



DOWNTOWN TOMS RIVER

Business Improvement District

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WHAT'S HAPPENING in Downtown Toms River this August

By BID Staff

It's hard to believe we are already heading into the month of August. It has been a busy summer in Downtown Toms River and August isn't slowing down at all. The Farmers' Market is going strong. With 4 farms, many vendors, and a food & smoothie truck everyone should make it a point to stop by and support these local businesses. There is truly something for everyone there. Our third Downtown Cruisin' will take place on Wednesday, August 14th. It's always a beautiful evening to come out and look at all the classic cars, listen to some great music, and grab a bite to eat. Huddy Park Game Night will return on Wednesday, August 28th, from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. We've added some great new games and activities so stop by Huddy Park and check it out. This month we will feature The Toms River Artist Communities Summer Arts Festival. We also look at florists in downtown and the demolition of The Red Carpet Motel.





Featured Event: Summer Arts Fest

The TOMS RIVER ARTIST COMMUNITY will be hosting their annual JURIED SUMMER ARTS FEST, a free public event, this year to be held on the lawn next to the Ocean County Parking Garage. This is the same location as the Wednesday Farmers' Market! Free parking in the county garage! This is a Juried Art show showcasing the art of wonderful local artists, with over \$1700 in prizes! Music will be provided by "The ClubHouse" of Toms River, along with live performances by Josh Werner, Julia Sterling and Keith Peters. Student dancers from "Broadway on Main" will be performing and not to be missed. There will be great food from these wonderful food trucks: Caribbean Soul, Mr. Softee, and Debbie O's Concessions! Rain date August 18th, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. JOIN US FOR A FUN, FAMILY DAY!

ARTISTS: There is still time to reserve your spot! Just go to our secure website, <https://TRAC732.com> for details and to download an application. Any questions, please call 732-604-5761.

Featured Business: Floral Shops

The Village Florist, located at 49 Main St., proudly serves the Toms River area. They are family owned and operated since 1984. They are the premium all-inclusive professional floral destination for Toms River and the surrounding areas. They specialize in unique florals, fruit and gourmet baskets and gifts. They feature many vintage treasures and unique pieces by New Jersey's local artists.

They will help you pick out the perfect gift for any occasion or event. Debbie Reader, the founder and owner, takes special pride in her creative work and exceptional customer service. They welcome business accounts and event work. "Come in and browse our charming store we'll be happy to see you!" Let Village Florist be your first choice for flowers. They offer flower delivery throughout Toms River, NJ and surrounding areas, as well as nationwide delivery through a network of reliable florists. To contact The Village Florist please call 732-341-3723.

Store Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Sunday: Closed



Featured News:

Demolition of The Red Carpet Inn

On Thursday, July 18th, demolition of the troublesome motel in downtown Toms River begin. Crews started demolition of The Red Carpet Inn at 2 p.m., following a news conference by the mayor. "So I think that all of us can say is the beginning of the revitalization of downtown Toms River," Kelaher said. Prior to the motel closing, the police had responded to over 750 incidents at the motel since 2015. Many of those incidents were serious in nature including, narcotics, weapons and theft. In November of 2017 the township declared the motel a "nuisance". In May of 2018 the Township purchased the property. The demolition was completed by Site Enterprises. The township has plans to build a berm on the site

to help control the flooding issues in that area. A post from the Township's Facebook page states "Once the building is demolished, the Red Roof Inn location will be developed with a new waterfront park in conjunction with a river walk that will extend from Water Street to Herflicker Boulevard. At this time, it is proposed that the park and river walk will be developed at a higher elevation than the current adjacent parking lot."



Downtown Toms River - 2019 Calendar of Events

MAY

- 4 – Toms River FoodFest*
- 18 – 30th NJ State Chili & Salsa Cook-off
- 22 & 29 – Farmers' Market

JUNE

- 5, 12, 19, & 26 – Farmers' Market
- 12 – Cruisin' Downtown Toms River

JULY

- 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 – Farmers' Market
- 10 – Cruisin' Downtown Toms River
- 20 – Summer In The Street
- 20 – Wooden Boat Festival*

AUGUST

- 7, 14, 21 & 28 – Farmers' Market
- 14 – Cruisin' Downtown Toms River
- 17 – Art in the Park

SEPTEMBER

- 7 – O.C. Historical Society Antiques Faire*
- 4, 11, 18 & 25 – Farmers' Market
- 11 – Cruisin' Downtown Toms River

OCTOBER

- 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 – Farmers' Market
- 19 – Harvest Arts Festival
- 31 – Halloween Parade*

NOVEMBER

- 6, 13, 20 & 25 - Farmers' Market
- 11 – Veterans Day Parade*
- 30 – Small Business Saturday

DECEMBER

- 6 – Christmas Tree Lighting
- 1 – Jingle Bells Run*
- 11 – Business & Resident Holiday Decorating Contest

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Downtown Toms River

Farmers' Market

Location

Ocean County Parking Garage Lawn
28 Hadley Avenue, Toms River

Every Wednesday

May 22 – Oct 30 11 am – 5 pm

Nov 6 – 20 11 am – 4 pm

Nov 25 11 am – 4 pm

(Special Thanksgiving Week Market)

Fresh Produce

- Fruits & Vegetables • Nuts & Candy • Honey
- Baked Goods • Herbs & Spices • Food Truck
- Gourmet Foods • Homemade Dog Treats
- Smoothie Truck • Pickles & Olives • Winery

**Join us the first Wednesday of each month
for a FREE RAFFLE to win a basket of
Farmers Market items.**

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10% discount for Military and First Responders.
TRAC monthly meeting is 2nd Tues. of each month, 7PM,
Main Floor Community Room.

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and our new website TRAC732.com



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