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Discover Lakewood's Sports Glory and Railroad Heritage at the Ocean County Library Lakewood Branch

LAKWOOD – Learn about athletic prowess and a heralded passenger train, both ingrained in Lakewood's past. [The Lakewood Historical Society](#) will present "Sports-in-the-Pines: 100 Years of Athletic Competition in Lakewood" and "Take a Ride on the Blue Comet" at the Ocean County Library Lakewood Branch, 7 PM Tuesday, February 20.

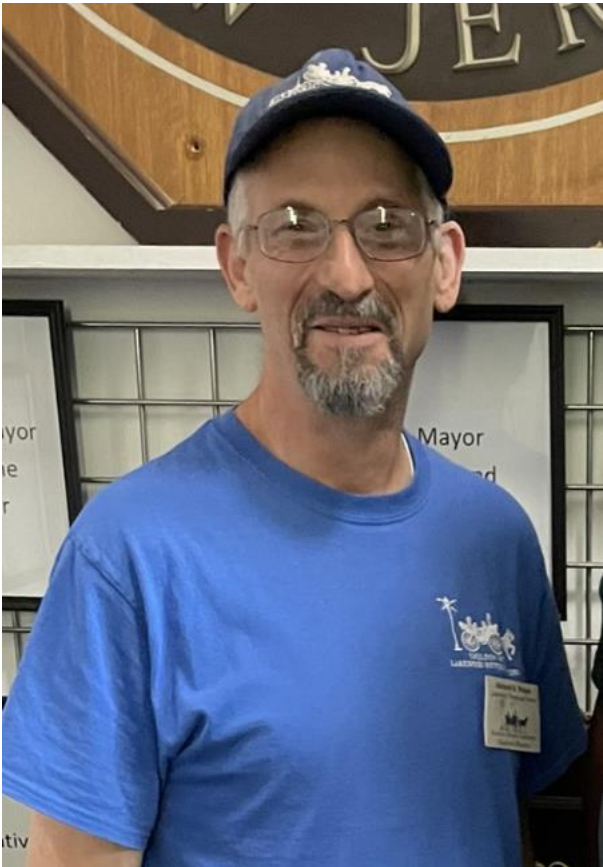
Richard Wolpin, docent of the Sheldon Wolpin Lakewood Historical Museum, will give an account of professional, amateur and scholastic sports teams that made their marks in the township, and also of famous athletes and teams who trained in Lakewood.

[Lakewood Heritage Commission](#) Chair Steve Wexler, a retired township police detective, will offer a retrospective of the Central Railroad of New Jersey's luxurious Blue Comet which contributed to Lakewood's growth, whisking countless visitors to town on its run between the New York metropolitan area and Atlantic City starting in 1929.

Please register at <https://bit.ly/OclLkwdHistory> for these free programs. For more information, stop by the OCL Lakewood Branch, 301 Lexington Avenue, call (732) 363-1435, or visit www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events.

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Richard Wolpin



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