumsted and Toms River. Polling Place Hours are 2PM until 9 PM except for Lakewood Fire District Polls which close at 10PM.

Any registered voter of Brick, Jackson, Lakewood, Little Egg Harbor, Plumsted or Toms River seeking a Vote By Mail Ballot can apply in person at the Ocean County Clerk's Election Office at the Court House on 118 Washington Street in Toms River. All completed applications sent thru the mail must arrive at the County Clerk's Office on or before Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Registered voters can apply in person and obtain a Mail-In Ballot on or before Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. The last day to register to vote in the Fire District Election is Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

For additional information on the Fire District Elections please contact the Ocean County Clerk's Election Office at 732-929-2153.



## Seniors Learn About County Clerk Services at January Seminar

The Ocean County Clerk's Office was proud to be a part of a Seminar for Seniors which took place at the Southern Service Center in Stafford on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Over 200 seniors attended the program which was sponsored by the Ocean County Board of Freeholders, the Prosecutor's Office and the Township of Stafford. The seminar provided seniors with the latest information on a host of topics.

Ocean County Clerk Scott Colabella gave a brief overview of the multitude of services the office provides including assisting residents in obtaining a US Passport, recording Honorable Military Discharge DD-214 Papers for veterans and

assisting registered voters to obtain a Vote By Mail Ballot for elections. In addition, seniors were made aware of private companies which offer to provide certified copies of deeds to their homes at inflated costs - compared to the minimal charge seniors would pay for the same documents which can be obtained directly at the County Clerk's Office.

Among the other Ocean County governmental offices that participated in the program were the Surrogate, Office of Senior Services, Health Department, Consumer Affairs, the Prosecutor and the Stafford Police Department.

## New Law Provides Option to Move School Elections from April to November

On January 17<sup>th</sup> Governor Christie signed into law legislation that gives school districts, municipal governing bodies or voters the option to move School Elections from April to November. Under the law, school districts or municipalities are required to notify the County Clerk by sending a copy of a resolution they adopt indicating their intent to move the School Election from April to November. The NJ Department of Education and the NJ Division of Elections have issued procedural guidelines for implementing the new law which advise school or local officials to adopt a resolution no later than February 17<sup>th</sup> if they decide to move the School Election from April to November for the 2012 election cycle.

A complete listing of all the Ocean County School Districts that will hold their Elections in November will be provided by the Ocean County Clerk's Office shortly after the February 17<sup>th</sup> deadline. School Board candidates participating in the April School Elections will file their nominating petitions with the School Board Administrator on or before February 27<sup>th</sup>. School Board candidates vying in the November General Election will file their nominating petitions with the County Clerk on or before June 5<sup>th</sup>. For additional information or questions related to the new school election law please contact the County Clerk's Election Office at 732-929-2153.



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**4 CONVENIENT LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU**

Ocean County Court House  
118 Washington St., Toms River  
732-929-2018

County Connection  
Ocean County Mall  
Hooper Ave., Toms River  
732-288-7777

Northern Resource Center  
225 4<sup>th</sup> St., Lakewood  
732-370-8850

Southern Service Center  
179 South Main St., Manahawkin  
609-597-1500

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