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WHAT: Panel discussion to discuss Toms River history

WHEN: 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29

WHERE: Toms River Library, 101 Washington St.

Ocean County Library Program To Showcase 250th Anniversary Of Toms River

TOMS RIVER – In celebration of the township’s 250th birthday, the Ocean County Library will present a discussion about the history and people of early- and mid-20th century Toms River on Saturday, April 29 at the Toms River Branch, 101 Washington St.

Local journalist and long-time township resident Don Bennett will moderate “Toms River Talks.” Bennett has covered news events in Ocean County since 1964, working for four daily and eight weekly newspapers. His investigative work on the Ciba-Geigy pollution scandal is recounted by Dan Fagin’s 2013 Pulitzer Prize winning book, “Toms River.”

Panelists include Barbara Carlino, South Toms River Mayor Oscar Cradle, L. Manuel Hirshblond, Dave Johnson, and Caroll Genay Murray. Township Clerk Mark Mutter who also serves as Toms River historian and chairman of the 250th Anniversary Commission will introduce the panelists.

The panelists, who grew up, lived, worked, raised families, and played in Toms River, will discuss events they witnessed that helped shape Toms River into the town it has become.

If you have questions about the interesting officials that held county office or wondered how Toms River changed since the Garden State Parkway opened it up 50 years ago you will want to attend this program. Feel free to come and share some of your own interesting stories.

Join the fun with your questions and answers. The 90 minute discussion will start at 2 p.m.

The program is free and open to the public. Please note that it will be streamed live on the internet and broadcast on Ocean County College's TV20 station at a date to be scheduled. The video recording will be transcribed and archived so that future generations can access these insights into Toms River history.

Seating is limited so register by calling 732-349-6200 or online at the library website www.theoceancountylibrary.org, then click on the events icon.

Free parking is available on Saturday in the top and middle levels of the Toms River parking garage located behind the library and in the Ocean County Parking garage on Hooper Avenue. Directions and a map are available at <http://theoceancountylibrary.org/Branches/TR/tr.htm>