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Newly-Opened Marina at Oceanport Offers Traditional and "Dock and Dine" Restaurant Services



The Marina at Oceanport opened at the former Fort Monmouth marina late last month, just in time to take advantage of the last weeks of summer. Since its opening, patrons have been flocking to the waterfront restaurant and bar, which occupies the renovated marina building formerly operated by Fort Monmouth. The facility is currently operating under an operator's agreement between FMERA and the restaurant owner, Mario Criscione.

“The marina restaurant opening for business represents another step toward the work-live-play atmosphere FMERA seeks to create within Oceanport,” FMERA Executive Director Bruce Steadman said. “Borough residents and visitors can now enjoy firsthand the experience of water-front dining and the beauty of the local area.”



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FMERA Welcomes Public Interest in Oceanport Redevelopment

The Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority (FMERA) monthly public meeting on the evening of August 26th was well-attended and public comments and questions were received from several Oceanport residents. Both the FMERA Board and staff welcome the thoughtful questions and suggestions for improving transparency, participation and communication. Stakeholders in the redevelopment process are not only local and regional government entities, but the residents, communities and neighborhoods affected by and accepting the changes incurred by the transition of the former Fort Monmouth.

Executive Director Bruce Steadman noted, “The redevelopment of Fort Monmouth requires the support and input of our local communities, and we are encouraged and humbled to see the activity and interest of our Oceanport residents.”

FMERA hopes to advance and support this high level of engagement and interest, and maintains that achieving its mission can only be successful with the support of

the community. To this end, FMERA has suggested the development of an ad hoc committee of representatives of Oceanport to join the ongoing monthly meetings with Oceanport leadership and FMERA staff. This venue is a productive and cooperative space for constructive dialogue, and for the exchange of information on projects and issues within Oceanport and throughout the Fort. In addition, ongoing participation in monthly public meetings and outreach via our website (<http://www.fortmonmouthnj.com>) and public email address (<mailto:FMERAINfo@njeda.com>) will hopefully encourage continued interest and feedback.

Mr. Steadman reiterated the FMERA staff's appreciation for the Oceanport residents' interest and comments, and pledged the staff's continued commitment to implementing the Reuse Plan for the benefit of Oceanport, the County, FMERA and all other stakeholders. He also noted the excellent working relationships that FMERA has developed with various Oceanport Departments, including the Police Department and the Department of Public Works.

In an attempt to address any outstanding questions from the public comments received during the Board meeting, FMERA has posted responses to some of the overarching concerns presented at the meeting on its website, www.fortmonmouthnj.com. FMERA will also continue to provide thorough responses to the concerns and will increase information addressed in the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) under the 'About' section of the website.

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Approved RFOTP for Barracks Area Parcel to Seek Creation of Cultural Center on Fort Monmouth

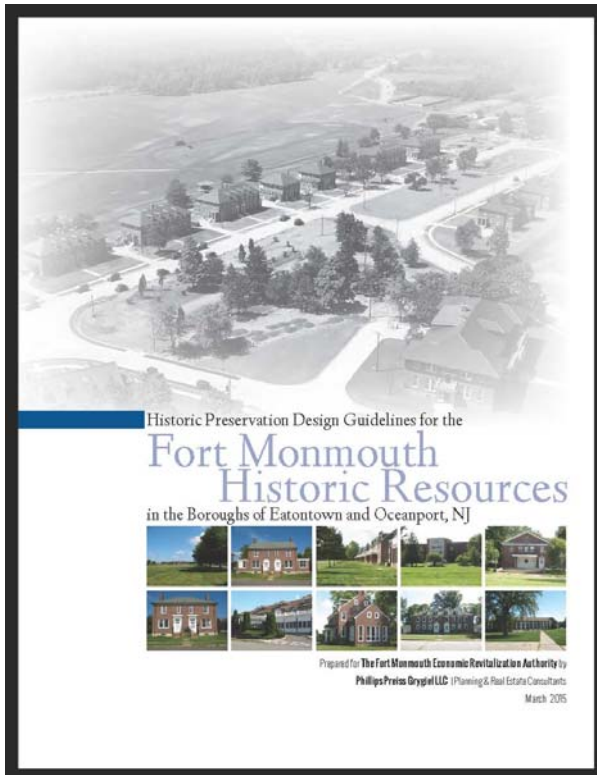
The FMERA Board this month authorized the issuance of a Request for Offers to Purchase (RFOTP) for the Barracks (Buildings 1102 through 1107) and the adjacent Soldiers Park in Eatontown. The World War II-era Barracks total approximately 24,780 square feet and occupy a 2.1 acre parcel of land. Soldiers Park totals approximately 2.7 additional acres of land on the Fort.

The RFOTP expands the types of redevelopment FMERA is aiming to attract to Fort Monmouth, by encouraging the creation of a cultural center that promotes the arts, music, entertainment or a museum. FMERA anticipates including Soldiers Park land as deed-restricted open space, allowing for the property to be used on occasion as

outdoor art exhibition or performance space. While the Fort Monmouth Reuse and Redevelopment Plan (Reuse Plan) calls for the Barracks buildings to be demolished, the RFOTP will solicit proposals that would include up to 12 units of artist live/work space, or for non-residential arts-based use.

FMERA Consultant PPG Wins “Achievement in Planning Award” for Historical Guidelines

Congratulations to Phillips Preiss Grygiel, LLC (PPG), FMERA’s professional planning consultant! PPG, of Hoboken, recently received a New Jersey Planning Officers Award (NJPO) for its work crafting the Historic District Design Guidelines for Fort Monmouth’s Historic District.



The Fort Monmouth Historic District, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2014, is located on the Main Post of Fort Monmouth in Oceanport. In addition to the property on the Main Post, the Guidelines provide recommendations and information on Gibbs Hall, the historic clubhouse on the Golf Course in Eatontown.

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Historic Photo of the Month



The marina in Oceanport in operation in May 2009, before the Fort's closure in 2011.

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