

**Please Attend the Neptune Township Committee Meeting  
Monday, November 27 at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building**

**Permit Parking Basics**

The objective is simple – to afford at least some level of preference to residents to park near their homes year round.

1. Yes, there will be a minimal annual charge to cover costs.
2. Permit holders may park anywhere; those without permits will be restricted to only one side of a street.
3. Permits will be available to all residents, including renters.
4. Notwithstanding the small fee, there is absolutely no downside for Ocean Groves to a pilot program for residents. You'll have a better chance of parking where you park now, but with the added benefit of having one side of the street reserved solely for residents with permits. Let's give permits a chance; if they don't work, we can try something else.

# Why Permit Parking?

The Ocean Grove Home Owners Association formed a Parking Committee to represent the residents of Ocean Grove in an effort to relieve the increasingly difficult task of finding a parking space in Ocean Grove.

The Committee has engaged with Neptune Township to find a solution to the problem as you, the residents, see it:

1. Asbury Park business employees, visitors, and even residents, routinely and continuously use the North End streets as a free parking lot.
2. Competition for scarce parking spots creates congestion on our narrow streets, and has led to extremely antisocial behavior increasingly escalating to dangerous confrontations.
3. There is a limited number of spaces. We believe it right and proper that those who live here and pay property taxes should be afforded priority over the parking invaders from Asbury Park.
4. The phenomenal growth of Asbury Park means that a significant proportion of spaces is occupied by outsiders as a matter of course. In fact, business owners in Asbury actively advise their staff to park in Ocean Grove. This means fewer spots for Ocean Grove residents and visitors all year round.
5. The situation is getting worse. Asbury continues to extend metered parking and is now expanding permit parking beyond the downtown and beachfront residential areas. Whether year round, or seasonal, our residents and visitors are being denied parking, and Ocean Grove businesses and events suffer as a result.
6. During the Summer season a similar scenario unfolds with our southern neighbor Bradley Beach. Again, visitors park on the south side of town and walk the short distance to Bradley Beach to avoid paying parking fees.

We believe that the time for action is now, and we can no longer to accept inaction by the Township or obstructionism by special interest groups that want to deny us, Ocean Grove residents, voters and taxpayers, the safe and properly managed parking environment now enjoyed by our neighbors.