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Brigantine Moves Forward With Emergency Protection at Promenade

Brigantine City Council authorized the design and permitting work for an emergency coastal protection project at the northern end of the Promenade, where severe erosion has created an immediate concern for nearby homes, city infrastructure, and the Promenade itself.

The emergency project is being developed as a temporary measure to help protect the area while the city continues working on a long-term solution, including the planned extension of the seawall at the northern end of the Promenade.

The city's engineer has recommended installing a stone revetment consisting of large stones weighing approximately 4 to 6 tons each. The proposed protection would extend from the corner of the Promenade along the exposed timber bulkhead and approximately 50 feet

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Lifeguards Honored by Proclamation

By Tom Morgan

Several Brigantine Beach Patrol lifeguards were honored by proclamation last Wednesday at the Brigantine City Council meeting for their heroic lifesaving efforts. The following is a recap of their efforts after two pre-teens entered the water near the jetty rocks at a non-swimming beach and immediately found themselves in trouble.

On Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026, members of the Brigantine City Beach Patrol responded to a serious water emergency near the South Jetty, where two very young swimmers had entered an unprotected area and were caught in a powerful rip current at the jetty rocks. Lifeguard Masey Klemm was walking toward the South Jetty to warn swimmers to leave the water when she observed the two victims being carried seaward by the rip current. Recognizing the immediate danger, Lifeguard Richard Reid immediately entered the water and reached the victims before they were carried beyond the end of the jetty rocks. Lifeguard Ried was able to bring one victim safely back toward shore. As the second victim was carried farther into Absecon Inlet, Capt. James Wilkenson and rookie lifeguard Guia Bentencourt arrived on paddleboards to assist Lifeguard Klemm. Working together, they secured the second victim on a paddleboard and kept her safe while additional assistance was requested. A Beach Patrol jet ski was

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Brigantine Mayor Vince Sera shows South Jersey Congressman Jeff Van Drew storm damage at the promenade on the north end of the island on October 1, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon)



Brody Ward, Nick Schiavo, Luke Emig, Ron DeFelice and Mike Brooks accepting their lifesaving proclamation from Mayor Sera and BCBP Chief Kip Emig for their lifesaving efforts on September 20th

100 Years of The Brigantine Lighthouse

By Mayor Vince Sera

Brigantine is turning 100, and we're throwing a party! The City of Brigantine and the Brigantine Chamber of Commerce are teaming up to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Brigantine Lighthouse with a huge block party on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 4 to 8 p.m. Brigantine Avenue will be closed from the Circle to 31st Street and transformed into a celebration featuring live music, food trucks, vendors, local businesses, restaurants, and a beer garden hosted by the Brigantine VFW.

There will be plenty of

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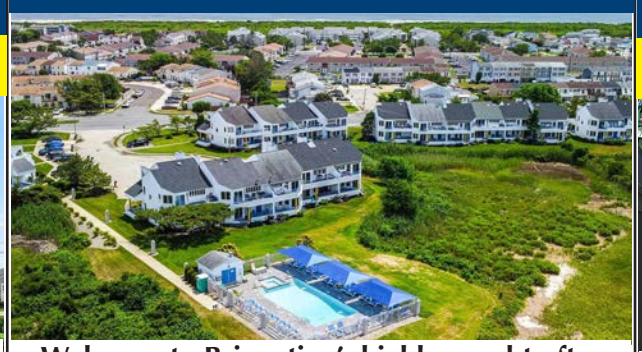
NEW BEACH BLOCK SINGLE FAMILY!!
1000 E. BEACH AVE.

OPEN HOUSE SAT. 10AM - 1PM



Beautifully Maintained Coastal 3-story single-family home with ocean views! Features 4 spacious bedrooms and 3 full bathrooms, including a new third-floor primary suite with an ensuite bathroom, a walk-in closet, and 2 private ocean-viewdecks. First-floor has a family or den/office space, and three bedrooms.

MOONBAY NEW LISTING
545 LAGOON BLVD.



Welcome to Brigantine's highly sought-after Moonbay Townhome Community. The first floor includes a laundry room, a shared bathroom, and three bedrooms, highlighted by a spacious primary suite with a private balcony. The second floor features a living room with a fireplace, a dining room, and an eat-in kitchen.

1 BLOCK TO THE BEACH!!
211 7TH STREET SOUTH

OPEN HOUSE SAT. 12PM - 2PM



Southside first-floor, three-bedroom, two-bath condo located just one block from the beach on 7th Street. Great rental history, coming fullyf urnished, nice backyard, outside shower, storage and plenty of parking. Walking and biking distance to restaurants and shops, the yacht club, Elk's Lodge, and the 18-hole public Links golf course and clubhouse.

INVESTOR ALERT!
7 & 9 SOUTH TEXAS AVE.



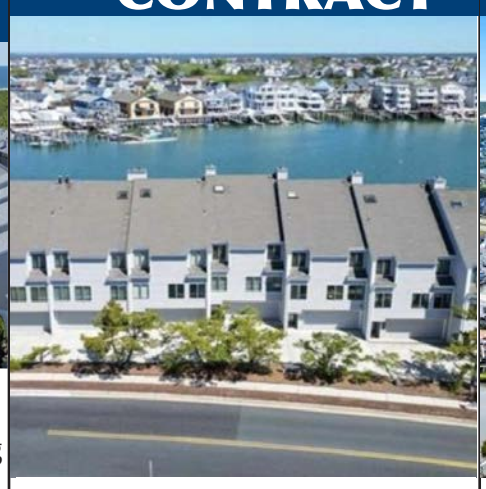
INVESTOR ALERT!!! Investment Opportunity Atlantic City Rooming House only 2 short blocks to the beach! Walking distance to beach, boardwalk, shops, casinos and public transportation. 11 rental rooms, 3.5 bathrooms, 3 kitchens, and 1 shared washer. Seller has rented thisproperty every year from June to October. All city rental permits are up to date for 2026.

DIRECT OCEANFRONT!!
58 COQUILLE BEACH BLVD.



Welcome to this direct oceanfront condo at Coquille Beach, where you can start enjoying coastal living the moment you step through the door!This corner condo features 2 bedrooms and 2 updated tiled bathrooms.

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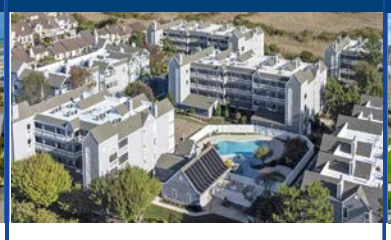
329 SEASHELL LANE

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4800 HARBOR BEACH BLVD. #4201

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4800 HARBOR BEACH BLVD. #1303

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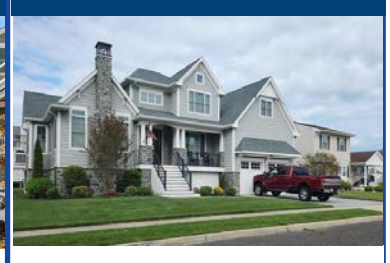
2100 WEST BRIGANTINE AVE.

SOLD!



218 S ROOSEVELT BLVD

SOLD!



207 23RD ST. S

WINTER RENTAL



Winter rental opportunity available from September 20th to May 15th. This stunning, newly remodeled home features: 2 bedrooms and 2bathrooms, a dedicated office space, tasteful furnishings and newer appliances. Spacious fenced in yard, large back deck, BBQ grill, and ample parking. $1,600/month

WINTER RENTAL



Welcome to Kings Cove! This WINTER RENTAL is available starting on September 1st to May 15th. Spacious 2 story townhouse with a garage,newly updated and nicely furnished, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, 2 decks, move in ready. All utilities are included, electric, gas and cable. Petfriendly! $2,900/month

SUMMER RENTAL



This home is truly perfection featuring a Gourmet Kitchen, open floor plan, 4 wet bars, 5 decks, elevator from the garage to 3rd floor, 5 bedrooms each with a full bathroom.

SUMMER RENTAL



A comfortable 5500 sq ft Luxury Coastal Rental featuring an inground- swimming pool, covered patio, dock, gas grill, outside shower, beach chairs and 8 beach badges.

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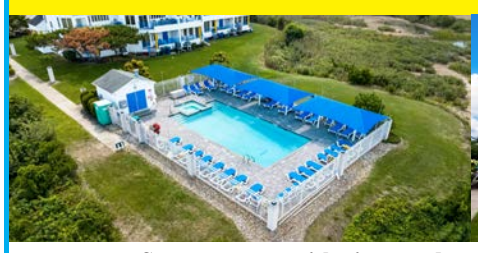
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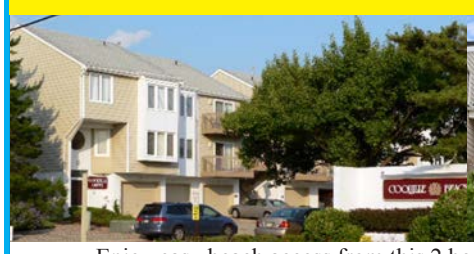
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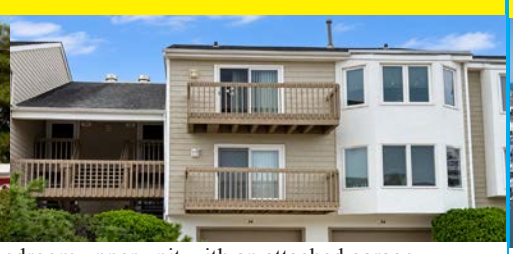




4800 HARBOR BEACH BLVD. #3105 NEW PRICE:$775,000

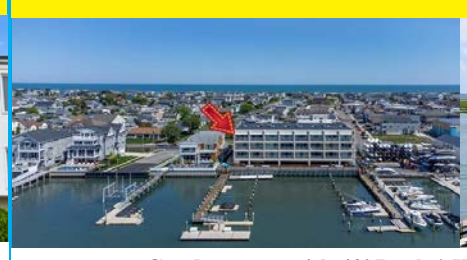
NEW LISTING AT COQUILLE BEACH





Enjoy easy beach access from this 2 bedroom upper unit with an attached garage.
Comples features swimming & suning at the Pool Offered at $639,000

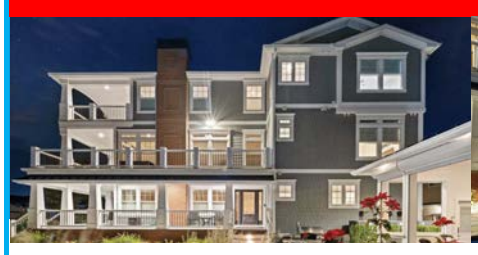
BOARDWALK ON THE BAY

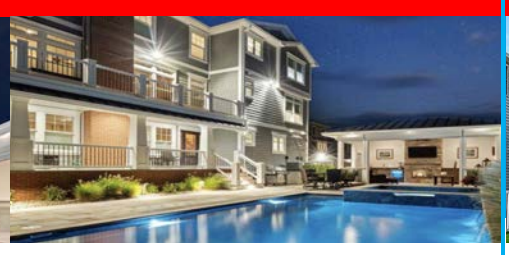




Condo comes with 40' Dock * When you're ready to 'ship off' it's a short ride to the inlet & ocean for some fishing & cruising.

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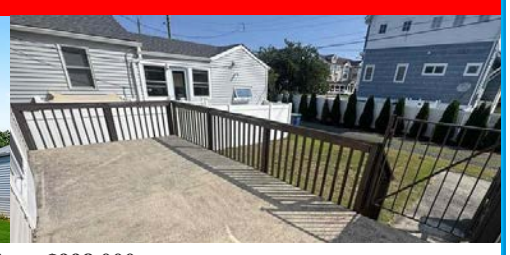




313 29th St. - Offered at $4,445,000.

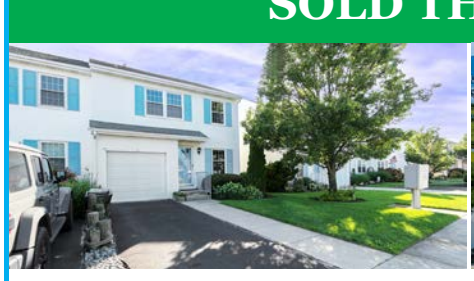
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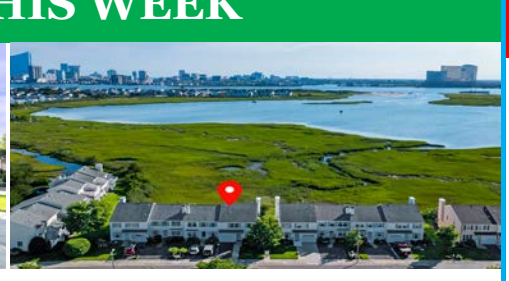




101 23rd st - $998,000

SOLD THIS WEEK





10 Gull Cove - $699,000

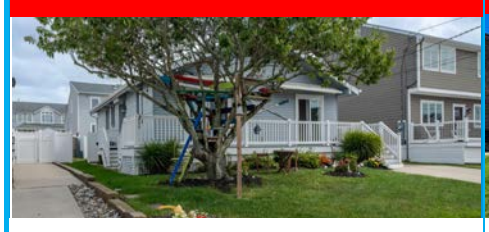
UNDER CONTRACT NEW CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY





318 10TH STREET SOUTH * $2,600,000

UNDER CONTRACT IN 1 DAY



7 McDermott Pl. - $639,000

UNDER CONTRACT IN 1 DAY



5209 Waterview Drive In Seapoint - $995,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION BUILDING IN PROCESS





301 29TH STREET - $2,975,000



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Student Beach Badge Contest

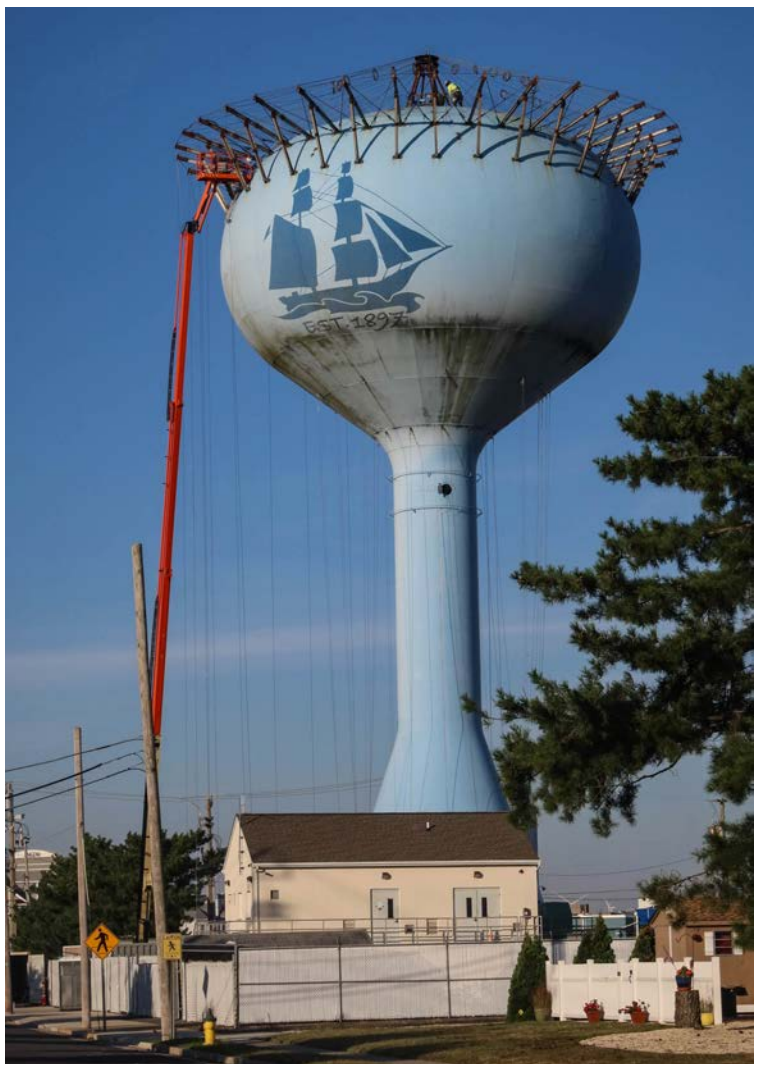
Every year, the Brigantine Beach Badge Office hosts a contest with kids in the Brigantine Community School art classes to compete for the honor of having their artwork on next year's Brigantine Beach Tags. There are four categories of beach tags: Senior Tag, Seasonal Tag, 4x4 Tag and Military Tag. This year's winners are three third graders and one fourth grader. The winning design for the Senior Tag was won by Rhea Sheplin, with a beach theme featuring turtles, fish and jellyfish. Third grader Sebastian Zurek's design, featuring a lighthouse, a bridge and beach chairs, will be seen on the 2027 Seasonal Beach Tag. The 4x4 Beach Tag design by third grader Logan Perry, featuring a patriotic rainbow with beach chairs, will be on the 2027 4x4 Tag. The Military Tag winner was drawn by fourth grader Kamryn Garbutt, and his American flag over the ocean design will be on the 2027 Military Beach Tag.

Beach Badge Office Manager AJ Platt said, "A huge congratulations to the talented young artists who

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Congressman Van Drew is joined by homeowners Clay and Lori Goldmid, Council member Mike Riordan, City Manager Tiger Platt, Brigadier General Geoffrey Van Epps (Deputy Commanding General for Civil Works and Emergency Operations for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers), Mayor Vince Sera, and former New Jersey State Legislator Ken LeFevre, who stand for a photo on the damaged Brigantine promenade. (Photo by Sean Kardon)



The water tower at 42nd and Bayshore Ave. getting some work done on October 2, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

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Beautifully renovated 4-bedroom, 2-full-bath home in Brigantine! This move-in-ready property has been thoughtfully updated throughout, featuring two brand-new bathrooms.

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4 BEDROOM CAPE COD



This beautiful 4 Bedroom 2 Bath home is move in condition. Plenty of room for family and friends with 2 bedrooms and a full bath on each floor. First floor bath was recently remodeled with large tile shower.

OFFERED AT $749,000 -

1313 Quimet Road

4 BEDROOM NEAR BEACH



Here is a 4 bedroom, 3 ½ bath home that is 1 block to the Beautiful Brigantine Beaches, 1 block to the Bay, and a short walk to Restaurants, Ice Cream, a Gym, Shopping and more.

OFFERED AT $1,325,000 -

231 S 10th St

UNDER CONTRACT



Built New in 2020. This 4 bedroom, 3 ½ bath home has many custom features and touches. First floor featuring two master suites and two additional bedrooms and a third full bath.

OFFERED AT $1,649,000 -

248 S 36th Street

SOLD THIS WEEK



Beautifully updated 3BR/2BA home offering the perfect blend of comfort and coastal style. The bright, inviting interior features a relaxed beach-inspired vibe, updated finishes throughout.

OFFERED AT $950,000 -

123 Hudson Dr

SOLD



Custom A Zone property, 1.5 Blocks to the beach

SOLD FOR $1,500,000

212 17th St

4 SEASONS RANCHER



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Student Beach Badge Contest

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were selected as our 2027 Beach Tag Design winners! A special thank you to Brigantine Community School's art teacher Mrs. Emig! We were so impressed by all of the creativity, imagination, and love for Brigantine that went into this year's designs. A special thank you to everyone who submitted a design! You made choosing the winners a tough job. We can't wait to see these amazing designs out on the beach in 2027!"

Every year, a lot of people purchase Brigantine's unique, one-of-a-kind Annual Holiday Beach Tags to give as a Christmas gift or to add to their beach badge collection. Those special Holiday Tags will go on sale on Black Friday. Regular 2027 Beach Tags featuring the drawings of the 2027 contest winners will go on sale Jan. 2, 2027.

The Brigantine Times congratulates Rhea, Sebastian, Logan and Kamryn on their winning drawings.



Here are the winners of Brigantine's 2027 Beach Tag Design contest. The winners by category are: Seasonal- Sebastian Zurek, Senior- Rhea Sheplin, 4x4- Logan Perry, Military- Kamryn Garbutt.



Deacon Len Long, Permanent Deacon, and Father Ed Namiotka conduct the Blessing of the Animals at St. Thomas in Brigantine on October 4, 2026. (Photo by Tricia Cosgrove)





From Under The Hat

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How do you fit into today's housing market? The buying/selling market splits into types; your type changes how you should buy or sell. There are cash buyers, buyers financing a purchase, owners who feel locked into a low rate, and builders with homes to sell.

Let's look at cash buyers and what's happening in Brigantine — higher-priced homes are seeing a rise in cash buyers. Sellers who own a home may be able to buy with cash, depending on the equity in their existing home. Buyers, if you're able to buy with cash, there is no financing contingency, meaning your offer will look really appealing to sellers. You may get a faster close and more room to negotiate. For sellers, a cash offer can mean less risk of the deal falling through, but that sometimes comes with a lower number attached. Compare the whole picture before deciding it's the best offer.

Buyers who are financing are not getting help from mortgage rates, which aren't likely to come down anytime soon, but they may get concessions from sellers, such as a rate buydown or closing cost credit. It's tough for homebuyers relying on a mortgage, especially first-time buyers who have been priced out in our market. If you negotiate and the payment seems workable in your pricing strategy, maybe it's your time to strike.

A lot of homeowners are sitting on rates below 5% and might not want to move and take on a higher rate than the one they've got. That's

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Brigantine Mayor Vince Sera in the center points out storm damage to South Jersey Congressman Jeff Van Drew on the left and former New Jersey State Legislator and Brigantine resident Ken LeFevre at the promenade on the north end of the island on October 1, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon)



Father Ed Namiotka takes cover with his prayer book as Deacon Lenny stands by with the holy water at the Blessing of the Animals. (Photo by Neil Kane)

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the case for a lot of people. So, when a homeowner has such a low rate, they are less inclined to move and leave behind those ultra-low rates. Since they'd likely have to take on a higher rate on their next home, they feel locked in. If it continues for the next few years, this will remain a factor in how many homes go on the market. For buyers, with fewer homes for sale, they may find more motivated sellers who have a reason to move. We are seeing some homes in estates where heirs are selling the family property. For sellers, do the math on what your equity actually buys before ruling out a move.

Sometimes your FHA and VA loans are assumable. It's rare in our market, but it's a real selling point if it can be done. Find out from your lender if it's feasible. Nationwide, homebuilders are sitting on new homes longer than usual — but not in Brigantine. I had buyers looking for new construction in the under-$2 million range and missed two new projects by just one week! Maybe if a buyer gets in before the 'ground floor' and the builder knows they have a sale, there could be a locked-in price before the build starts. Here's where sellers who have 'newer' homes that feature mature landscaping, upgrades and furnishings may attract buyers with the 'ready to move in' condition.

Considering these four different housing markets — cash and financed buyers, locked-in homeowners and builders — each playing their own part, the right move for one might be the wrong move for another. Connect with your lender and your local real estate agent to figure out which market you're actually in, and make your next move from there. As always, the Lepera Team can get you from sale to SOLD. Our information is on page 3.



Brigantine Mayor Vince Sera and South Jersey Congressman Jeff Van Drew shake hands with Brigantine homeowners Clay and Lori Goldmid at the promenade on the north end of the island on October 1, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

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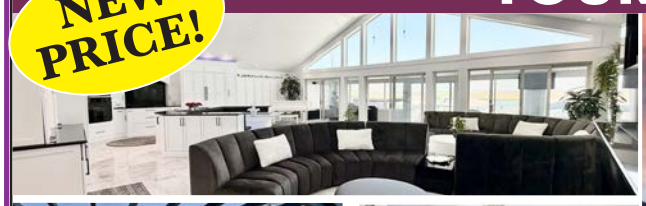


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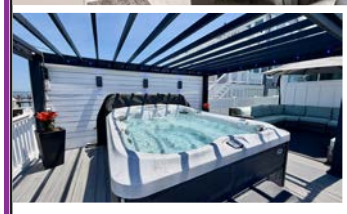
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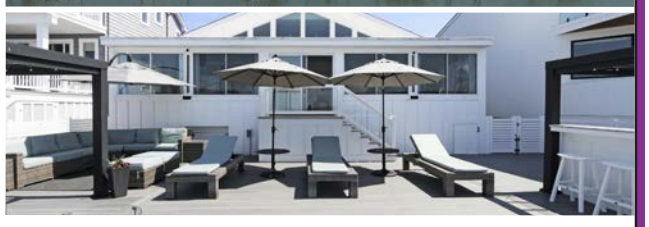












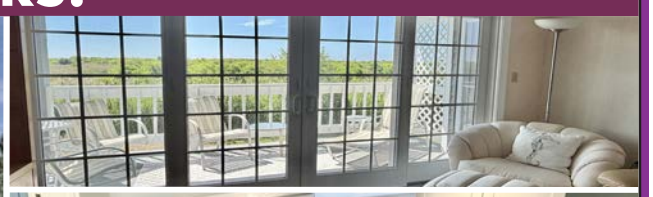
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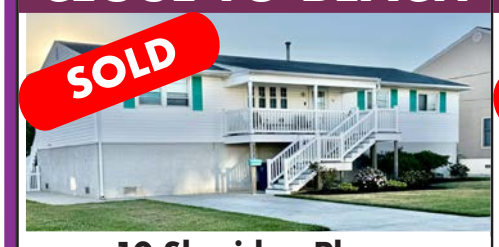
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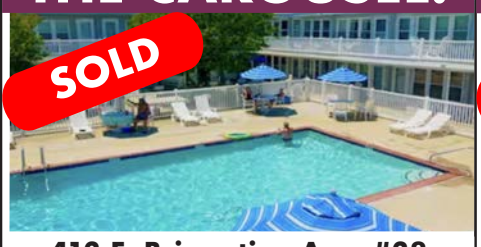
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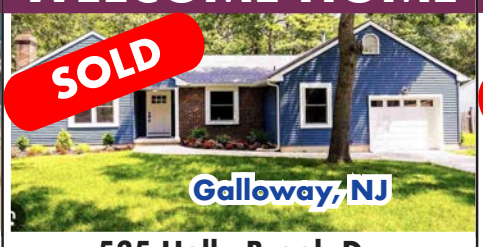
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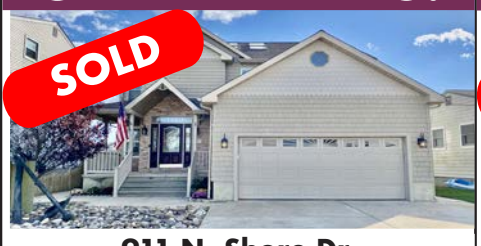
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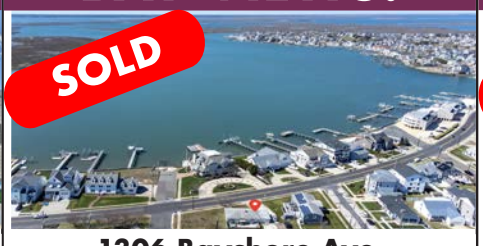
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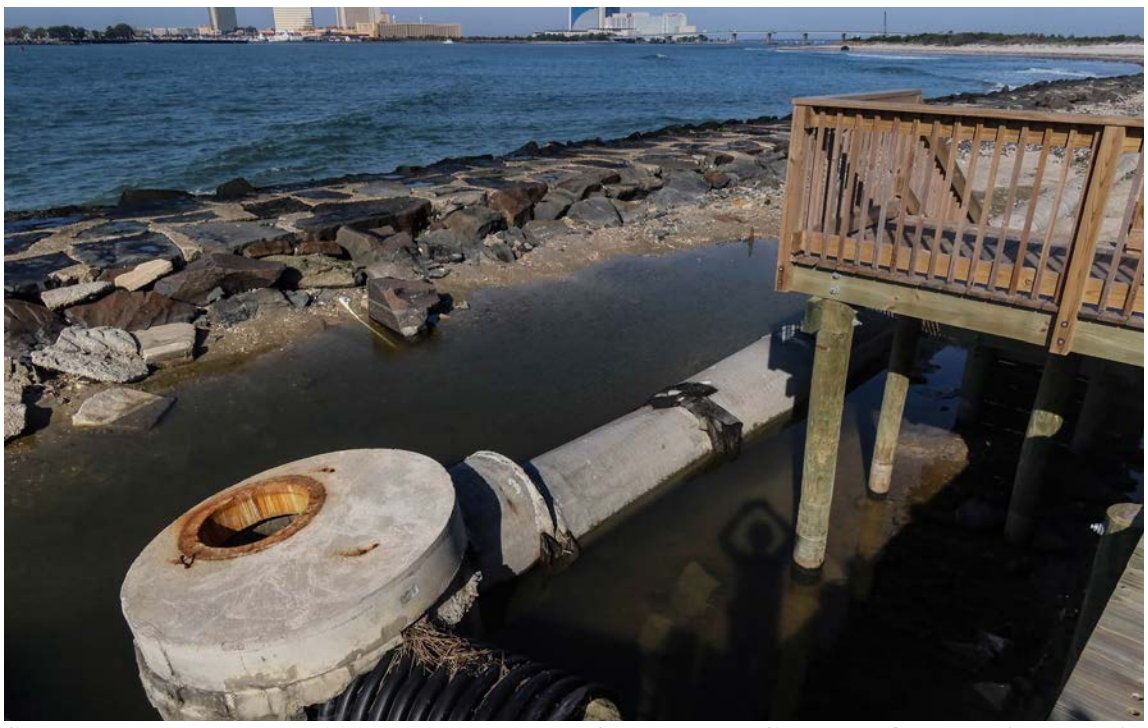
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Storm damage along the Absecon Inlet as seen from Pepper Cove and Ocean Drive West in Brigantine on October 2, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

Lifeguards Honored by Proclamation

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immediately dispatched from the 15th Street Beach and arrived within approximately three minutes, safely transporting the second victim from Absecon Inlet back to shore. Both victims were evaluated by members of the Brigantine City Beach Patrol EMT staff and, following their evaluation, were safely reunited with their families.

The actions of Lifeguards Masey Klemm and Richard Ried, Capt. James Wilkenson, and rookie lifeguard Guia Bentencourt demonstrated exceptional vigilance, courage, teamwork, and professionalism during a rapidly developing and potentially life-threatening emergency. Their actions exemplify the dedication and commitment to public safety that have long been the tradition of the Brigantine City Beach Patrol. Now, therefore, I, Vince Sera, mayor of the City of Brigantine, on behalf of the City Council and the people of the City of Brigantine, do hereby commend and recognize the distinguished service of the Brigantine Beach Patrol, and specifically recognize Macey Klemm, Richard Ried, James Wilkinson, and Guia Betancourt for their courageous and professional actions during the rescue of two swimmers at the South Jetty on Sept. 6, 2026. The City of Brigantine extends its sincere appreciation and gratitude to these members of the Beach Patrol for their courage, quick response, teamwork, and unwavering commitment to protecting the lives of those who visit and enjoy our beaches and waterways.

The second proclamation was for lifesaving efforts, once again at the jetty, with City Council recognizing the BCBP for the rescue of three kayakers in Absecon Inlet. On the last day of lifeguard coverage, Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026, three kayakers entered Absecon Inlet and were carried by the tide toward the Brigantine side of the inlet near the end of the jetty, and the kayakers encountered increasingly difficult wind and choppy water conditions. One kayak filled with water and began to sink, while the other two kayaks were overturned, leaving all three victims

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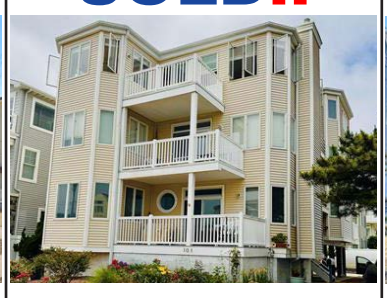
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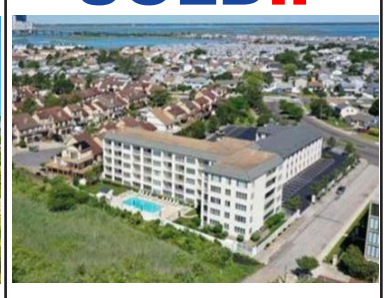
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Brigantine Soccer

By Susan Shotland

Despite gloomy skies and cool October weather, Brigantine Recreation soccer brought plenty of heat to the field Saturday, Oct. 3, as four Brigantine teams took on opponents from across the area.

Brigantine U8 White faced off against Atlantic City in an exciting, back-and-forth game that ended in a 5-5 tie. Nate Bernardo and Garrett Green made an impact on both ends of the field, contributing both in goal and on offense. Finn Thornton turned in an outstanding performance all over the field, while Kieran Danaher and Marshall Kennedy provided strong offensive play. Marley Henry was a force on defense, helping keep Brigantine in the game.

The Brigantine U8 Blue team took on Absecon and continued to show the improvement and teamwork that has become a hallmark of the season. Marcus Berry found the back of the net twice, while Sloane Morri-

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Harry Damico charges down the field with the ball in an exciting win over Atlantic City. Brigantine prevailed 5-4. (Photo by Susan Shotland)



Nathan Bernardo takes a goal kick in an exciting match against Atlantic City on Saturday, October 3, 2026. The match ended in a 5-5 tie. (Photo by Susan Shotland)

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South Jersey Congressman Jeff Van Drew talks to Brigantine Mayor Vince Sera and City Council member Michael Riordan, former New Jersey State Legislator and Brigantine resident Ken LeFevre, about the storm damage at the promenade on the north end of the island on October 1, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon)



The ramp was washed away at the north end of the promenade on October 1, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

Brigantine Soccer

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son played the entire game in goal and came up with several great saves. One of the highlights of the game came when Payton Donley made a huge run from defense, dribbling the ball the entire length of the field before passing it to Emma Martella, who finished the play with a goal. Players on both U8 teams continue to improve with every game, and their hard work is paying off on the field.

The U10 team faced a tough Atlantic City team in another competitive matchup. The Brigantine defense was led by Isaac Howell, with Logan Perry holding down the goal. Cash Cooker found the net, while Harper Schaffer and Isla LePera turned in strong performances in the midfield.

The Brigantine U12 team capped off the day with an exciting 5-4 victory over Atlantic City in what was another thrilling game for the squad. Gabriel Ramirez scored twice, while Harry Damico and Sawyer Wilkinson each added a goal. Matt Mansor scored his first goal ever, giving the team and his teammates another reason to celebrate. Maisie Bereheiko had an outstanding game on defense, while Colbie Calhoun provided strong play in the midfield.

The victory also improved the U12 team's record to an impressive 4-0 on the season. The team has opened the year with two strong wins over Mullica, a come-from-behind victory over Absecon, and Saturday's hard-fought win against Atlantic City. This U12 group also has a special connection to the history of Brigantine Rec Soccer. Many of these players were among the first to join the league when Brigantine Rec Soccer restarted four years ago. After years of practicing, playing and growing together, their hard work and experience are really starting to pay off. Their chemistry and confidence were on full display Saturday as they battled through a close game and came away with a 5-4 victory.

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Council Update

By Mayor Vince Sera

Brigantine Working With State and Federal Partners on Nor'easter Recovery

The recent nor'easter caused significant damage and erosion across Brigantine, particularly on the North End and along the Promenade. Since the storm, the city has been working closely with state and federal officials to assess the damage and identify the resources needed to help Brigantine recover and better protect the island from future storms.

Governor Mikie Sherrill visited Brigantine to see the damage firsthand and meet with city officials. The governor's office, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, and other state agencies are involved in the response and recovery efforts.

Congressman Jeff Van Drew has also been actively involved. He brought senior officials from FEMA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to Brigantine to see the damage firsthand and discuss both immediate recovery needs and long-term coastal protection. Representatives from the Army Corps' Philadelphia District and NJDEP also participated.

Having these agencies here in Brigantine is important. They have now seen the erosion on the North End, the damage to the Promenade, and the concerns we have in the South End, including the condition of the Brigantine Jetty.

The city is working with these partners on several fronts, including emergency beach protection, recovery assistance, and longer-term projects such as extending the Promenade seawall approximately 275 feet to the north.

Some of these projects will take time, but Brigantine now has the state and federal partners at the table who can help us address these challenges. We will continue working with Governor Sherrill, Congressman Van Drew, FEMA, the Army Corps, NJDEP, NJOEM, Atlantic County, and our other partners to protect our residents, infrastructure, and coastal areas.

We will keep the community informed as the recovery efforts move forward.

East Shore Drive Inclusive Playground Construction Moving Forward

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Clean-up at LaScala's Beach House includes taking down the awnings on October 2, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon)



The corral on the 42nd Street water tower. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

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City Moves To Protect Promenade

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along the eroded dune face.

The area has experienced significant erosion since the recent nor'easter. The dune system has eroded approximately 40 feet beyond the end of the Promenade, exposing an older timber bulkhead that is currently helping limit further erosion.

The city is concerned that failure of the timber bulkhead could expose the right-of-way along Brigantine Boulevard, the Promenade, and private property to continued erosion and wave action. Further erosion around the landward side of the Promenade could also threaten the structure itself.

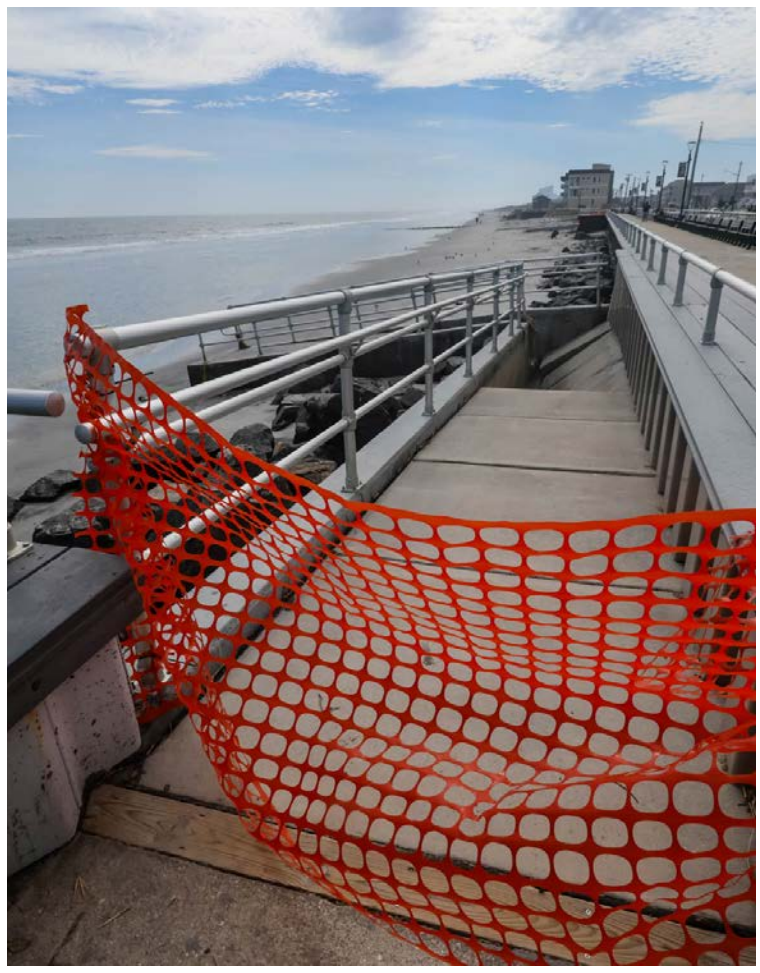
"We know we cannot wait for the long-term solution to protect the homeowners and infrastructure at the end of the Promenade," said Mayor Vince Sera. "The erosion has progressed significantly, and we need to take action now. City Council has authorized the design and permitting work for an emergency stone revetment that will provide temporary protection in the area of the potential breach."

The city has retained Arthur Chew Consulting to complete the design and permitting work for the emergency repair. Once the design is complete and the required NJDEP and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permits are secured, the city will solicit quotes from contractors experienced in this type of coastal construction.

"This is not the permanent solution," Sera said. "It is something we can put in place to help protect the area while we continue working on the extension of the seawall at the end of the Promenade and the larger coastal protection projects we have been discussing with NJDEP and the Army Corps. We are moving as quickly as we can, but we also need to make sure the work is properly designed and permitted so we can get it done the right way."

The emergency project is part of the city's broader effort to address the damage caused by the recent storm and strengthen coastal protection throughout Brigantine. The city is also working with federal, state, and county partners on emergency beach and dune protection, the planned extension of the seawall at the northern end of the Promenade, and longer-term coastal protection projects.

"Our goal is simple: protect the homes and infrastructure in this area now while we continue working toward a long-term solution," Sera said.



Storm damage on the north end of the island on October 1, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

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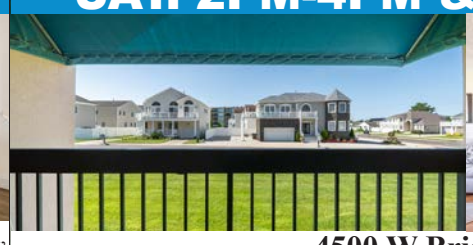
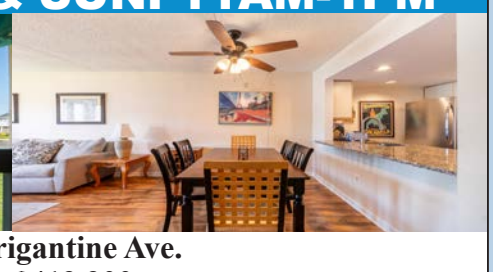


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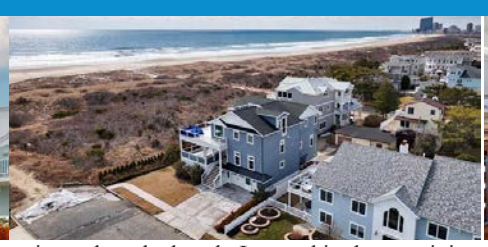
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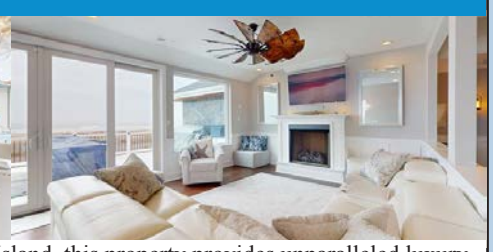
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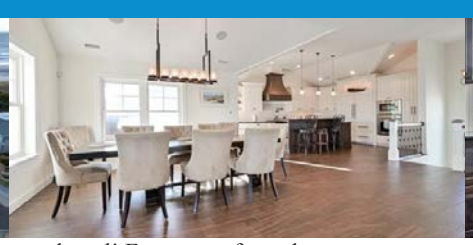
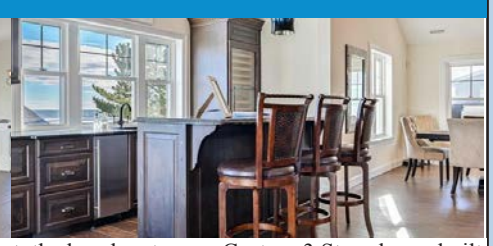





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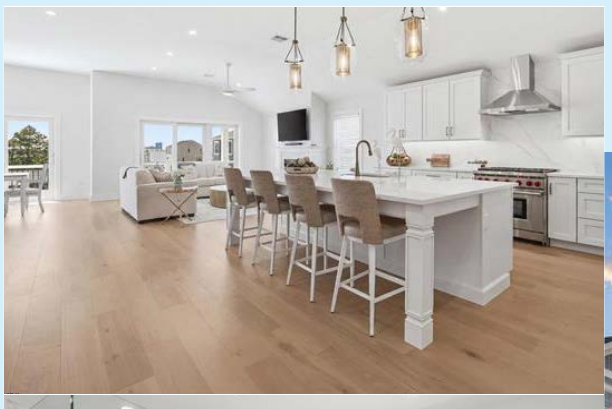



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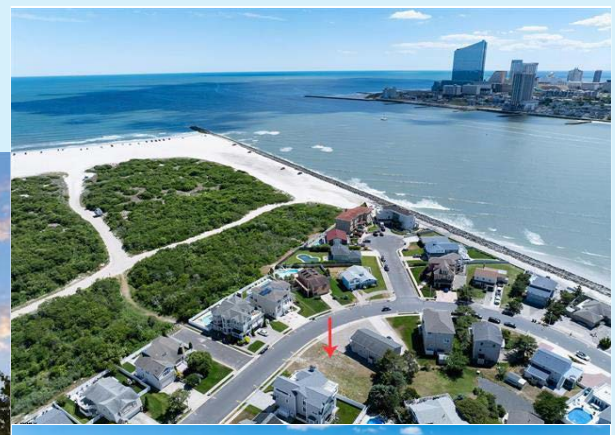
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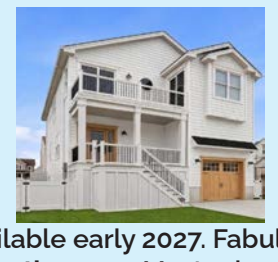
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Council Update

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The City of Brigantine has awarded the construction contract for the new **East Shore Drive Inclusive Playground, and construction is moving forward.**

The project is being developed with MRC Recreation, an experienced playground design firm that specializes in inclusive playgrounds. The new playground will provide a space where children of all abilities can play and enjoy time with their families.

The city was awarded significant Green Acres funding for the project, including $565,500 in grant funding and a $184,500 loan. The estimated total project cost is approximately $753,115. Securing this outside funding will significantly reduce the cost to Brigantine taxpayers.

The city has completed the required Green Acres approvals and certifications needed to move the project into construction while maintaining eligibility for the state funding.

We are excited to see this project move from planning to construction and look forward to seeing the new playground take shape. We will continue to keep everyone updated as construction moves forward.



Paul and Bernadette Fuller celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in Brigantine over the weekend. Congratulations, Paul and Bernadette!

The next meeting of the Brigantine Senior Group will be Thursday, Oct. 15, at the CER at 5 p.m. We will be preparing "blessing bags," so please bring any snacks or personal care items that you would like to contribute.



Forty-three-year Brigantine resident Joy Koch had her grandson featured on ABC's America's Funniest Home Videos recently. He ran into the descending gate of the family SUV in a comically distracted fashion. Don't worry, he's okay.



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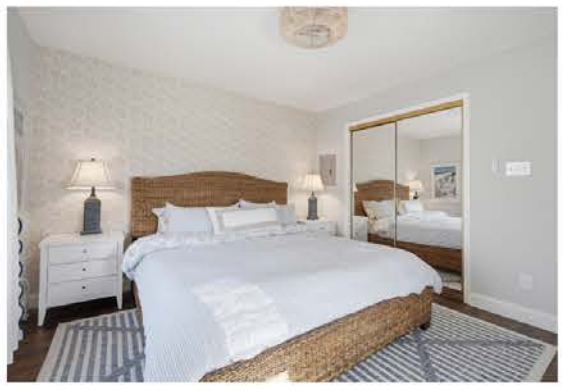


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New Construction! Close to Beach ! Room for a Pool ! This Custom Designed 5 bedroom 4 bath home (3,357 Square feet of Living Space) fully framed and ready for siding and drywall. Pictures coming soon, available Now for showings. This home has an anticipated completion by end of summer. Large 1st Floor family/Game Room, Large 3rd Floor Great Room. which includes Living Room with Fireplace, dining area, kitchen with center island, Upgraded Appliance package. $ 2,325,000 MLS# 608170

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Leroy's Corner:

A New House and a Questionable Neighbor



Hello, friends! I am happy to report that I have settled into my new house quite well. Once my belongings were unpacked and I inspected every corner, it was clear this house had excellent potential.

The best feature is an extra-long hallway that appears to have been designed specifically for me. My humans might think it connects the rooms, but I know a professional cat racetrack when I see one. I also have an entire basket full of toys. Naturally, I prefer to scatter them throughout the house so there is always something available wherever inspiration strikes.

As if that weren't enough, I received a housewarming gift of my favorite cat grass! Finally, someone understands what a new homeowner needs. Forget fancy towels and candles. A fresh patch of grass to sniff, nibble, and admire is a gift with real purpose.

There is, however, one minor issue with my new home. We need to discuss…the neighbor.

A bunny rabbit has been sitting in the side yard, and I am fairly certain he is mocking me. He just sits there with his little nose twitching, looking entirely too comfortable on what I consider my property. I stare at him. He stares back. I growl. He continues chewing. The lack of respect is astonishing. Nothing seems to bother this fellow. My humans say he is simply eating grass. Now, I also enjoy a nibble of grass, but you don't see me sitting outside someone else's window making a spectacle of myself.

I have not decided whether we should become friends, establish visiting hours, or hold a formal meeting about yard boundaries. He seems in no hurry to discuss any of these options.

Otherwise, life in my new house is wonderful. I have a racetrack, a basket of toys, fresh cat grass, and humans who retrieve springs on demand. If that bunny would kindly acknowledge that an orange cat is in charge around here, I believe we could all settle in very nicely.

Stay Whiskered,
Leroy



The storm washed away the sand and exposed the north end of the island. Photo taken on October 1, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon)



The devoted work of green-thumbed workers with the Brigantine Garden Angel. The picture was taken at the community garden behind the community center. (Photo by Anthony Tori)

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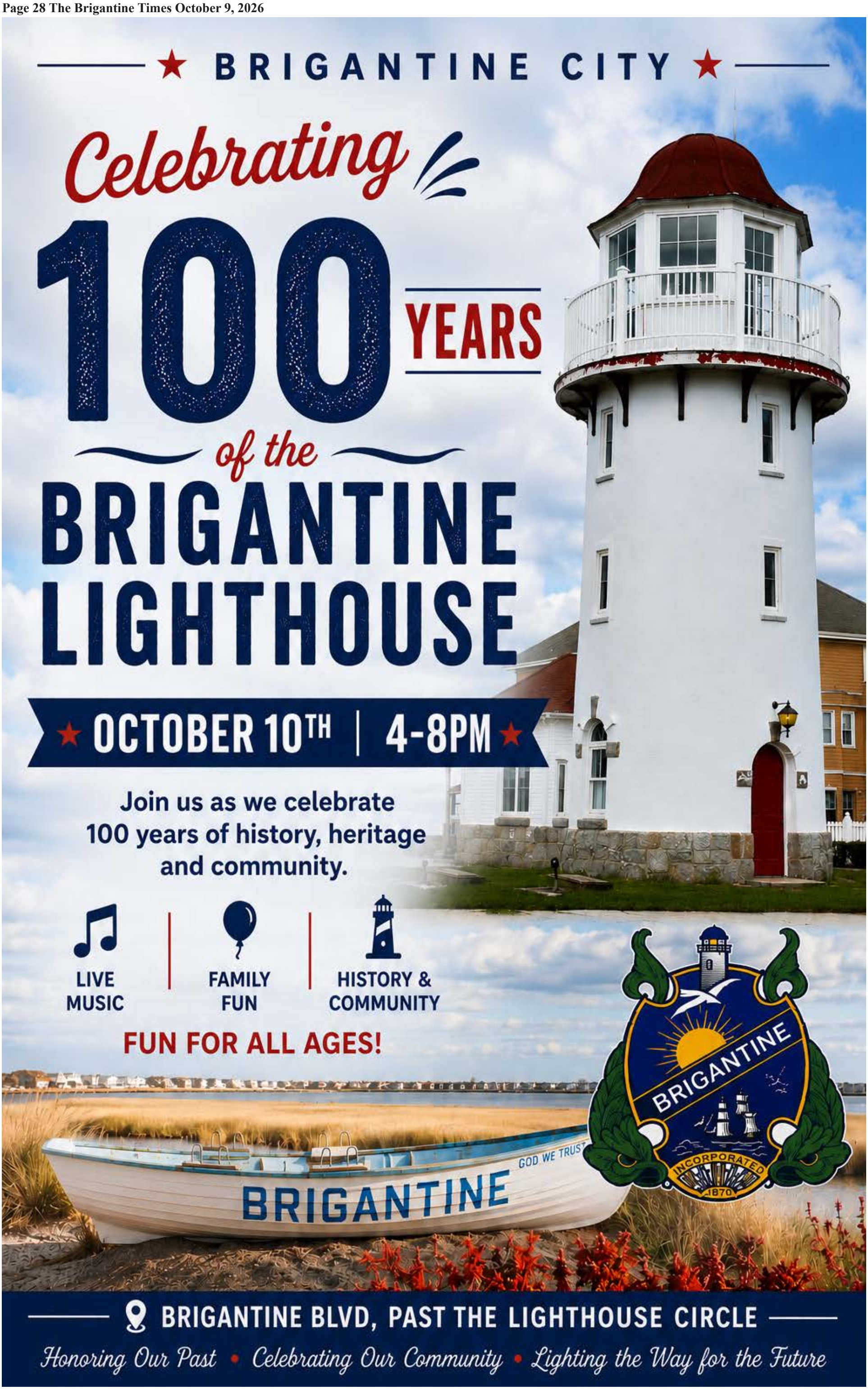
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1. Trampled
5. Dashboard unit, acr.
8. "Be quiet," onomatopoeically speaking
11. Clean the whiteboard, e.g.
12. Morally wicked
13. Former anesthetic
15. Bad luck precursor
16. Banned apple spray
17. *Ringo Starr's instrument, pl.
18. *Home of the bagpipes
20. Big one, at 7-Eleven
21. Contemplate
22. Jewelry stone
23. Hindu queens
26. Something earned
30. Tokyo, formerly
31. *Riddim pair music genre
34. Spock's famous body parts
35. *Animal, source of violin bow strings
37. Scott Joplin's "Maple Leaf ____"
38. Away from port (2 words)
39. Not much (2 words)
40. Post-graduate journey?
42. Always, to a poet
43. Baby bear (2 words)
45. Beach-comber's collection
47. Choler
48. Popular pie nut
50. Glazier's unit
52. *Flute player
55. Pointy teeth
56. 36 inches
57. Sticky stuff
59. Hot ____ buns
60. Code word for K
61. Mauritania's Eastern neighbor
62. Soda pop container
63. Ems follower
64. Highest point

DOWN

1. *Piano has at least ____ pedals
2. Part of a glass, pl.
3. Leading oil-producers' grp.
4. Indicate
5. Home to Teatro alla Scala
6. Popular core exercise
7. Deer social group
8. Synagogue
9. Cannabis plant
10. Store posting, abbr.
12. Old-fashioned carry-on bag
13. Straight ones in drafter's toolbox
14. *Louis Armstrong's instrument
19. "And Then ____ Were None"
22. "Wow!"
23. User's "getaway"
24. Sun-dried brick
25. Water wheel
26. Intense anger
27. Painter's prop
28. Angler's basket
29. Former Russian leaders
32. Snatch
33. Toothy fish
36. *Lute family instruments
38. "Perfect" Buddhist
40. Theatrical prompt
41. Former Portuguese money
44. Edible herb
46. Brain teaser
48. Like average Jane
49. British peers
50. Prefix for "beyond"
51. Any minute, arch.
52. Type of fish net
53. Daytime TV program
54. Enameled metalware
55. Federal Communications Commission
58. *Standard number of strings on guitar



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Dr. Zimmerman's Health Tips

By. Dr. J. Zimmerman

Dr. Zimmerman is a Brigantine chiropractor. The health tips in this column are his personal opinions, advice, and commentary, and are not a substitute for professional medical advice.

Consult your doctor with any health questions or concerns.

Your body runs on a tiny but mighty fuel source called adenosine triphosphate, or ATP. Think of it as the currency your cells spend to keep every system working the way it should. The trouble is, modern life quietly chips away at your body's ability to make this energy efficiently. Poor diet, too much sitting, hidden toxins, and relentless stress all pile up at the cellular level. When your cells struggle to produce energy, your whole body feels it, and over time that strain sets the stage for chronic illness.

Let's start with food, because what fills our grocery shelves today barely resembles real nourishment. Packaged snacks, sugary cereals, and ready-made meals are loaded with calories but stripped of the nutrients your body craves, like magnesium, B vitamins, and omega-3s. You can eat plenty and still come up short on what matters. Sugar hides in nearly everything now, from salad dressing to protein bars, nudging many people toward insulin resistance and weight gain. Then there are seed oils. These industrial fats are packed with linoleic acid, which oxidizes easily and creates byproducts that inflame your cells and harm your mitochondria. A little linoleic acid is essential, but most of us are swimming in it.

Our bodies were made to move, yet sitting has become the new normal. One-third of Americans park themselves for eight or more hours a day, whether at a desk, in the car, or glued to a screen. All that stillness slows glucose uptake, stiffens blood vessels, and encourages fat storage, which raises the risk of diabetes, heart disease, and obesity. Here's the kicker: these risks hang around even for folks who squeeze in regular workouts. Your brain pays a price too, since movement fuels a protein that supports memory, focus, and mood. Sadly, our kids feel this shift as well, spending hours in front of screens instead of running and playing outside.

Beyond diet and inactivity, invisible threats lurk in your everyday surroundings. Endocrine disruptors like BPA leach from plastic bottles and food containers, throwing hormones off

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Brigantine Times Kids Corner

The Railway Children

By E. Nesbit

Chapter V

(Continued from Vol. 57 No. 39)

When Bobbie and the Doctor got to Three Chimneys, the Russian was sitting in the arm-chair that had been Father's, stretching his feet to the blaze of a bright wood fire, and sipping the tea Mother had made him.

"The man seems worn out, mind and body," was what the Doctor said; "the cough's bad, but there's nothing that can't be cured. He ought to go straight to bed, though—and let him have a fire at night."

"I'll make one in my room; it's the only one with a fireplace," said Mother. She did, and presently the Doctor helped the stranger to bed.

There was a big black trunk in Mother's room that none of the children had ever seen unlocked. Now, when she had lighted the fire, she unlocked it and took some clothes out—men's clothes—and set them to air by the newly lighted fire. Bobbie, coming in with more wood for the fire, saw the mark on the night-shirt, and looked over to the open trunk. All the things she could see were men's clothes. And the name marked on the shirt was Father's name. Then Father hadn't taken his clothes with him. And that night-shirt was one of Father's new ones. Bobbie remembered its being made, just before Peter's birthday. Why hadn't Father taken his clothes? Bobbie slipped from the room. As she went she heard the key turned in the lock of the trunk. Her heart was beating horribly. WHY hadn't Father taken his clothes? When Mother came out of the room, Bobbie flung tightly clasping arms round her waist, and whispered:—

"Mother—Daddy isn't—isn't DEAD, is he?"

"My darling, no! What made you think of anything so horrible?"

"I—I don't know," said Bobbie, angry with herself, but still clinging to that resolution of hers, not to see anything that Mother didn't mean her to see.

Mother gave her a hurried hug. "Daddy was quite, QUITE well when I heard from him last," she said, "and he'll come back to us some day. Don't fancy such horrible things, darling!"

Later on, when the Russian stranger had been made comfortable for the night, Mother came into the girls' room. She was to sleep there in Phyllis's bed, and Phyllis was to have a mattress on the floor, a most amusing adventure for Phyllis. Directly Mother came in, two white figures started up, and two eager voices called:—

"Now, Mother, tell us all about the Russian gentleman."

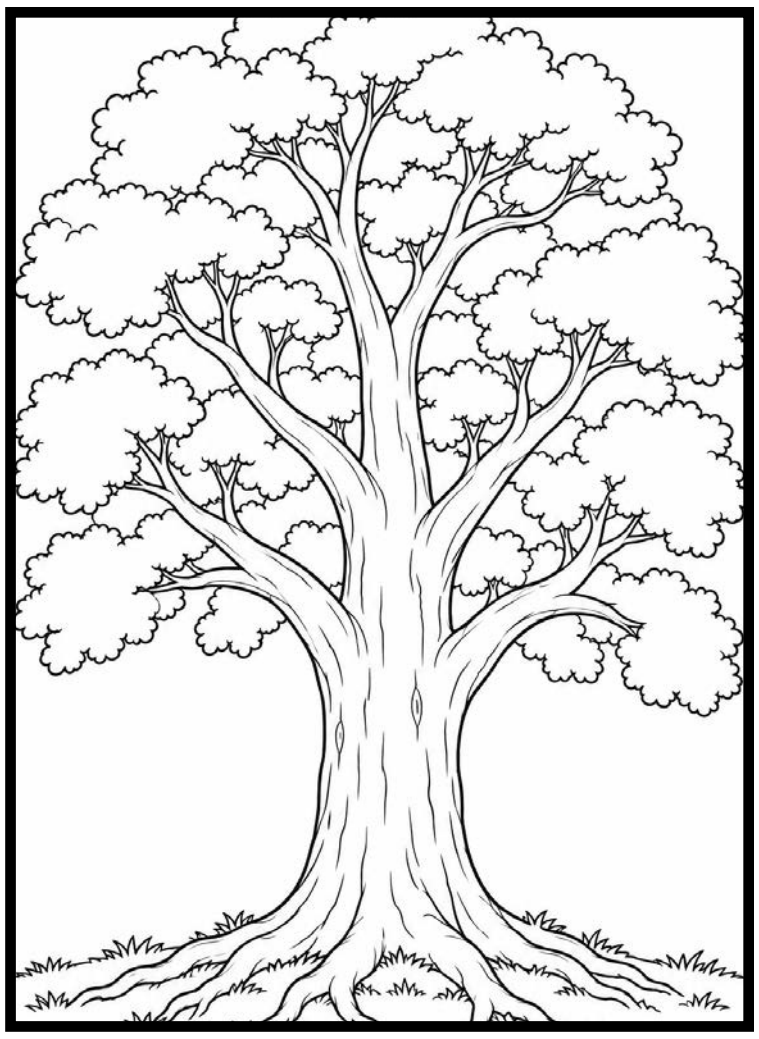
A white shape hopped into the room. It was Peter, dragging his quilt behind him like the tail of a white peacock.

"We have been patient," he said, "and I had to bite my tongue not to go to sleep, and I just nearly went to sleep and I bit too hard, and it hurts ever so. DO tell us. Make a nice long story of it."

"I can't make a long story of it to-night," said Mother; "I'm very tired."

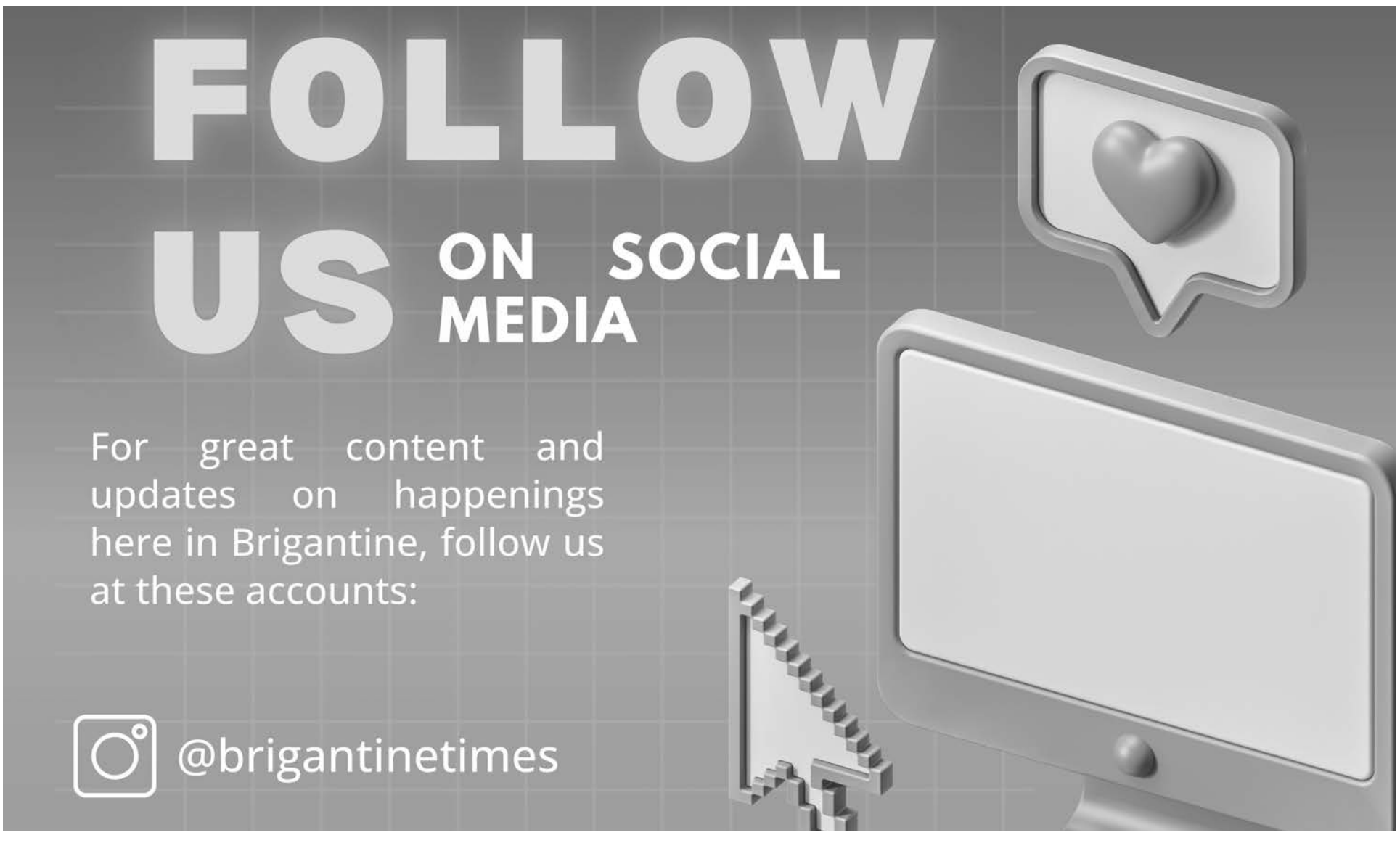
Bobbie knew by her voice that Mother had been crying, but the others didn't know.

"Well, make it as long as you can," said Phil, and Bobbie got her arms round Mother's waist and snuggled close to her.



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"Well, it's a story long enough to make a whole book of. He's a writer; he's written beautiful books. In Russia at the time of the Czar one dared not say anything about the rich people doing wrong, or about the things that ought to be done to make poor people better and happier. If one did one was sent to prison."



Weekly Fishing Report

by Captain Andy Grossman

Before we get all excited about the striper picture, let me preface this by saying that the Two Tom's striper pick was caught north of us as they ran their boat north. The good news is that the bass are on the move and heading our way. Will they be here today? Tomorrow? Next week? Or in two weeks? I really don't know. Those who like to fish the boats and the back bays know that we have stripers here now, back there, as they are our resident fish and never leave. We do know that the migration is underway and they will be here soon.

We are getting in a load of eels today, and we will keep them in our tanks — I'm waiting to see what they are going to cost. They used to be the cheaper alternative to spot, but the way their price has been increasing, they're no longer a "cheap" bait, though they do work despite being a pain in the a$$ to deal with. Just make sure you have several dry rags when you are handling them and you will be fine. The boat rig we put them on is a simple non-offset circle hook (5/0-8/0) attached to an 18"-36" leader (mono or fluoro, your choice), a torpedo weight .5oz-3oz (depends where you are fishing), and a swivel or snap swivel. It's a very simple rig to tie, and if you don't feel confident in your skills, we have a bunch of rigs tied here at the shop.

If you are throwing them off the jetty from land, we have several different rigs to use. The bass will be here very soon, and we are putting a $50 Riptide gift card out there for the first one caught from the Brigantine, N.J., surf and weighed in at the shop. 28"-31" is the legal size, and one per angler.

Shop is open every day, all day, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call if you need bait left out back for an after-hours pickup.

For all the latest fishing reports, info and pics you can find us on Facebook at Riptide Bait and Tackle, on Twitter @RiptideBait, on Instagram @Riptide911 and on TikTok @Riptidebnt.

Thanks and keep on fishin'.

Capt. Andy

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balance in both men and women. More than 90% of Americans carry detectable BPA in their bodies, which shows just how widespread this exposure has become. Volatile organic compounds from air fresheners and cleaning products pollute the indoor air you breathe, often more than the air outside. Your tap water may carry chlorine, fluoride, heavy metals, and even traces of

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Today's Puzzle Answers

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G.T. On The Beach

Family Time

I can't believe that it has now been two weeks since little Elowen was born. As I speak to friends from around town, I hear the same words of warning: "It goes by fast." "Blink, and they'll be in college."

I don't doubt it at all. Ellie is already changing before my eyes, and it's only been two weeks. In the past two weeks, she's gone from a 4-pound premie to… well… a five-pound premie. That might not seem like much to us, but if you look at it statistically, that's 25 percent more baby in two weeks. That's like if I gained fifty pounds in two weeks.

Anyways, I just wanted to let you all know that the baby and McKayla are well. I'm working each week on getting this paper to press and (hopefully) reviving the football pool soon. Until then, here are this week's birthdays!

October 9- Nicole Lerro, Nicole Dolphin, Danny McTear and Ken Krebs. 10- Bernadette Fuller, Sandy Moss, Sue Worthington, Lou Deal, Rick Pennestri and Kendall Sweeney. 11- Lisa Hamell and Lou Hays 12- Lahna Smith, Ginger Swist, Barb Mutschler, Cindy Catalano and R.J. Riley.

13- Henry Arnao, Ellen Corapi, Joe Dillon, Bill Schminke, Brian Smith, Tony Laielli and Dee McKenna. 14- Rosemarie Basile-Egee, Lester Perkins, Tom Bordonaro and Bob Winchester. 15- Fred Tochterman, Matthew and Jack Crooks.

Chamber Chatter

October is shaping up to be a busy month in Brigantine, and the Brigantine Chamber of Commerce is looking forward to being part of the fun!

First up is the Brigantine Lighthouse 100th Anniversary Celebration tomorrow, Oct. 10! The Lighthouse has been a familiar part of our island for a century, and we're excited to join the community in recognizing this special piece of Brigantine history.

Be sure to stop by the Chamber tent during the celebration and say hello! We'll have our Eagles Tailgate shirts commemorating our country's 250th year, Brigantine cartoon map posters, and tickets for our BIG 50/50 raffle available for purchase. Follow the Lighthouse 100th Anniversary Facebook event on the Brigantine Chamber of Commerce Facebook page for the latest event information and updates.

Then, get ready to head back to the beach! Our second Eagles Tailgate on the Beach is coming up Sunday, Oct. 18. Registration is now open at BrigantineChamber.com, so make your plans to join us for another afternoon on the beach cheering on the Birds. If you joined us for our first tailgate, we'd love to have you back, and if you missed it, here's another chance to be part of the fun!

We're also looking ahead to 2027 with the start of our Brigantine Chamber of Commerce Membership Drive. Whether you've been a Chamber member for years, recently opened a business, or own a business that serves the Brigantine community, we invite you to be part of the Chamber in 2027. Our members make everything we do possible, from promoting local businesses and creating networking opportunities to supporting and participating in events throughout our community.

Chamber membership is also about staying connected. In addition to being included on our website and in our Visitor Guide/Business Directory, membership provides an opportunity to build relationships with other local businesses and be part of an organization working year-round on behalf of Brigantine's business community.

And now is a great time to join or renew. Current Chamber members can receive a discount by renewing now for 2027. Businesses that are not currently members can join for 2027 and receive the remainder of 2026 at no additional cost.

Visit BrigantineChamber.com for membership information and to become part of the Brigantine Chamber of Commerce. Don't forget to follow the Brigantine Chamber of Commerce on social media for our hours at the Brigantine Historical Museum, where you can stop by and see us.

As always, please remember to shop local, dine local, and support the businesses that support Brigantine. Every dollar spent locally helps strengthen our business community and our island.

Stay connected with the Brigantine Chamber of Commerce by following us on Facebook and Instagram and visiting BrigantineChamber.com for news, events, and updates throughout the year.



This circa 1928 photo shows the Brigantine Boardwalk from South 13th to 34th Street. Unlike the Atlantic City Boardwalk with a beachfront buffer from the ocean, Brigantine's boardwalk was susceptible to storm damage. By November 1942, demolition of the Brigantine Boardwalk was more than 50 percent complete. Stop by the Brigantine Historical Museum to see more photos like this.



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Brigantine Garden Club

By Phyllis Glomb

The final general meeting of the 2026 season was on Oct. 5. However, work continues until winter. The newly elected Board will be making plans for next summer. The sign committee will be designing new bed signs. Tenders continue to offer beautiful fall displays. Newly arrived t-shirts will be distributed to new members who did not receive one. Daffodil bulbs will be distributed. Some tenders will retire as others step forward to take their places.

Congratulations to the newly elected Board of Directors for 2027. They are Linda Congemi, Laurel Leigh, Alisa Micarelli, Johanne Milnes, Kathy Olsen, Lisa Stackhouse, and Phil Telman. THANK YOU for your leadership.

Special thanks to the outgoing 2026 Board, who led the club through another successful season. They are Pat Baldt and Kathy Olsen, Co-chairs; Johanne Milnes, Treasurer; Alisa Micarelli, Secretary; Linda Congemi, Club Historian; Donna Cowhey, Social Liaison; and Phil Telman, Technical Engineer. Thanks, also, to City representatives John Doring, Public Works; and Neil Kane, City Council. Strong leadership is required for the success of our club, and we sincerely thank you for your time, energy, and ideas.

Seven hundred daffodil bulbs will be blooming across Brigantine next spring. Bedtenders who were not at the meeting, please check your email regarding how to procure yours. I am looking forward to this spectacle.

A beautiful presentation was made about a special relic that was dug up at the Holl Triangle this month. Look for a future article describing its meaning and history in the City of Brigantine.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to our mission of beautifying Brigantine. Seen on a garden sign: GARDENING. It comes in handy when you need a place to hide the bodies. Keep smiling, everyone!

Send mail to 3605 Bayshore Ave.; call 609-266-7800 Ext. 29; email brigantinegardenclubnj@gmail.com; follow us on Facebook and on Brigantine Rocks NJ also on FB; check out the Memorial Tree in the library and purchase a leaf for $75; donations are always welcome and appreciated.

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medications. On top of all this, electromagnetic fields from phones, Wi-Fi, and 5G surround you constantly, and research suggests they may disturb calcium signaling and mitochondrial function.

Stress deserves its own spotlight, because the modern mind rarely gets to rest. Deadlines, money worries, and constant digital noise keep your body stuck in emergency mode. When stress lingers, cortisol stays high, fueling inflammation and weakening your immune system. It also robs you of quality sleep, which then throws off your metabolism and hunger hormones, leaving you reaching for comfort food. The

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North End Bedtender of the Year, Jacky Kennedy Sisson, missed The Gathering for work obligations. Here she receives her gift. (Photo by Phyllis Glomb)





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emotional toll is steep too, with anxiety and depression affecting millions of Americans. Over time, chronic stress can even reshape the brain and speed up cellular aging, shortening the protective caps on your DNA that are tied to a longer life.

Now for the encouraging part, because this story does not have to end in decline. Many chronic conditions are shaped by factors you can actually change, and your body is remarkably responsive when conditions improve. You don't need perfection, just small and steady choices that add up. Eat real, whole foods. Get outside, soak up some sunlight, and walk for an hour a day. Filter your water, cut back on plastic, and set your phone down at night. These ordinary habits carry real power at the cellular level. Your body isn't failing you; it's simply asking for a better environment, and you have the ability to give it one.

Chiropractic Care and Colds and Flu

Here is something I love sharing with my patients: your spine and your immune system are closer partners than you might think. Your nervous system acts like the body's master control, sending signals to every organ, tissue, and defense mechanism you have. When the bony joints of your spine become stuck or misaligned (a condition we call a subluxation), that communication can get interrupted. Gentle chiropractic adjustments work to restore proper alignment, which helps clear the pathways between your brain and body. The result? Your nervous system can do its job more freely, and that includes supporting the immune responses that keep you well. I have seen it time and again — when the spine moves the way it should, people simply tend to feel more resilient.

Regular chiropractic care takes this a step further by keeping that connection strong over time, not just patching things up once. Think of it like tuning an instrument so it stays in harmony week after week. By reducing nervous system stress and supporting better overall function, consistent adjustments may help your body do what it was designed to do: defend itself and bounce back faster. This holistic, drug-free approach pairs beautifully with the healthy habits you already practice, from good sleep to solid nutrition. Safe for the whole family and tailored to your needs, ongoing care is one of the simplest ways to invest in your long-term wellness and give your natural defenses a steady, dependable foundation.

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VFW News

Happy birthday to the U.S. Navy on Oct. 13! The Continental Congress created the U.S. Navy in 1775. Since then, our Navy veterans have been serving proudly to ensure our freedoms.

Oktoberfest is just a week away! We'll host the party Saturday, Oct. 17, from 2-6 p.m. in our outdoor venue. The menu promises to be excellent, and of course the Warsteiner beer will be on tap!

Members and guests can always catch Saturday college football action and the Sunday NFL action in the Canteen.

Our Weekly Lineup

This Friday (Oct. 9), we welcome the Never Too Late Duo. It's their first time at the VFW and we are looking forward to a great show. Plan on dinner and fantastic entertainment!

Monday is bingo with Debbie calling the games! The kitchen is not open, but we have some easy pub food to keep you going.

Tuesday is trivia! Is your brain full of useless informa-

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A Great Blue Heron and Great Egret in a tree along Lagoon Blvd on October 2, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

Boating Safety for Hunters

Submitted by Alan Moose, USCG Aux.

As waterfowl season returns to Brigantine, hunters are reminded that the city's marshes and the winding channels leading toward the Intracoastal Waterway require heightened caution during early-morning and low-visibility outings. These shallow, narrow waterways attract skiffs, jon boats, and kayaks, creating a mix of recreational and hunting traffic that demands disciplined seamanship.

Marine police say the most common problems involve overloaded boats, improper lighting, and operators traveling too fast for conditions. Hunters often launch before sunrise, when fog, tide-driven currents, and unlit channel markers can make navigation tricky. Officials stress that every vessel must display proper navigation lights and operate at idle speed in no-wake zones — rules that protect both hunters and nearby residents whose docks and bulkheads are vulnerable to wake damage.

Cold-weather risks are equally serious. Hypothermia can set in quickly if a hunter falls overboard, especially in late fall, when water temperatures drop sharply. Wearing a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket, keeping gear secured, and maintaining a balanced load are essential steps. Hunters are also urged to carry a waterproof communication device and let someone know their exact route and return time.

Environmental awareness also plays a major role in safe hunting. Brigantine's marshes support migratory birds, terrapins, and juvenile fish. Staying within marked channels, avoiding high-speed travel near grass edges, and retrieving spent shells help protect these fragile habitats.

For hunters heading out

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tion? If so, we are looking for you. The kitchen is open Tuesday with a great menu.

Wednesday (Oct. 14) is line dancing! Come join the fun, starting at 6:30 p.m.

The kitchen is open Tuesday through Sunday. Friday night is a more formal menu with salad, entrée, and dessert. Other days, the menu highlights sandwiches and pub fare. Members can join us for delicious meals any day of the week!

Canteen hours are Monday to Thursday, 1-10 p.m. Join us Fridays and Saturdays, noon to 11 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 10 p.m.

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Paul and Bernadette Fuller celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with family in Brigantine over the weekend.

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The collapsed accessibility ramp, as well as exposed rocks and pilings, are a result of the recent nor'easter. (Photo by Sean Kardon)



Some of the debris washed up at 16th St. Giant poles and plenty of seagrass were cleaned up by Public Works

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this season, the message is straightforward: slow down, stay visible, respect no-wake zones, and prepare for cold-water conditions. With responsible operation, Brigantine's back bays can remain both a productive hunting ground and a safe shared waterway for everyone.

Do you want to learn more about boating safety? The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is a great place to learn. The mission of the Auxiliary is to contribute to the safety and security of our citizens, ports, waterways and coastal regions. Brigantine Flotilla 85 is celebrating its 55th anniversary and always welcomes new members. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month (except December) at the Brigantine Beach Community Center, 265 42nd Street, 7 p.m. Join us at our next meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 20, and see what the Auxiliary is all about. For more information, email boatsafelyinnj@gmail.com. And remember — safe boating is no accident!

Temple Tidings

Movie Night & Mah Jongg/Canasta

There's always something happening at Temple Beth Shalom's Shul by the Sea! Join us for Movie Night, Oct. 24 at 6:30 p.m., featuring "Ethan Bloom," a warm and entertaining film that offers plenty of heart, humor, and something to talk about afterward. Come enjoy the movie, relax with friends, and spend a fun evening together. $5 per person (includes movie snacks!). RSVP by Oct. 21.

Wednesdays, the tables are ready for Mah Jongg and Canasta! Whether you're a seasoned player or simply looking for a fun way to spend an afternoon, come enjoy the games, conversation, laughter, and camaraderie that make these gatherings such a special part of our TBS community.

Come for the movie, come for the games, and most of all — come for the wonderful company! For more information and to RSVP, please call the Temple Beth Shalom synagogue office: 609-266-0403.



South Jersey's Haunted Places

By Roseann Smith

Each year, when October rolls around, I think about spirits and ghosts. I can't help but wonder what spirits might be lurking about, unable to find their way to the other side. So, I did some digging and found four places in South Jersey that, when tested with paranormal equipment and investigated by ghost hunters, have revealed some restless spirits.

Built in 1840 and modeled after George Washington's Mount Vernon estate, the Washington Inn in Cape May is home to the apparition of a little girl named Elizabeth. She seems to be most active when other children are present. For example, during one of the inn's teatime events for youngsters, Elizabeth photo-bombed a picture by peering in the window. The woman who took the picture insisted that the little girl was not one of the partygoers.

Elizabeth has been spotted during renovation projects. Construction workers have reported strange occurrences, such as hearing their names being called. Seeing Elizabeth sitting on the main stairway was not uncommon as the workers completed remodeling projects. When a team of ghost chasers from Penn State University came to take a closer look, their equipment quickly detected definite paranormal activity.

In 1811, architect Robert Mills unveiled the state-of-the-art Burlington County Prison. The prison operated from 1811 to 1966. Today, it serves as a museum and is a ghost hunter's dream. The prison consistently registers "hits" when spirit seekers use Electronic Voice Phenomena (EVP) equipment, which detects inaudible or disembodied sounds.

The prison carried out public hangings in the courtyard and had a "death cell" on its top floor. Joel Clough, convicted of murdering his landlord's daughter, was chained to the "iron ring" in the death cell. Visitors to the jail have reported hearing moaning and the clanking of chains coming from Clough's cell. Other disembodied, ghostly noises have been caught on tape, suggesting several spirits walk the prison halls.

Completed in 1857, the Absecon Lighthouse was built in response to the 1854 wreck of the steamship Powhatan, in which 300 lives were tragically lost. Considered a hub for paranormal activity, the lighthouse's 228-step spiral staircase has led guests to report hearing heavy footsteps and huffing, puffing breaths as they climb to the top. Visitors have reported the aroma of pipe tobacco from past lighthouse keepers who refuse to leave their post.

The White Hill Mansion, built in 1722, overlooks the Delaware River. Hessian and Continental troops occupied this historic home during the Revolutionary War. In the 1920s, the mansion's basement served as a Prohibition speakeasy. Notorious for intense paranormal activity, the basement is said to be haunted by a dark, foreboding figure. People have reported footsteps on empty staircases and audible answers to spoken questions.

Whether you're roaming around Burlington County Prison or climbing the steps of the Absecon Lighthouse, South Jersey holds its share of ghost stories. These four sites are just a glimpse into South Jersey's shadowy folklore. Next time you're driving on a deserted back road, don't look in the rearview mirror!

Brigantine Elks & Veterans at Vineland Memorial Home

By Karen Geller

The Fall Celebration with veterans from Vineland Veterans Home was lively and uplifting! Twenty-six veterans enjoyed a big breakfast of their choice at the Mays Landing Diner at 10 a.m. on Oct. 7. Two veterans who attend every year order the waffles with fruit, whipped cream and bacon. They also order a dish of vanilla ice cream on the side. One veteran decided to have spaghetti and meatballs, and that is just fine with the Elks.

After we said the blessing, a special blessing occurred. Vocalist Teddi Fusco, who performs at the Elks, happened to come to the Mays Landing Diner for breakfast and saw the Elks with the Vineland veterans and came over to say hello. She offered to sing "The Star-Spangled Banner." When she did, there was not a dry eye there. Hats came off, and those who could stand were on their feet with a salute or hands on their hearts.

The tables were decorated with pumpkins for the veterans to take home. The Elks raffled 10 Walmart gift cards worth $25 each to lucky winners who cheered in delight!

The Elks Veterans Service Committee and veterans shared stories of the past and present. They were delighted to share this time together.

As we said our goodbyes, as they were seated in the vans, the veterans said they could not wait to be with the Elks again. The Elks are already planning their next event together. It was a beautiful, warm and sunny day, and we all left with full hearts, thankful that we could be together again.

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The trip will leave on Sept. 16, 2027, and return to Brigantine on Sept. 25, 2027 — a 10-day trip.

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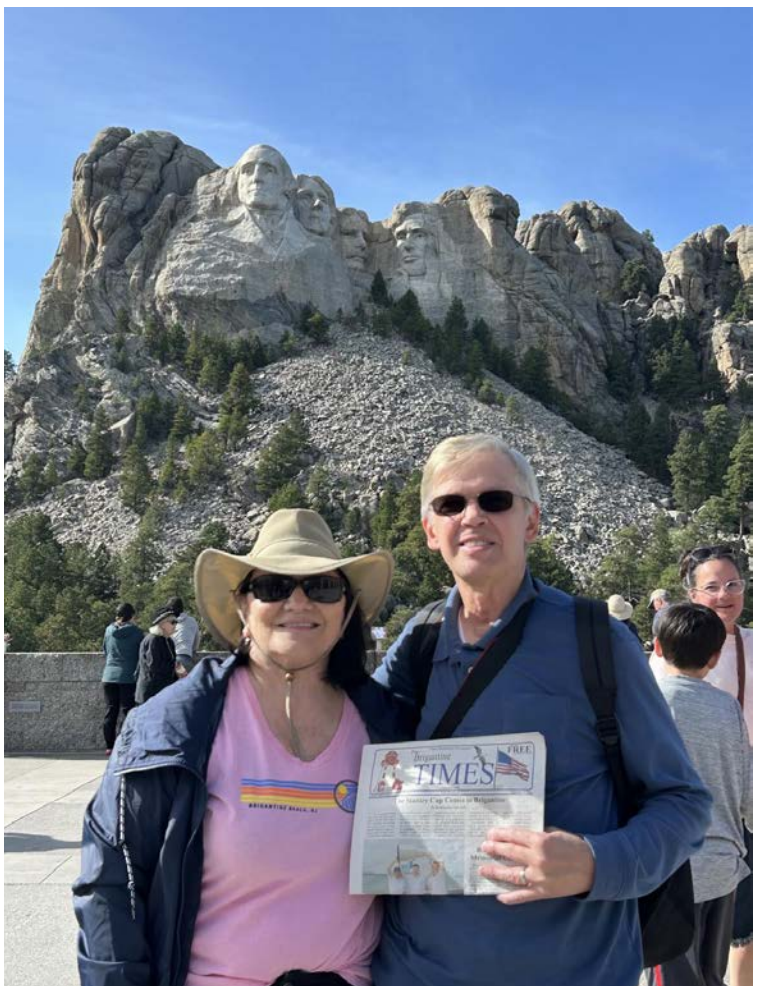
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Dennis Roberts and photographer Margie Gualtieri showcase the Times while visiting the Astronomical Clock in Prague.



Joanne and Dave Cross took a photo at Mount Rushmore, SD. They spent 9 days touring South Dakota and Wyoming with the Brigantine Times.

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Come See the Brigantine Garden Angel

By Anthony Tori

The "Angelic Lady of the Harvest" — see her dressed in nature's array at the Brigantine Community Garden, located behind the Community Center. This is her second year keeping watch over the labors of goodness by so many dedicated volunteers. This botanical princess stands over eight feet tall and is made entirely with repurposed materials and a few pieces of reusable décor for adding color. She was built in one of the raised garden beds where lettuce, tomatoes and basil were growing all through the summer, since the early spring planting season.

Come and notice our lovely Maiden of Community Growers. She had gotten damaged during the nor'easter, but she's back in good shape now. Visit us at her Harvest Sanctuary. She will undergo some necessary changes and transitions as we approach the winter months, and will reflect the holiday themes as well.

This devoted group of community green-thumb workers (approximately 13) are onsite every day, investing their time and energy in producing a heroic bounty. They alternate the chores — tilling, composting, seed planting, weed clearing, watering, etc. — with the year-round management provided by Judy Starkey. The hearts and hands of these local cultivators are continually being poured into the rich soil, and it culminates into plenty of garden-fresh food, which is freely distributed to those in need.

Many thanks to these laborers of beauty and natural blessing — kudos to the Green Team of Brigantine.

Faith, Hope & Charity in the Garden of Life

Have you ever noticed the beautiful garden area behind the Brigantine Community Center? There's plenty of health and goodness in that stretch of ground, and it's definitely worth getting a closer look. It's called the Brigantine Community Garden, and it overflows with a variety of farm-fresh produce from Mother Earth. This project began back in 2015 with the Brigantine Green Team and continues with the dedication of hardworking residents. Our city provided this garden area to these local volunteers, who use their many talents to keep it 100% organic and naturally wholesome. Besides growing every vegetable under the hot sun, it also has fig trees, mulberry trees, strawberries, raspberries, and lots of fragrant mint and basil. It's surrounded by colorful flowers that cast a spell on those viewing nature's scene, which invites the butterflies, bees and a variety of birds familiar with the place.

There's something remarkable about the common practices of the caring folks behind this effort. It operates on a bare-bones budget because everything they use must be repurposed and recycled, in nature's way, as top priority. Besides the necessary purchases of high-quality seeds, natural soil builders and paper trash bags, they pinch the pennies while they work. Their low-cost strategy goes into all their group discussions for a sustainably grown, chemical-free harvest of fresh fruits and vegetables freely given to those in need. This garden is an everyday responsibility with a seven-day-a-week duty schedule. They even make the most of rainwater when their water supply must be turned off during the cold season.

Surprisingly, there's a young girl "in heart and soul" guiding the management of all this. This very special lady has over 75 years of experience. She's one of our Brig Nobles, Judy Starkey, and she never misses a stone that's not in its right place or a hanging leaf needing a clip. She's a community heroine, making sure the distribution and destination of this heavenly bounty gets to these special needs: Meals on Wheels, the Presbyterian Church Food Bank in Brigantine, the Senior Center, Sister Jean's Kitchen in Atlantic City, etc. This community garden has the accomplishments of angels.

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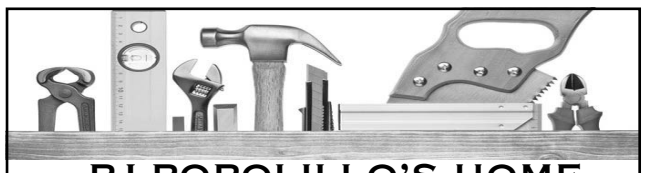
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Born on July 7, 1930, in New Castle, Pa., Anne was born to Italian immigrants, the late Angelo and Madeline (Alfano) Terranova. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her siblings, Julie, Betty, and Pete, and by her husband of 60 years, Joseph Caprara.

Born into the Silent Generation, Anne demonstrated early independence and quiet resilience. After graduating from New Castle High School, she left home to move to Philadelphia, where she attended nursing school at Albert Einstein Medical Center and became a registered nurse in 1952. She continued to break barriers, balancing motherhood and a full-time career while attending Stockton University, where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in 1978.

Anne dedicated her career to caring for others, working the night shift as a registered nurse administrative supervisor at Atlantic City Hospital (now AtlantiCare City Division). She was a devout Catholic and a longtime parishioner of St. Thomas Catholic Church in Brigantine.

Anne found great joy in nurturing her children and grandchildren, traveling, reading, cooking, baking, and playing games. A highly skilled Scrabble player, Anne could beat opponents whether they treated the game as a high-stakes mathematical puzzle or simply played without keeping score as a pure grammar challenge. Her other gaming pleasures included pinochle, bingo, and playing the slots in Atlantic City.

Known affectionately as "Gram" to so many, Anne was famous for serving impromptu four-course meals to family and friends gathered around her kitchen table. She also routinely carried a pocketbook filled with snacks to share, especially on road trips. Her generosity, quick wit, independence, and love of family will be remembered by all who knew her.

Anne is survived by her children, Christopher (Kathleen) Caprara of Egg Harbor Township, and Joan (William III) Barry of Leesburg, Va.; her grandchildren, Joseph Caprara, Thomas Caprara, William Barry IV, and Terra (Brandon) O'Brien; her step-granddaughter, Jessica Farley; and numerous nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Anne's Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2026, at 11 a.m. at St. Thomas Catholic Church, 331 8th St. S., Brigantine. Visitation with the family will be held at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of Mass. Final commendation and farewell will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association, Inc. (FNSNA.org), a charity of the donor's choice, or by simply enjoying a wonderful meal with family or friends in Anne's memory.

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Pumpkin in the Patch

By Kelly Leyman

People think Christmas is the happiest time of the year.

But look at the pumpkin patch. The sun is shining, the leaves are turning ruby and gold and all around there is happiness to behold.

Me and my pumpkin family sit quietly in the patch while growing slowly in the crisp, cool air.

Here come the kids, all smiles and laughing, waiting to snatch me from the pumpkin patch.

Is there a perfect pumpkin? In a child's eyes the one they pick is the perfect one of all.

The pumpkin becomes part of the family, cheering on Halloween and bringing the gratefulness of Thanksgiving.

Touhill Lullaby

By Phyllis Glomb

Close your eyes and go to sleep
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Sleep while printed papers fly;
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Soon you'll talk, and walk, and run
As you are loved by everyone.
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PSYCHOLOGICAL YOU

By Stephen T. Weeks

Self Help

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FRAME OF MIND! If we take a moment to review & reflect upon our present & personal mood, or mindset, in an attempt to assess the quality & condition of our State of Mind, we are not only investing in our present, but also our future Mental, Emotional & Financial Health, which, if we're interested, is the primary way an individual can work with themselves to improve their daily Life & Affairs going forward. Remember, Self Help, Is The Best Help.

When We The People get too caught up in what's going on in, and around our country, community, nation, and the world, we forget that what we see happening today, is the outcome of what was imagined, contemplated, thought about & reflected upon somewhere & sometime in the past, for present situations & circumstances - good, or not so good - are a reflection of the internal, creative thought process we Human Beings are always using.

To be aware of current events is wise & practical, but to misunderstand how these situations & circumstances came to pass, causes doubt, fear, frustration & anxiety, more often than not. What we see happening in the material world, didn't just happen - it was contemplated, imagined & thought about - before it happened.

When information overload & current events cause despondency & malaise in our psychological profile, we need a reset, and a refresher course in This Thing Called Life, before it's too late. By too late we mean, before we become so far gone, that it's too late to save ourselves from the sour side of Life.

WHO AM I? Many forms of cultural & religious indoctrination were imbedded in our very young minds, long before we developed a sense of self-awareness & discrimination, wherein we can separate superstition from reality, cradle stories, from mature, human experience, and wishful thinking, from Creative Principles.

Now some folks love their personal superstitions, and will die defending whatever ideas, beliefs, stories, and dogma they embrace, but were their teachers, leaders, preachers, and pundits who introduced them to these limiting ideas, speaking from direct experience, or were they just repeating what others taught them, down through the generations? Adopting & repeating something we've read in a book, no matter what book you read, is not real knowledge - it's just hearsay & superstition cloaked in our own need for security & reassurance.

THE REAL DEAL! As Human Beings we require real food, not just menus, real water, not just pictures of water, real connection to ourselves, and This Thing Called Life - not just ideas about Life, insight, understanding, happiness, and connection - waiting for us somewhere else, to enjoy, after we die. As we are Alive now, while fulfillment, contentment, happiness & profound joy are readily available to us, right where we are, why are we postponing our opportunity to know & to feel what Being Alive & Being Human is really all about?

Many of the notions & concepts that people adopt these days, are cradle stories written & developed by ancient scribes & pundits who were embellishing even older legends & lore, back before science & technology revealed the true nature of Human Life, and the Life of our ever expanding Cosmos. Certainly it's understandable that our vast history & the reality of living here on planet Earth is for all of us, difficult to comprehend & digest - it's all too much for our limited selves to understand, intellectually speaking.

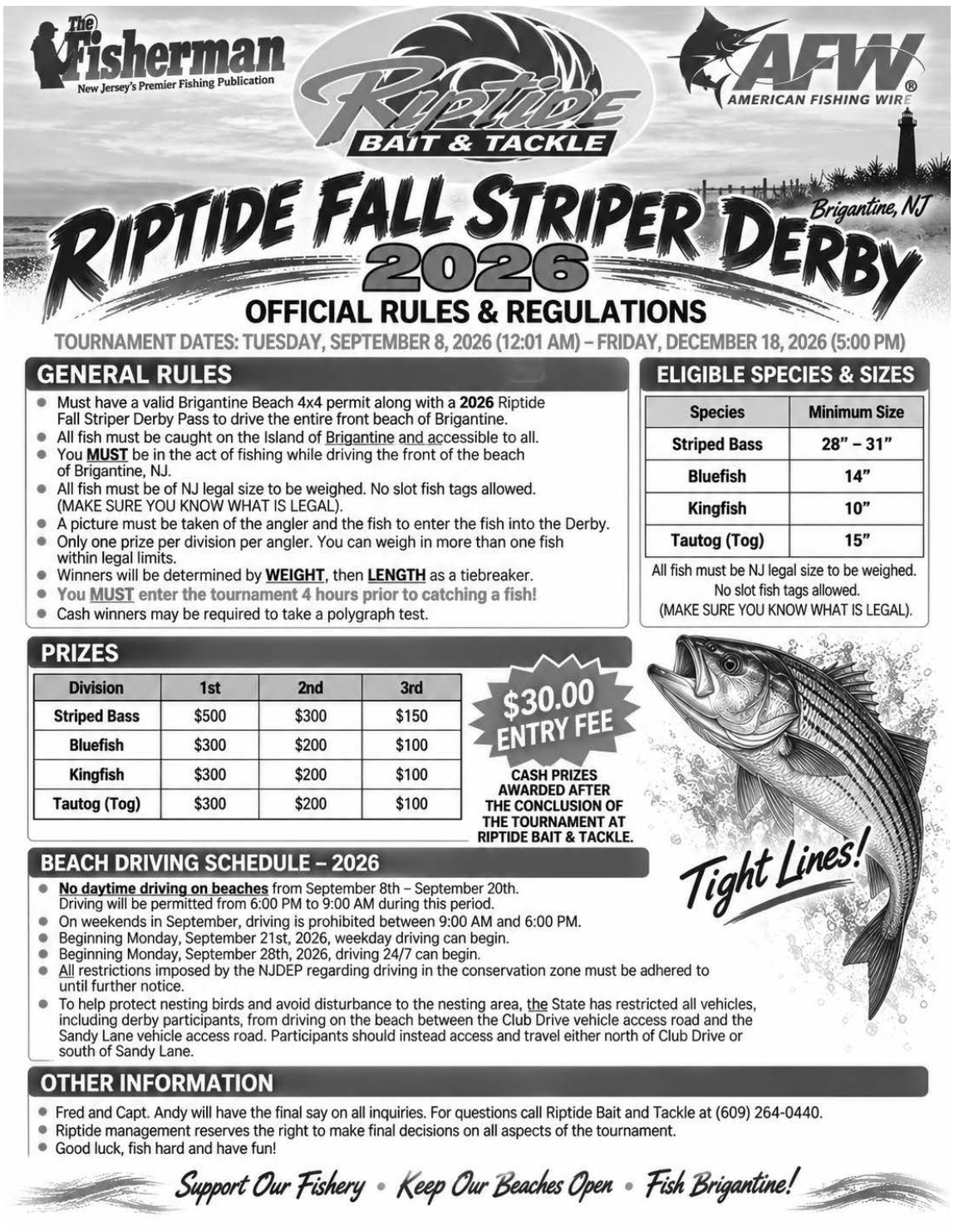
EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE & UNDERSTANDING! What cannot be fully understood, intellectually, can absolutely be felt, enjoyed, digested & experienced deeply & profoundly within inside us, and this ability to feel & to know simultaneously can be nurtured & practiced practically & successfully if we desire a direct experience of Self Awareness & Life Itself. Here we begin to feel more, and think less, as feeling teaches us moment to moment, to cherish, appreciate & feel what we actually have - not what we think we're missing - all along the way.

When we are psychologically predisposed to the divinity of Mother Nature & Father Time, and the glorious gifts & opportunities this celestial marriage & partnership has brought forth for us, here on the face of this Earth, we tend to feel more deeply, care more profoundly, and function more successfully - success in this case being a well balanced interaction with, and enjoyment of This Thing Called Life - on a moment to moment, day to day basis because we are identifying with Life Itself, happening fresh, and new, and real, one Breath at a time, one Heartbeat at a time, one Day at a time - From Here To Eternity. (Next Week, More Thoughts)

AFFIRMATIONS! (Mental & Emotional Exercise) Today Seeing & Feeling The Forces Of Nature Within Inside Me & All Around Me Reminds Me Moment To Moment, Breath By Breath, Heartbeat To Heartbeat That The Almighty Presence & Power Of Life Itself Is With Me, Within Inside Me & All Around Me And It's Absolutely Real, Absolutely Divine, Absolutely Celestial & Terrestrial Heaven On Earth, All Day, Every Day, Morning, Afternoon & Evening, From Here To Eternity. Today There Is Absolutely No Doubt In My Mind That Everything I Need, Everything I Want, Everything I Desire & Require To Sustain & Maintain My Sacred Existence Here On The Face Of This Magnificent Planet Earth, Is Being Provided By The Almighty, With Effortless Grace, Abundance, Peace, Prosperity & Joy, Right Here, Right Now, Right Where I Am, With Every Breath I Take, Forever & A Day. AND So It Is!

Today I Understand That The Almighty God We Seek Is Not A Man With A Long White Beard, But In Fact This Almighty Power Is The Pure And Perfect Energy & Intelligence That Designed & Created, Myself And Everyone Else On This Glorious Globe. Today Life Itself Comes Up To Meet Me, As I Walk Hand In Hand With Mother Nature & Father Time Through This Garden Of Eden, Through This Heaven On Earth, Through This Fountain Of Youth That Energizes & Refines Every Cell, Fiber, Molecule, And Atom Of My Being, With Every Step, And Every Breath I Take. Today I Don't Just Believe In The Power, Grace & Light Of This Sacred Life, But I Know Absolutely, Without A Speck Of Doubt, Or Frustration That This Gift Called Life Is Always For Me, Never Ever Against Me, 24/7/365 And Beyond. ALL Is Well!

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Mayor Vince Sera and BCBP Chief Kip Emig honoring Lifeguards Masey Klemm, Rich Reid, Captain James Wilkenson, and Guia Bentencourt for their lifesaving efforts at Sandy Lane and the Jetty on Labor Day Sunday



Members of the Brigantine Beach Patrol with BCBP Officers after they were honored with a Proclamation from the Brigantine City Council for their Lifesaving efforts.

Lifeguards Honored by Proclamation

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in the water. Fortunately, all three were wearing life jackets; however, they were unable to make their way safely back to shore.

Brigantine City Beach Patrol lifeguards Nick Schiavo and Luke Emig were dispatched to assess the situation. Upon arrival, they immediately recognized that the three victims were in distress and required assistance. Lifeguard Schiavo proceeded onto the jetty, where Lifeguard Emig assisted him in entering the water with a rescue board. Lifeguard Emig then returned to the beach with a rescue can to continue the rescue effort. Soon, Lifeguard Brody Ward arrived with an additional rescue board. Lifeguards Emig and Brody then entered the water and made their way around the jetty to assist Lifeguard Schiavo and the three victims, and lifeguards Schiavo, Emig, and Brody maintained contact with and secured the three victims in the challenging inlet conditions until lifeguards Michael Brooks and Ron DeFelice arrived on the Beach Patrol wave runner. Lifeguards Brooks and DeFelice safely transported all three victims back to shore and were also able to recover two of the three kayaks.

This rescue demonstrates the courage, teamwork, training, and professionalism of the Brigantine City Beach Patrol. Each lifeguard recognized his role, responded without hesitation, and worked together to safely bring three members of the public out of a dangerous situation in Absecon Inlet. Therefore, be it proclaimed, that the City of Brigantine proudly recognizes and commends Lifeguards Nick Schiavo, Luke Emig, Steven Brody, Michael Brooks, and Ron DeFelice for their outstanding response and successful rescue of three kayakers in Absecon Inlet on Sept. 20, 2026. Be it further proclaimed that the City of Brigantine extends its sincere appreciation to these members of the Brigantine City Beach Patrol for their dedication to protecting the lives of those who visit and enjoy our waters.

The Brigantine Times congratulates all of the BCBP members being recognized for their lifesaving efforts.





Many of Brigantine's beaches and bulkheads have been washed bare by the nor'easter. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

National Day of...

Friday, October 9
National Moldy Cheese Day
World Post Day

Saturday, October 10
National Cake Decorating Day
National Walk to a Park Day

Sunday, October 11
National Sausage Pizza Day
Clergy Appreciation Day

Monday, October 12
National Farmer's Day
National Gumbo Day

Tuesday, October 13
National Train Your Brain Day
National Yorkshire Pudding Day

Wednesday, October 14
National Dessert Day
National Emergency Nurse's Day

Thursday, October 15
National Grouch Day
National Mushroom Day



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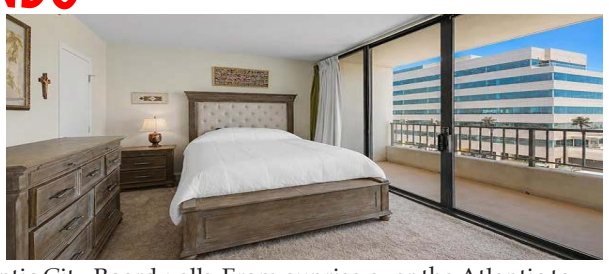
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WILDWOOD CONDO COTTAGE





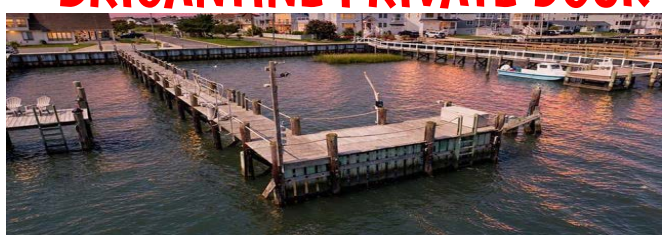


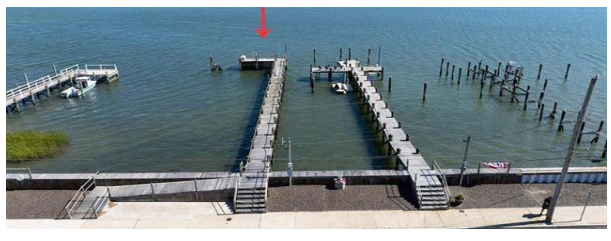
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