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**Runners Race in Remembrance of Local Heroes**

The Lower Township Department of Parks and Recreation will be hosting the annual Robert Coombs/ David Douglass Memorial Bay Run on August 2 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

This is the thirteenth year of the consolidation of the Robert Coombs Memorial Bay Run and the David C. Douglass, Sr. Memorial Race. This year's event features the five-mile race as well as a two-mile health run or walk.

The event is held in memory of two men who were committed to protecting and supporting their community. Robert Coombs was a Town Bank volunteer firefighter who was killed in an auto accident. David C. Douglass, Sr. made the ultimate sacrifice and was killed in the line of duty. Douglass also served as a Town Bank volunteer firefighter.

Proceeds of the memorial bay run benefit the Douglass Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Special Olympics of South Jersey.

Both the courses of the five-mile race and the two-mile health run/walk are located primarily along the Delaware Bay shoreline and adjoining neighborhoods. This year, JB Sports Timing is coming on board to provide participants with chip timing. That will allow them to have accurate and live searchable race results via website, emailed to a smart phone or available at touch screen kiosks.

Registration opens at 7 a.m. at the Town Bank Fire Hall, located at 224 Town Bank Rd. Participants may register online at Active.com.

Races begin at 8:30 a.m. with the start and finish line at the Town Bank Fire Hall. There will be a free pancake breakfast after the event. Participants also will receive a free t-shirt, as supplies last, and are eligible for door prizes. There will be five-year age group trophies for first, second and third place and a special category for the first firefighter and first law enforcement in the five-mile race.

Registration fees are \$15 before the day of the race and \$20 on the day of the race.

For more information call 609-886-7880 or email recreation@townshipoflower.org.