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**OCEAN BREEZE PARK ALLIANCE WELCOMES  
NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS TO FURTHER ENHANCE  
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY TRACK & FIELD INITIATIVES**

[Staten Island, NY] – Ocean Breeze Park Alliance, the non-profit partner of NYC Parks’ Ocean Breeze Park and Athletic Complex, is thrilled to announce the addition of seven new members to its esteemed Board of Trustees. The new Trustees bring a wealth of expertise, passion, and commitment to the organization's mission of promoting youth and community engagement through free track and field programs, and fostering athletic excellence, personal growth, and community development.

The newly appointed Board of Trustee members are:

**Joseph Compagni** - a coach and event director with New Jersey’s oldest and most well-established running club, and a technical advisor and meet referee with collegiate competitions.

**Sean Fortune** - a USATF Level II coach and the founder of a private one-on-one coaching service for runners of all abilities in Manhattan, and head cross country coach at an independent girls' school.

**Andrew Guido** - corporate finance professional and lifelong Staten Island, president of the New Dorp Civic Association, and race director of the SSG Michael Ollis 5K Run & Walk.

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**Jon Phillips** - a social media expert with 20 years of running industry experience, and a former competitive NCAA athlete who is currently working at New York Road Runners.

**Craig Sutherland** - a financial professional with almost 20 years of Wall Street experience, and experienced coach on the high school and Division One college level.

**Peter Trapani** - a sales and operations professional and team parent for the Ocean Breeze WaveRunners.

**Daniel Zarrilli** - a climate and sustainability expert having served in the de Blasio administration, and now working on climate and decarbonization in the education sector, and a licensed civil engineer. He is a team parent for the Ocean Breeze WaveRunners.

"We are delighted to welcome these exceptional individuals to our Board of Trustees," said Michael Schnall, Executive Director. "Their diverse backgrounds and shared commitment to empowering youth athletes will undoubtedly enhance our organization's ability to make a positive and lasting impact in both the Staten Island and regional track and field and running communities."

The new Trustees will collaborate with Ocean Breeze Park Alliance's existing board members, executive director, and NYC Parks to strategize and implement innovative programs that promote fitness, mentorship, leadership, and personal development. Their contributions will help shape the future of the Ocean Breeze Park Alliance and continue to elevate the level of service and support we provide to our youth athletes and the broader community.

You can read more about our Board of Trustees members at [OBParkAlliance.org](http://OBParkAlliance.org) under the "About Us" tab.

**About Ocean Breeze Park Alliance:**

Ocean Breeze Park Alliance is a Staten Island-based non-profit organization that is dedicated to empowering youth athletes and enhancing communities through track and field programs since 2020. We aim to foster the holistic development of young individuals, equipping them with the skills and values needed for success both on and off the track. Our commitment to community collaboration and athletic excellence remains unwavering, making a positive impact on countless lives. Learn more at [OBParkAlliance.org](http://OBParkAlliance.org).

**About Ocean Breeze Park:**

Ocean Breeze Park is located on Staten Island's north shore just off Midland Beach. The park spans more than 110 acres, boasts an outdoor cross-country track, and is home to the Ocean Breeze Track and Field Athletic Complex, a 135,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art indoor track and field facility. In 2015, the complex became the first facility in the United States to be recognized as a certified International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) facility and has since become a premier destination for track and field events.

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