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Brigantine Master Plan Review

By Tom Morgan

The Brigantine Planning/Zoning Board recently submitted its 2026 Master Plan Reexamination to Brigantine City Council. The 2026 Master Plan is an examination and update of the 2016 Master Plan that reflects a balance between year-round residential quality of life, seasonal visitation, public access to beaches and bays, protection of natural resources, and continued investment in parks, recreation, utilities and public safety.

The 2026 Master Plan Reexamination serves as the city's official review of prior planning assumptions, land use policies, development regulations and current planning needs. It also provides policy guidance for zoning, site plan review, subdivision review, infrastructure planning, conservation, housing, circulation and economic development. The reexamination updates the town's 2016 plan and focuses on coastal resilience, zoning modernization and housing strategy.

Brigantine has changed considerably since 2016, especially after being "discovered" during the COVID-19 pandemic. The

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These girls with freshly painted faces take in the sights and sounds of the party celebrating 100 years of the Brigantine Lighthouse. (Photo by Sean Kardon)



A great aerial shot of the record-breaking 2026 Pup Strut as attendees make their way up the beach. (Michael McKenna Photo)

Flags for the Forgotten

Members of Brigantine's St. Thomas Knights of Columbus planted 510 American flags for "the Forgotten" at Hanemen Park last week. The 510 flags represent the number of veterans who die by suicide every month in the United States — 6,200 veterans a year, or 17 a day. These "silent fallen" veterans are soldiers, airmen, sailors and Marines who suffered from PTSD, anxiety, anguish and a sense of hopelessness after returning home to a world of uncertainty following their time in a war zone. The flags are meant to keep the silent fallen's memory alive and to let veterans suffering from PTSD and anxiety know they are not alone and that help is available. The flags also let family members of the silent fallen know that their loved one is not forgotten.

Knights of Columbus member John DeMarco said, "We are displaying the flags for the silent fallen to make veterans aware that there is

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Football Pool Returns!

By Garrett Touhill

Well, Brigantine, it's finally back! This week, the Brigantine Times Football Pool returns. We said it would be back, and here it is. Thank you so much for your patience as your editors navigated having a baby a month and a half early. Everyone who inquired about the pool was incredibly understanding and kind. Now it's back to business as usual. (Of course, I kid, but at least regarding the football pool, we're back to the usual.)

This year's pool will be conducted just like last year's. Each week, we'll include a form in the paper that you can fill out. Circle which team you think will win each of Sunday's matchups, and whoever guesses the most correctly wins! Of course, we also have our Monday night football tiebreaker. So circle who you think will win that game and guess the total combined score. That should break all ties, but if it doesn't, the form we receive first will be the winner.

That brings us to the method of submission. Just like last year, you can take a clear photo (please make sure it's clear) of your form and email it to timesfootballpool@gmail.com. The deadline for submission is the Thursday prior to the games on the form. For

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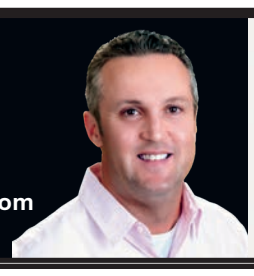
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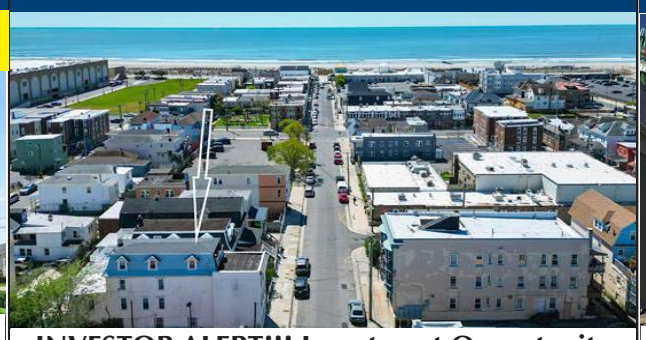
NEW BEACH BLOCK SINGLE FAMILY!!
1000 E. BEACH AVE.

OPEN HOUSE SAT. 12PM - 2PM



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.

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, board-walk, 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.

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



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.

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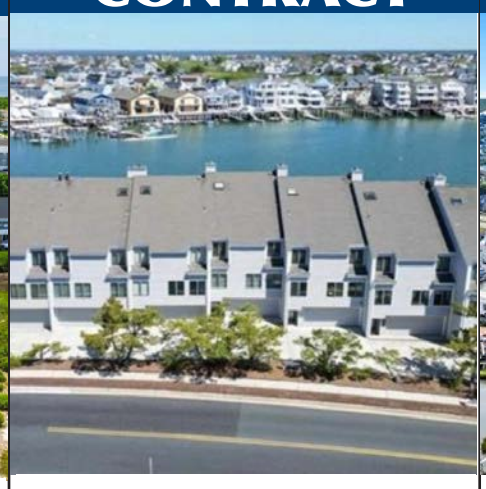
58 COQUILLE BEACH DRIVE

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545 LAGOON BLVD.

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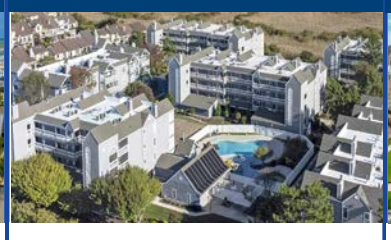
329 SEASHELL LANE

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4800 HARBOR BEACH BLVD. #4201

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4800 HARBOR BEACH BLVD. #1303

SOLD!



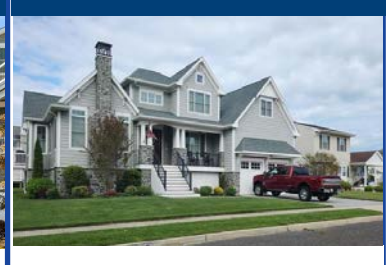
2100 WEST BRIGANTINE AVE.

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 bath-rooms, 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



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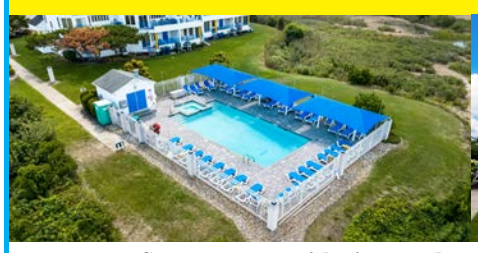
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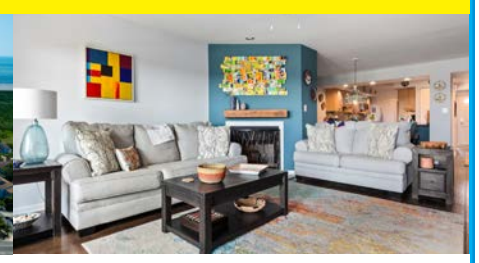




Serene retreat with views and a pool. 3 bedroom, 2 level townhouse.
NEW PRICE: $750,000

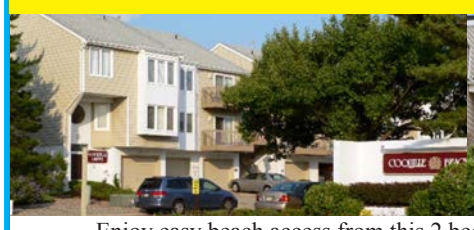
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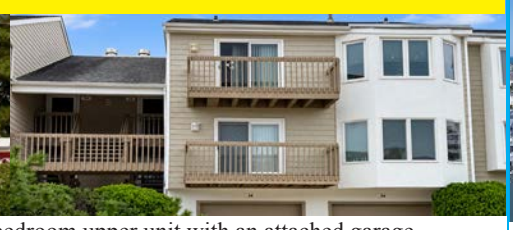




4800 HARBOR BEACH BLVD. #3105 NEW PRICE:$775,000

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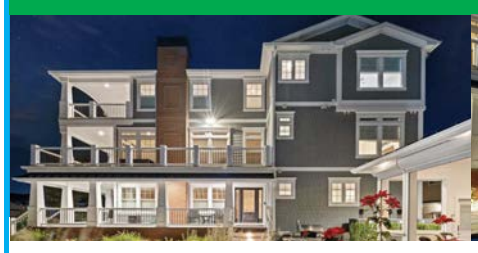
BOARDWALK ON THE BAY

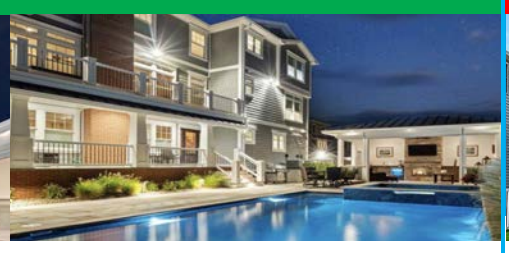




Condo comes with 40' Dock * When you're ready to 'ship off' it's a short ride to the inlet & ocean for some fishing & cruising.

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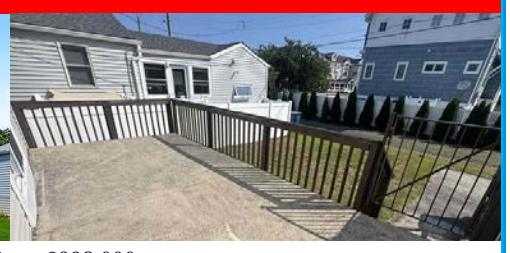




313 29th St. - Offered at $4,445,000.

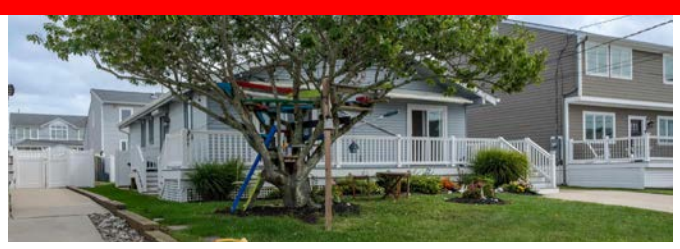
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101 23rd st - $998,000

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7 McDermott Pl. - $639,000

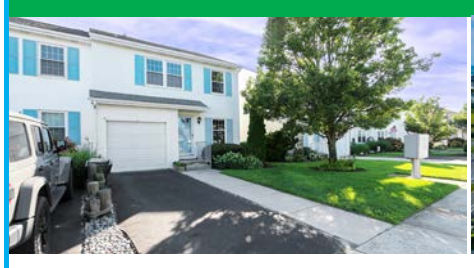
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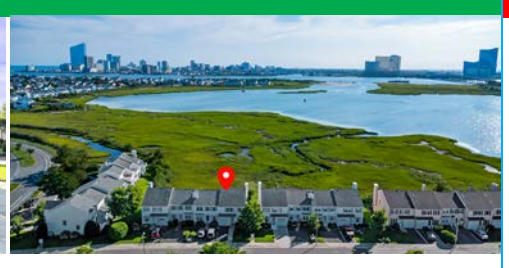




5209 Waterview Drive In Seapoint - $995,000

SOLD LAST WEEK





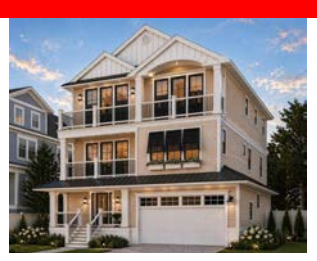
10 Gull Cove - $699,000

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301 29th St.

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310 10th St. - $2,600,000



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Rams Football Roundup

Week five proved challenging for both the Rams JV and varsity squads last Saturday when they visited the Egg Harbor Township Eagles. The Rams JV defense played tough, with Sha'hir Brown's fumble recovery and Kabir McCoy's 15 tackles leading the way. The Rams clinched a 12-6 win behind the tough defense and two touchdowns from Melakhi Birt.

This past Sunday, the Rams JV got their rushing game going in the rain against Hamilton. Ameer Perez-Watson came up big with two touchdowns, and Kobe Miller and Birt each added another score as Brigantine cruised to a 30-0 win. Rams JV improves to 5-0 on the season.

The Rams varsity squad was unable to get anything going against EHT, with early injuries to key players contributing to a 32-0 loss.

In Sunday's rain game, the Rams varsity turned it around with a win over Hamilton. Hayden Massey's fumble recovery in the end zone and a powerful touchdown run from Gene Handle gave the Rams an early lead. Hamilton's two touchdowns closed the gap, but a last-second goal-line stand kept them from scoring again and sealed a 19-12 win for the now 3-2 Rams.

Next game: Oct. 17 in Buena.

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OFFERED AT $739,000 -
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CONDO NEAR BEACH



Beach Block 2BR/2BA Condo – Excellent Condition! Beautiful second-floor, two-bedroom, two-bath unit in excellent condition and just steps from the beach.

OFFERED AT $625,000 -
4200 W Brigantine Ave #B

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

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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



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Chamber Chatter

What a wonderful weekend in Brigantine! The Brigantine Lighthouse 100th Anniversary Celebration was a tremendous success, bringing our community together to recognize one of our island's most iconic landmarks and celebrate an important piece of Brigantine history. It was great to see so many residents, visitors, businesses and organizations come together for such a special occasion.

The Brigantine Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the City of Brigantine and everyone who helped make this celebration so memorable. From the organizers and volunteers to the participating businesses, sponsors and everyone who came out to enjoy the festivities, your contributions helped make the day a success. We were proud to be part of this wonderful community celebration!

Now, who's ready for some Eagles football? Our second Eagles Tailgate on the Beach is this Sunday, Oct. 18! If you joined us for our first tailgate, you already know what a great afternoon it was. And if you missed it, here's your chance to get in on the fun! There's nothing quite like gathering with friends, neighbors and fellow Eagles fans on the beach in Brigantine to cheer on the Birds.

Don't wait until the last minute to make your plans! Visit BrigantineChamber.com for registration and event information. Come out, wear your Eagles green, bring your friends, and help us make our second Tailgate on the Beach another fantastic community event. Go Birds!

We'd also like to extend a huge thank-you to everyone who supported our Big 50/50 raffle! Thanks to your generosity and enthusiasm, we sold an incredible 503 tickets, and congratulations go to Sheila Dean of the Marine Mammal Stranding Center, who took home $5,030! Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets, helped sell them, and supported this important Chamber fundraiser. We truly appreciate your support!

We're also looking ahead to 2027 as our Brigantine Chamber of Commerce membership drive continues. Whether you've been a member for years, recently opened a business, or own a business that serves the Brigantine community, we'd love to have you join us.

Chamber membership is about much more than having your business listed on our website and in our Visitor Guide/Business Directory. It's about building relationships, supporting one another, creating opportunities, and being part of an organization that works year-round to strengthen our

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Father Ed Namiotka poses with the Brigantine Polar Bear at the celebration of 100 years of the Brigantine Lighthouse on October 10th.







From Under The Hat

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A buyer's comments to their agent after looking at a property that is the right price, size and location with all systems working — but in original condition: "We'd have to update the kitchen, redo the flooring, etc." They have started their mortgage, gotten pre-approved, and have 20% to put toward the price, but they don't have the cash for the upgrades they want. So how do they proceed? Questions to their agent: Do you think we can offer lower than asking since we have to make some improvements? Can we get some credits for carpeting, etc. from the seller?

Agent: If the seller had made the improvements, do you think the asking price would still be the same, or do you think it was priced right for the condition? Some seller concessions may be available, but if not, there may be other creative ways to update the property to your specifications.

After looking over some mortgage options and talking to lenders, here are some programs that just might work. My Cliff Notes on the renovation loan product guide for buyers: Small updates increase value by modernizing key spaces; the work requires a timeline; the lender must approve changes; and there are contractor requirements, payments and payment releases. Another part of a renovation loan provides funds to build with room to grow, including moving walls and modernizing to increase value. This loan can also finance mortgage pay-

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Christine Mazzulo of Keller Williams Realty, Tom Engel, President of APC Building and Land Development, Aaron Cave, Owner of APC Building and Land Development, and Madison Mazzulo of Keller Williams Realty during a meet-and-greet at the new Rum Point housing project on October 10. (Photo by Sean Kardon)



The Knights of Columbus and members of the Brigantine and Villa Marie Councils planted 510 flags in Haneman Park to draw attention to the number of veterans who take their own lives every month.

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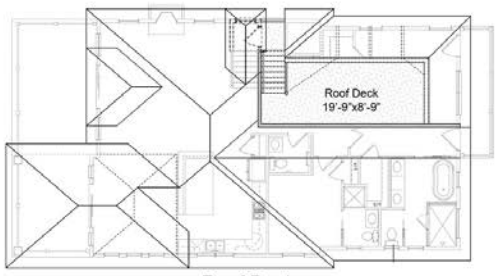












Roof Deck



Second Floor

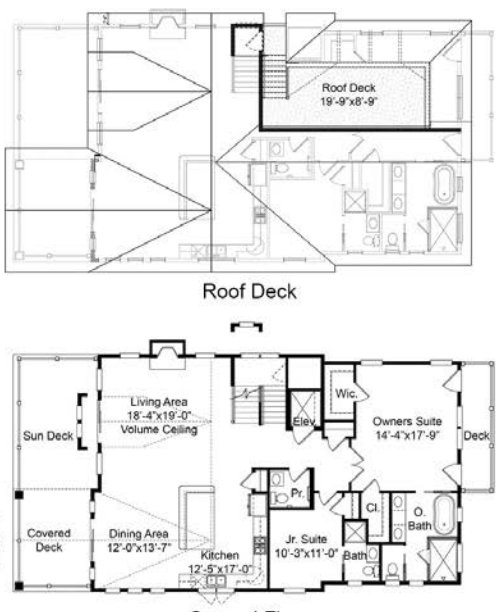


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Roof Deck



Second Floor



First Floor

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VFW News

Did you wish a happy birthday to your salty sailors this week? We celebrated the birth of the U.S. Navy this week. Thank you to all Navy veterans for your service to our country.

Oktoberfest is this Saturday! 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! Lederhosen highly recommended!



Alex Lukacher and Councilman Mike Riordan pose together for a photo during the celebration of 100 years of the Brigantine Lighthouse. (Photo by Jack Fahey)

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

Our Weekly Lineup

This Friday (Oct. 16), we welcome the return of T-Bone for our entertainment. Plan on dinner and fantastic entertainment!

Sunday means Eagles football. Members and guests can enjoy the game, and the kitchen will be open starting at noon with delicious game-day food at discounted prices.

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

Wednesday is ladies billiards and karaoke! That is almost too much fun under one roof. Come join the fun!

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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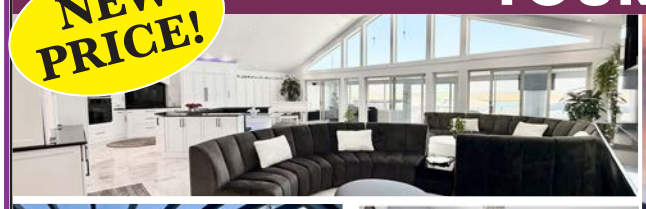
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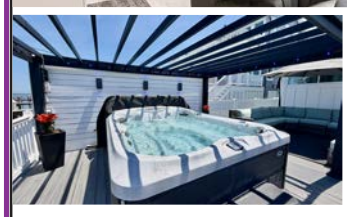
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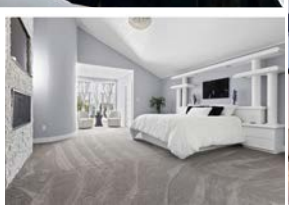
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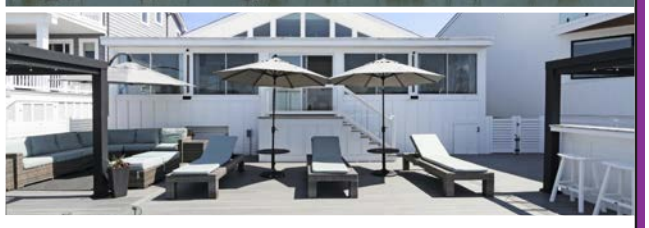












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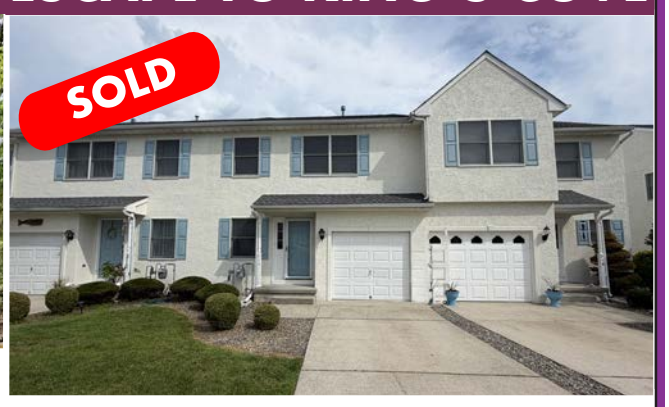
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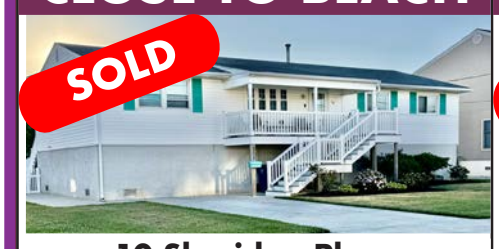
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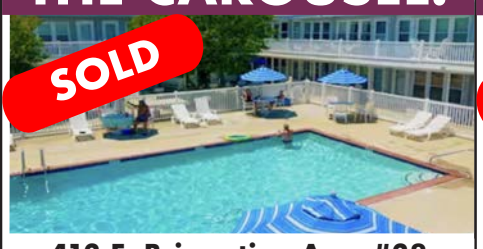
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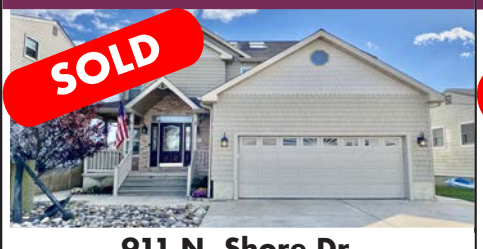
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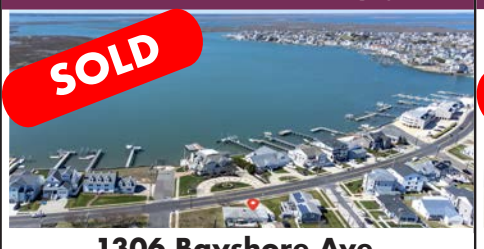
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Brigantine PTA

By Tabitha Rice

Last year was a banner year for the Brigantine Community School PTA ("Brig PTA"). We fulfilled our teachers' classroom wish lists and created memorable experiences for students, including the Someone Special Dance, Breakfast with Santa, and Trunk or Treat. We also hosted our first annual Sagra di Brigantine, bringing the community together for a great cause. The Brigantine Community School PTA was able to support needs big and small through the donations and hard work of our amazing community.

This year the Brig PTA started off strong. Thanks to generous donations from Aversa's, Sandy Jack's, and Mission Cafe, we were able to treat our wonderful teachers and staff to a Welcome Back Breakfast and show our custodians our appreciation on National Custodian Day. Our community also enjoyed a fun-filled Back to School Social with Rita's, the Smile Factory, and Paisley Pelican hosting our students and families.

A special thank-you goes to the volunteers who joined this year's Beach Cleanup. Together, we raised $250 and helped our DPW keep our beaches beautiful. Next

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From Under The Hat

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ments if the home is unlivable during construction.

As one advertisement states, "Love the house but hate the front exterior," there is a range of renovation loan options that enable you to transform a property into your ideal dream house.

An aside: When my husband and I purchased our home at the shore, it was the right size at the time and had a spectacular view that would never be obstructed — but the kitchen cabinets were covered with a peel-and-stick, wood-like pattern vinyl, and the wood was warping. I sat down on an old wicker set that was left on the deck to see the sunset and fell through! I laughed and thought how fortunate we were to have a place at the beach. Little by little, we made the house our home.

Since this is just a synopsis of the loan information, please reach out to your lender to explore your options and get started.

'Livin' the Dream in Brigantine'...



Squadron Commander Anthony Cavallo of the Sons of the American Legion, Post 396, serving up a delicious Bloody Mary at the post's Breakfast Fundraiser held October 11th.



Thank you to everyone who attended the Brigantine Lighthouse party on October 10th. (Photo by Jack Fahey)

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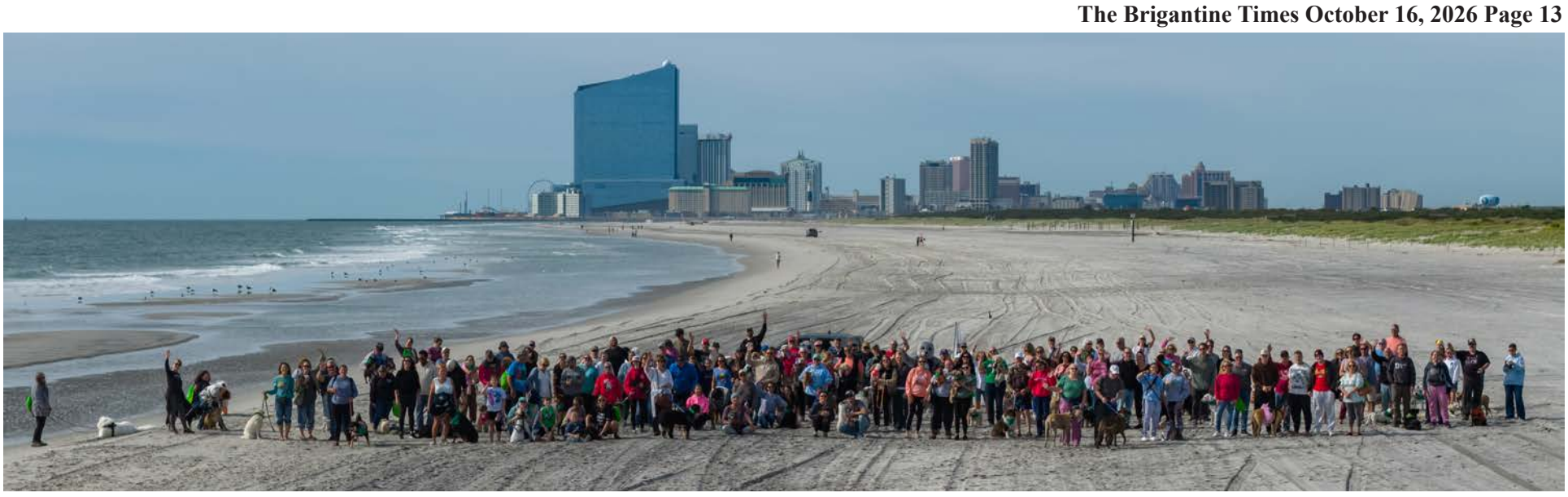
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A group photo of the 125 dogs and their families who attended the record-breaking MMSC Pup Strut 2026. (Michael McKenna Photo)

Brigantine Master Plan Review

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city is transitioning from a year-round residential community to a seasonal vacation destination, marked by a 32% decline in permanent population over thirty years, alongside a rapidly aging demographic and stagnant housing growth.

Population Decline

Total year-round residents declined from 12,594 in 2000 to 7,716 by 2020, a loss of 4,878 residents. The decline appears to reflect multiple factors, including regional employment changes, shifts in the housing market, increased seasonal and second-home ownership, demographic aging, and the long-term effects of coastal storm events such as Superstorm Sandy.

Aging Population

The median age rose from 34.2 in 1990 to 56.8 by 2020. The 55-and-older age cohort continues growing despite the overall population loss.

Household Composition

Married couples make up 42.47% of total households, while single-female households represent 30.99%. Multigenerational families account for just 2.6% of occupied homes.

Socioeconomics

Median household income sits at $88,906. The poverty line affects 9.4% of individuals, with seniors over 65 representing 10.7% of that total.

Housing Stock Characteristics

Total housing units have remained stable at 9,294, but permanent year-round occupancy has plunged to just 41%; the remaining 59% skews heavily toward vacation rentals and seasonal properties. Brigantine now has 1,024 Airbnb, VRBO and shore summer rentals that were not around in 2016.

Structural Types

Single-family detached structures make up the majority of the housing stock, at 50.56%. Attached townhomes and two-unit properties make up 13.51% and 9.38%, respectively.

Age of Infrastructure

More than 30% of local housing dates to building booms in the 1980s, and roughly 35% of all island structures are now 50 years old or older.

Real Estate Values

The median housing value of $485,000 far surpasses the wider Atlantic County benchmark of $272,700, and for tenants, the median gross monthly rent runs $1,499 — though there are hardly any year-round rentals available.

Education

Brigantine Elementary School housed kindergarten through fourth grade, with an enrollment of 446 students at the end of the 2008-2009 academic year. Brigantine North Middle School housed fifth through eighth grade, with an enrollment of 374 students during the same period. Together with special education classes, this brought the district's 2009 baseline population to 820 enrolled students. However, as persistent, multi-decade enrollment declines intensified, dropping below 500 students, the two schools were merged into one, the Brigantine Community School. The report did not specify a cause, but the loss of year-round rentals for families with children, along with younger resi-

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Over 125 dogs and their families met up for the MMSC annual Pup Strut last Saturday. This year had the highest attendance in the event's history. (Michael McKenna Photo)



Members of the Brigantine and Villa Marie Councils, Knights of Columbus and City Manager Tiger Platt are shown gathering for the installation of 510 American flags at Haneman Park in Brigantine. The purpose of the display is to call attention to the thousands of Veterans annually who take their own lives and the resources that are available to help with this crisis. Vietnam Veteran John DeMarco plans and executes the mission of getting these displays installed wherever it is requested. He thanked the City of Brigantine for welcoming this important program to Haneman Park.

Chamber Chatter

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local business community.

And now is a great time to join or renew! Current members can take advantage of a discount by renewing now for 2027, while businesses that aren't currently members can join for 2027 and receive the remainder of 2026 at no additional cost. Visit BrigantineChamber.com for membership information.

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.

Flags for the Forgotten

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help available. When a veteran is in distress, sometimes it takes a family member or another veteran to steer them toward getting that help. Our goal in displaying the flags is to hopefully help a distressed veteran make a different choice, or inspire another veteran to help out a fellow veteran in need. Some wounds cannot be seen, and a lot of vets are struggling and not aware of where to go for help, but there is help available locally. We are hoping that other Knights of Columbus councils throughout Atlantic County will join us and bring veteran suicide awareness to the forefront by displaying flags for the silent fallen."

If a veteran is in crisis and thinking about suicide, he or she can dial 988, then press 1, or chat at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat. Locally, the Veteran Peer Suicide Prevention Program is available in Atlantic County at the VA Outpatient Clinic in Northfield. The program offers crisis intervention help and camaraderie events with veteran peers.

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Brigantine PTA

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year, 25 volunteers will qualify our crew for a $400 state grant, so we hope to see even more helping hands.

Upcoming Ways to Support Students

• Holiday Catalog Sale: Catalogs come home this October, with delivery in November.

• Halloween Parade: On Oct. 30, stop by our Creepy Coffee stand, with coffee generously donated by Summer & Sage Coffee. All proceeds benefit students.

• David's Cookies: Orders open this November, with delivery by mid-December, just in time for holiday baking.

Join Brig PTA

Our Brig PTA community starts with members joining the PTA. Our membership drive helps fund our initiatives, and the $10 membership entitles members to discounts and advance notice of special events. Supporting the Brigantine PTA through a membership donation is easy — just visit our giveback page for more info: https://brigantine-schools.givebacks.com/shop

We are grateful to our community for their continued support. All donations, big or small, financial and physical, provide amazing opportunities for our students and help us support our teachers. The PTA would not be here without the involvement of our community. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to another amazing year supporting our students.

Brigantine Ink Notice

Meeting Oct. 17

Join Brig Ink Saturday, Oct. 17, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Brigantine Community Center for round-table sharing and creative writing activities. Hope to see you.



Some young attendees pose in front of the Brigantine Chamber of Commerce trailer at the celebration of 100 years of the Brigantine Lighthouse on October 10th. (Photo by Sean Kardon)



80s Undercover Band performs at the celebration of 100 years of the Brigantine Lighthouse on October 10th. (Photo by Sean Kardon)





Members of the Brigantine and Villa Marie Councils, Knights of Columbus, pose for a group photo as they place 510 American flags at Haneman Park in Brigantine for veterans lost to suicide.

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Master Plan Review

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dents being unable to afford Brigantine, is widely seen as a factor in the decline.

"Following extensive community collaboration, data analysis and public hearings, the City of Brigantine Planning Board is proud to present the 2026 Master Plan Reexamination. This document serves as our strategic roadmap for navigating the evolving opportunities and challenges facing our barrier island over the next decade. Our focus has shifted toward balancing traditional growth with modern sustainability. While we remain deeply committed to preserving the distinct residential character of Brigantine, this updated plan prioritizes modern infrastructure resilience, coastal protections and smart economic development in our commercial corridors. By investing in smart infrastructure, protecting our vital natural beach ecosystems, and fostering a vibrant local business climate, we ensure that Brigantine adapts to the future while keeping its unique charm," said Michael Brindisi, chairman of the Brigantine Planning Board.

To those who were hoping the 2026 Master Plan Reexamination would change zoning laws to allow for slightly smaller homes with more grass and open space, the zoning was not changed. The full 72-page 2026 Master Plan Reexamination is available on the Brigantine Planning Board website; click the Master Plan Reexamination link.



Clyde Newcomer and Tre Kuchinsky, students at the Brigantine Community School, running their business, Prime Prints, at the Lighthouse 100th year Anniversary Celebration. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).

Karen Santoroski, board member of the Chamber of Commerce, alongside Helen Ann Meehan, founder of Fit4Life and also a member of the Chamber of Commerce, at the Lighthouse 100th-year anniversary that took place this past Saturday. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).



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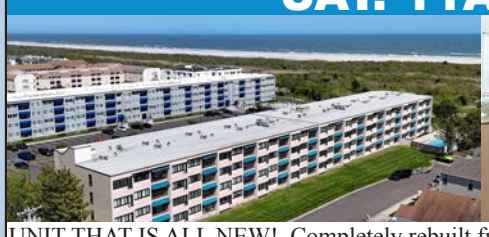


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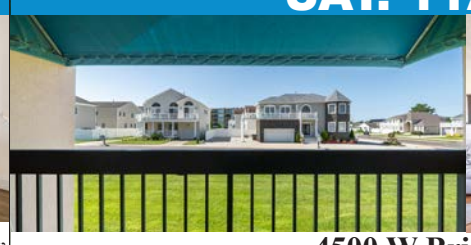
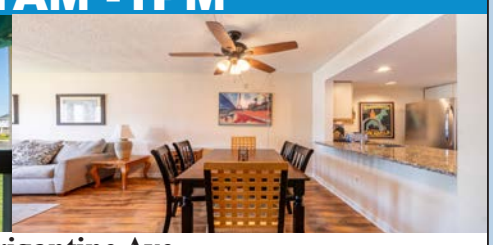
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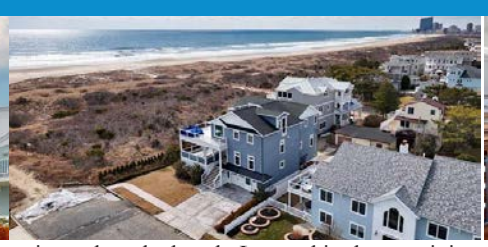
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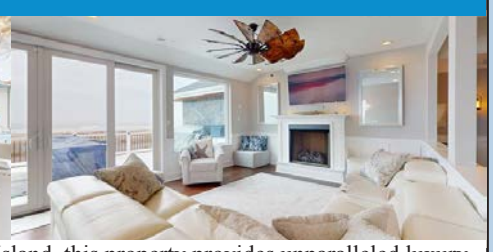
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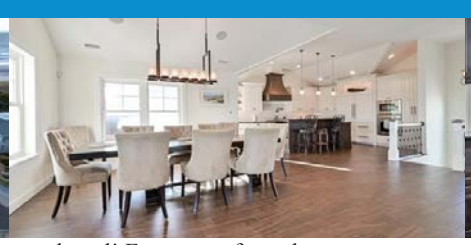
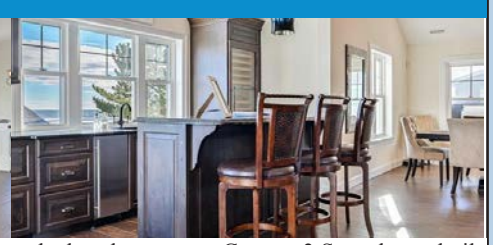





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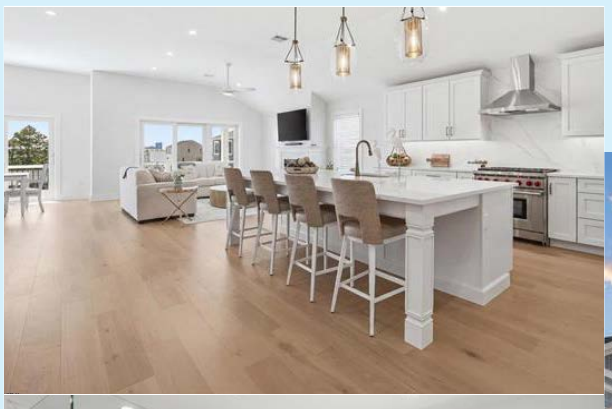



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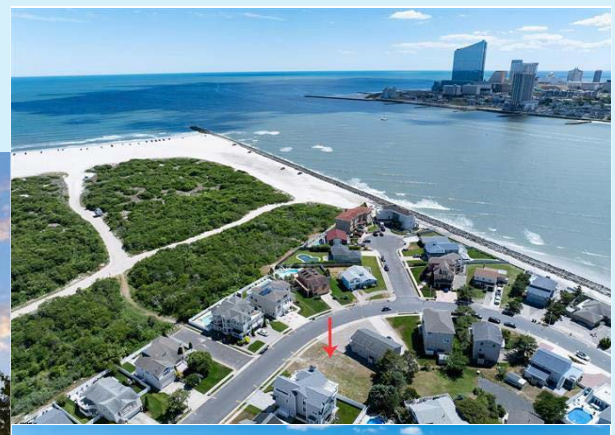
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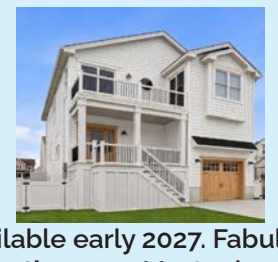
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MEGA News

by Joseph Mingoia

Last Friday, MEGA '26 closed another wonderful season with our season-ending banquet. On Friday, Oct. 2, we held our Tournament of Champions and announced the results at the banquet.

First, I must thank the Brigantine Golf Course staff for their support and help, and of course the conditions of the course. It was a great pleasure to play here this year — I've played here since '93, and this was by far the best it's been. And this is just the beginning.

I wanna thank Joe Crilley, MG and the staff for the great food and drinks all year and for a great banquet.

The standard of golf play this year was outstanding. All the flights were highly competitive. A-flight had 14 players and everyone played super. B-flight had 30 players and they all battled. Senior A-flight was awesome, very strong competition.

We started off by announcing the Rookie of the Year; the finalists were Sean Sharkey (Sr. A), Brendan McHugh (B), and KJ DiMuzio (C). Brendan McHugh was our winner.

The Player of the Year was even more congested with candidates. The finalists were Anthony Lawler (A), Matt Cusamano (A), Steve Frei (Sr. A), Ed Podgorski (Sr. A), Jerry Doyle (Sr. A) and Cameron Sweeney (A). Anthony Lawler was our winner — he truly had a fantastic year.

Then Commissioner John Rios presented Ron Parker with the MEGA Commissioner's Award, recognizing Ron's sportsmanship, gen-

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Members of the Brigantine and Villa Marie Councils, Knights of Columbus, and City Manager Tiger Platt installed 510 American flags at Haneman Park in Brigantine. The purpose of the display is to call attention to the thousands of Veterans annually who take their own lives, as well as the resources that are available to help with this crisis.

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Anyone and everyone was at the celebration of the Brigantine Lighthouse's 100th year. (Photo by Sean Kardon)





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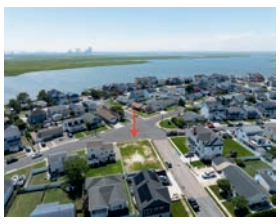
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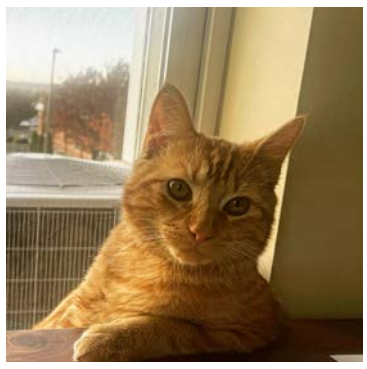
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Leroy's Corner:

A Cat's Guide to Changing Addresses



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Dear fellow cats,

Should you find your humans packing boxes and discussing a "fresh start," remain composed. Nobody has consulted you, of course, despite the fact that you are the household's most discerning resident. Having recently relocated to Brigantine myself, I am prepared to offer a few observations on bringing a new home up to standard.

First, arrive with your signature pieces. A favorite blanket, a well-seasoned scratching post, and that toy with absolutely no feathers remaining belong in any tasteful residence. Your humans may see moving as an opportunity to throw things away. Watch them closely. A mouse missing both ears is an heirloom. Once inside, allow yourself a private retreat while the humans arrange the furniture. They will carry the same chair through three rooms before putting it back where it started. You need not attend every stage of this creative process. Retire somewhere quiet and emerge when the accommodations are ready for inspection. Conduct your tour at your leisure. Sniff the corners. Examine the closets. Sit in a doorway long enough to delay someone carrying something heavy. A proper inspection cannot be rushed, particularly by a human who has already misplaced the scissors.

Next, assess the windows. A fine home should offer several viewing options, with suitable seating for birdwatching and neighborhood surveillance. I suggest sampling each windowsill before committing. Morning sunlight is lovely, but one must also consider the afternoon bird traffic.

Then evaluate the recreational facilities. My new home has an exceptionally long hallway, ideal for chasing my squiggly spring toys. Fellow cats, if you acquire such a feature, test it thoroughly. A midnight sprint will tell you quite a bit about the acoustics, as well as how quickly your humans can wake up.

Lastly, take your time. There is no need to settle everything in one afternoon. Find a comfortable spot, arrange your paws, and let the household bustle around you.

As for the neighbors, maintain an air of quiet distinction. I still have that bunny who sits in the side yard looking entirely too comfortable. I stared at him. I growled at him. He continues eating the landscaping. We appear to have very different views

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Nothing beats good company, Eagles football, and a great time at the Brigantine Legion! More smiling faces from the Breakfast Fundraiser held on October 11th.



Beverly Sambucci (right), member of the Elks Veterans Committee, brought 80 beautifully knitted hats to be donated to homeless veterans. Beverly's mother, Jane Lacey, has been making them and donating them throughout the years. Karen Geller, left, Chair of the Committee, stated, "The hats are greatly appreciated by the veterans who enjoy selecting their favorite color. We are grateful to Mrs. Lacey for her kind service to veterans."





On Saturday, October 10th, the Mixed Bocce League held its Award Luncheon at the scenic Links in Brigantine. The setting was beautiful and the food excellent. Thanks to Sue Reid for all her efforts organizing that luncheon. Right up to the last week, multiple teams were in contention. The final results were: 1st place went to the Daquiris: Karen Sulpizio, Steve Sulpizio, Marge Bowman & Florence Schmidt. They won for the second year in a row. 2nd place went to the Seagulls: Mike Ricca, Anne Ricca, Bill Snyder & Maryanne Snyder. 3rd place went to the Rob Roys: Art LaLuna, Carol LaLuna, Mike Laielli, & Barbara Jaffe.



The Brigantine Farmers Market Young Entrepreneurs presented a check in the amount of $974 to Robin Carnivale for the Presbyterian Church's Food Pantry. Each year, the Young Entrepreneurs are required to collectively donate 10% of their profits to the chosen non-profit on the island. Representing the Young Entrepreneurs: Oliver Newcomer, William Kuchinsky, and Clyde Newcomer. Representing the Farmers Market: Fran Paullin, Market Manager, and Donna Piekarski, Treasurer.

Leroy's Corner

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on property management.

I hope this advice from a cat well traveled helps any other feline masters with a new transition.

Stay Whiskered,
Leroy

Letter to Leroy

Hi Leroy,

Mazie T. Cat here. Good to hear you are getting comfortable as a full-time resident. As a five-year resident, I have become friends with what my humans call the Brigantine Bunny. The B.B.s around my house are a good sort that just want to hang out, eat some grass and relax. They don't make the noise that the Gull does when I try to nap.

Just remember, it takes a tough cat to make a tender vittle.

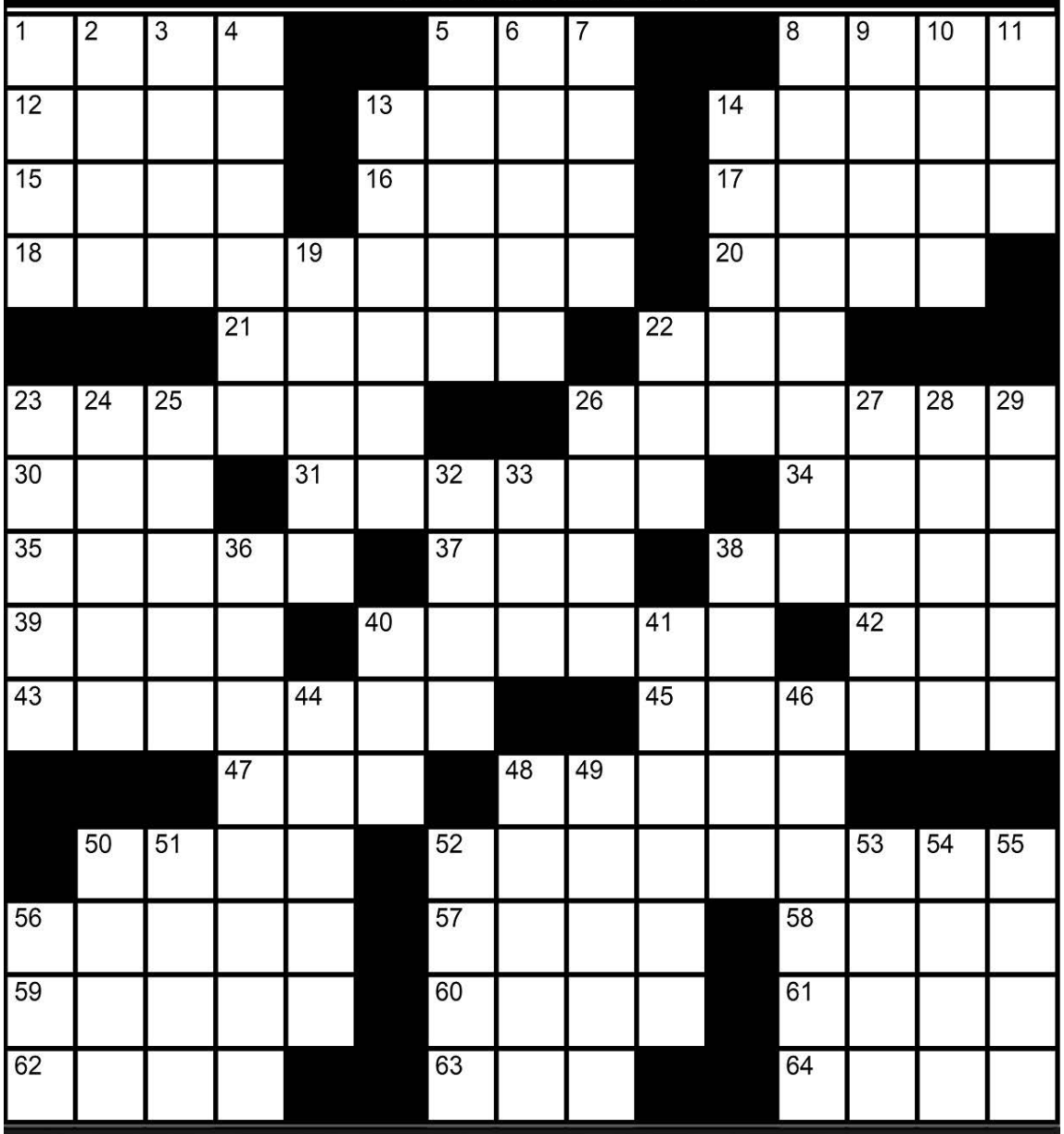
-Mazie T. Cat



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33. "Wheel of Fortune" request, 2 words
36. *a.k.a. merry-go-round
38. Walking stick
40. Singer Benatar
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46. Lyre player
48. Hot rod sticker
49. Spooky
50. ____ ____ good example
51. Four-letter word
52. Bit of baby talk
53. Mark on a ruler
54. Tiny purse
55. Popular movie candy
56. Something to chew on

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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.

Why You Must Avoid These Condiments

Bacon has been a fixture on American breakfast tables since the 1920s, and I have to admit there's something nostalgic about that sizzle in the pan. Lately, though, bacon has moved well beyond breakfast. It now shows up in jams, powders and spreads that people add to their plates almost without thinking. These toppings may seem harmless, but they can quietly turn processed meat into a daily habit. That matters because the International Agency for Research on Cancer classifies processed meat as a Group 1 carcinogen, its highest category, with the strongest evidence pointing to colorectal cancer. The concern isn't one spoonful of bacon jam on your burger — it's the repeated, long-term intake that builds up over the years.

Bacon toppings aren't the only condiment worth rethinking. Many barbecue sauces are basically sweetened syrup with a smoky flavor, with added sugar, corn syrup or high-fructose corn syrup near the top of the ingredient list. When sugary, ultraprocessed foods become part of your everyday routine, they can contribute to weight gain, insulin resistance and chronic inflammation. Those conditions are tied to a higher risk of several cancers, including breast, colon, pancreatic and kidney cancers. I always tell people the goal isn't perfection — it's paying attention to the patterns you keep day after day.

Here's where it gets interesting. Nitrates aren't only found in cured meat. In fact, vegetables and fruit supply roughly 50% to 85% of the nitrates you eat, and leafy greens like spinach, lettuce and arugula carry the most. The difference comes down to what those nitrates travel with. Vegetables are packed with antioxidants like vitamins C and E, which help block the formation of nitrosamines, compounds that can damage your cells. Processed meat tells the opposite story — it contains heme iron and amines that encourage harmful N-nitroso compounds to form in your body. So the same compound can behave very differently depending on the food it arrives in.

The good news is that you

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Brigantine Times Kids Corner

The Railway Children By E. Nesbit

Chapter V

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"But they CAN'T," said Peter; "people only go to prison when they've done wrong."

"Or when the Judges THINK they've done wrong," said Mother. "Yes, that's so in England. But in Russia it was different. And he wrote a beautiful book about poor people and how to help them. I've read it. There's nothing in it but goodness and kindness. And they sent him to prison for it. He was three years in a horrible dungeon, with hardly any light, and all damp and dreadful. In prison all alone for three years."

Mother's voice trembled a little and stopped suddenly.

"But, Mother," said Peter, "that can't be true NOW. It sounds like something out of a history book—the Inquisition, or something."

"It WAS true," said Mother; "it's all horribly true. Well, then they took him out and sent him to Siberia, a convict chained to other convicts—wicked men who'd done all sorts of crimes—a long chain of them, and they walked, and walked, and walked, for days and weeks, till he thought they'd never stop walking. And overseers went behind them with whips—yes, whips—to beat them if they got tired. And some of them went lame, and some fell down, and when they couldn't get up and go on, they beat them, and then left them to die. Oh, it's all too terrible! And at last he got to the mines, and he was condemned to stay there for life—for life, just for writing a good, noble, splendid book."

"How did he get away?"

"When the war came, some of the Russian prisoners were allowed to volunteer as soldiers. And he volunteered. But he deserted at the first chance he got and—"

"But that's very cowardly, isn't it"—said Peter—"to desert? Especially when it's war."

"Do you think he owed anything to a country that had done THAT to him? If he did, he owed more to his wife and children. He didn't know what had become of them."

"Oh," cried Bobbie, "he had THEM to think about and be miserable about TOO, then, all the time he was in prison?"

"Yes, he had them to think about and be miserable about all the time he was in prison. For anything he knew they might have been sent to prison, too. They did those things in Russia. But while he was in the mines some friends managed to get a message to him that his wife and children had escaped and come to England. So when he deserted he came here to look for them."

"Had he got their address?" said practical Peter.

"No; just England. He was going to London, and he thought he had to change at our station, and then he found he'd lost his ticket and his purse."

"Oh, DO you think he'll find them?—I mean his wife and children, not the ticket and things."

"I hope so. Oh, I hope and pray that he'll find his wife and children again."

Even Phyllis now perceived that mother's voice was very unsteady.

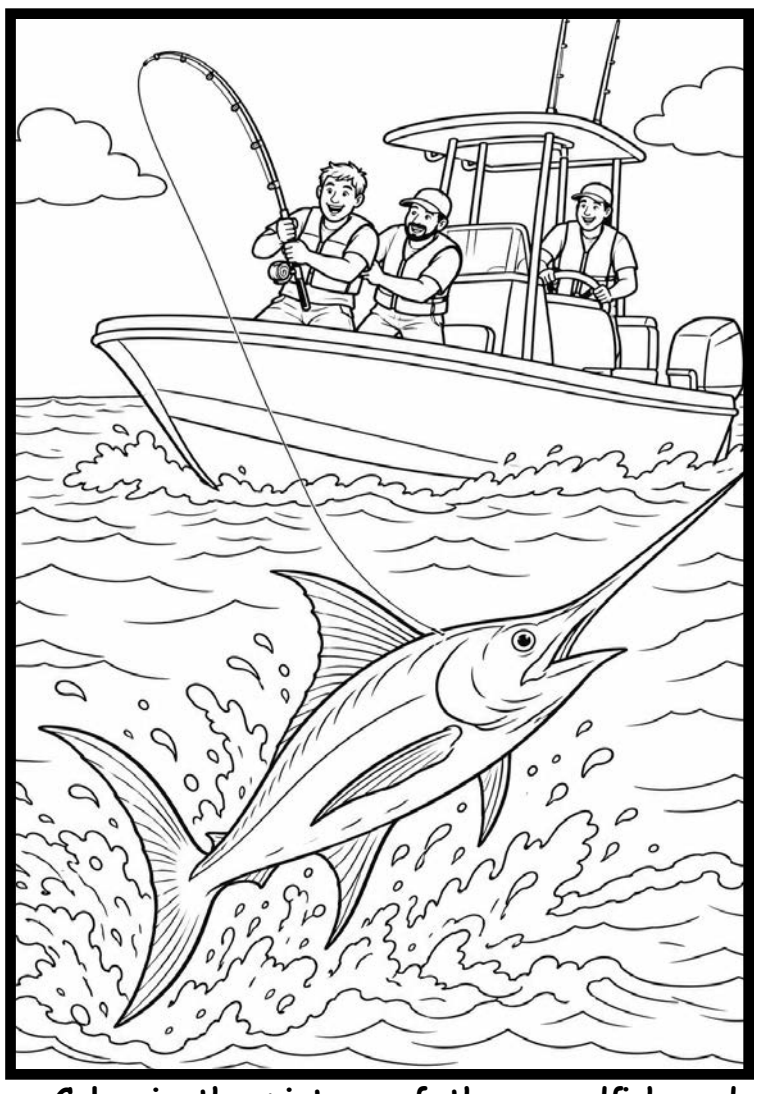
"Why, Mother," she said, "how very sorry you seem to be for him!"

Mother didn't answer for a minute. Then she just said, "Yes," and then she seemed to be thinking. The children were quiet.

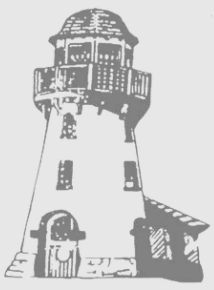
Presently she said, "Dears, when you say your prayers, I think you might ask God to show His pity upon all prisoners and captives."

"To show His pity," Bobbie repeated slowly, "upon all prisoners and captives. Is that right, Mother?"

"Yes," said Mother, "upon all prisoners and captives. All prisoners and captives."



Color in the picture of the swordfish and share your creation with us at Brigantinetimes@gmail.com



BRIGANTINE TIMES FOOTBALL POOL



WEEK 7 (10/25):

STEELERS VS SAINTS	GIANTS @ TEXANS
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BROWNS @ TITANS	PACKERS @ LIONS
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All forms must be submitted via email by **Thursday (10/22) at midnight.**
Winners will be announced in Friday's paper. **Only one submission per person.**

The editor reserves the right to disqualify any form for any reason he/she deems necessary at any time.

Runner-up will receive a free Stock's pound cake from

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Weekly Fishing Report

by Captain Andy Grossman

We're starting to move into the fall fishing season, and right on schedule the fall fish are starting to feed. The tog bite at the Brigantine jetty has been very good lately, with tog to 16-plus inches being caught using green crabs or frozen sand fleas on a jig or rig. The striper bite for boaters in the back bays has been decent using live eels, plugs or storm shads. Boats heading north of us are finding some big bass out front, but they're running a bit to find them. Soon they'll be hanging out in front of Brigantine on the hunt for a Riptide Rotter.

We are starting to get our early show orders in as we prep the shop for the big fall run we're anticipating. If you're looking to pick up the hot-for-fall-2026-run glide baits, stop by and choose your weapon — we have many different ones to choose from. Some are selling for 100-150, but we have many in the 25-49 range that work just as well as the pricier baits. Stop by and check them out.

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

Thanks, and keep on fishin'.

Capt. Andy

Riptide Bait and Tackle









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Dr. Zimmerman's Health Tips

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have real options. Producers like Hanegal in Denmark have offered nitrite-free cured meats for more than two decades, proving it can be done. Their products look a bit browner than the pink bacon you grew up with, but that's a small trade-off. At home, you can swap bacon toppings for fresh herbs, garlic, roasted mushrooms, or a homemade sauce you control from start to finish. None of this requires a complete overhaul. Small, repeatable changes — eating less processed meat and less added sugar while adding more vegetables and fruit — can support a healthier weight, better gut health, and an eating pattern that works in your favor for years to come.

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Today's Puzzle Answers

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1	4	6	9	7	8	5	3	2
5	9	2	3	6	1	4	7	8
4	8	1	7	5	6	2	9	3
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9	2	5	8	3	4	7	6	1
6	5	8	4	1	3	9	2	7
7	1	9	6	8	2	3	4	5
2	3	4	5	9	7	1	8	6

Football Pool Returns

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example, if you fill out this week's form, which contains the Week 7 matchups, you can send it in anytime between now and Thursday, October 22nd at midnight. Anything on Friday or later will not be accepted.

The lucky winner of each week's football pool will receive a gift card for a local Brigantine business. How will we contact you to let you know you won? Well, my friend, that brings us to the final field of the form: your information. Please clearly print your name, phone number, and email on your form.

There, you've done it! You're on your way to flexing your football knowledge on the entire island of Brigantine and taking home a sweet prize. More importantly, of course, you're connecting with your local community this football season and having fun. That's just about it for this week. The form is on page 30! Good luck!

Of course, we cannot forget to list this week's birthdays! Happy Birthday! 16- Donna Ricchini, Chris Scanzera, Bob Frantz, Betty Chaikin, Mark McTear, Barry Baltrunas, Pat McAneny and Megan Nace. 17- Doug Kissane, Greg Moore, Jim Morris, Harvey and Sheila Klinger, Mary Brown and Sven Peltonen. 18- Charlotte Blackwelder, Marty Cortellessa, Jr., Kayla Kay and Albert Stella. 19- Sandi Williams, Susan Staines Smith, Michelle Matern, Thomas Ferris, Stephen T. Weeks and Ron Staller. 20- Keith Kay, Butch Sneade, Katie Hall, Bob Dougherty, III, and Joan Smith; 21- Debbie Dempsey and Kathy Bennett. 22- Tom Trockenbrod, Carole Jecki, Diane Eafrati, Mike Martin, and Carolyn Mogano.

There're Ingredients of Goodness Inside the Brigantine Community Garden

Now that the summer curtain has closed, it reopens to a beautiful new autumn season at the Brigantine Community Garden. The grace of October has plenty of new sights to enjoy, and there are new tasks ahead as cold weather approaches. The horticultural efforts of local volunteers, which began before the end of last winter, have gathered a record-breaking yield from the spring and summer seasons of 2026. Garden vegetables of every kind have been divided, weighed, packaged, labeled and distributed to various charitable destinations. With the changing schedule ahead, the end of the season also makes way for new fall plantings. The planting beds have been under conversion for the past three weeks, because this garden has the unique distinction of extending the growing season beyond the norm. It's time to transition this colorful parcel into winter mode now. The garden's water supply will be shut off to avoid problems with underground pipes, and the rain barrel is set up as

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This circa 1933 photo shows tourist log cabins along the beach side of Brigantine Avenue above Roosevelt Boulevard that could be rented for summer vacation. Stop by the Brigantine Historical Museum to see more photos like this.

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Brigantine Garden Club

By Phyllis Glomb

The Garden Club is currently in the process of designing new signs for the 80 beds throughout Brigantine. New signs were successfully designed and implemented for the new Promenade/seawall pots. (Thanks to coordinator Kathy DiMario for having the foresight to remove those new signs from the beds before the Nor'easter hit.) The next step is to make similar signs for the garden beds on Harbor Beach, Roosevelt, and other prominent locations on the island. In a fundraising attempt, we are reaching out to local businesses to recognize our attempts to enhance Brigantine's appearance, visitor experience, and community pride by supporting this initiative with a contribution. Please help us with this beautification endeavor. Send your donations to Brigantine Garden Club, 3605 Bayshore Ave., Brigantine, NJ. Thank you.

Bedtenders, if you have not received your daffodil bulbs yet, please pick them up as soon as possible from your coordinator. Check your email for further instructions. The original founders of the club planted daffodils across the island in one of the first beautification initiatives. We are trying to reproduce this event with a shower of daffodils in the beds for spring of 2027. You must plant bulbs in the fall for a spring bloom. Please pick up your bulbs or contact your coordinator. Just a reminder: water is now turned off. Remove your signs and clean up your beds no later than Oct. 31. Thank you for all you have done to make this summer one of the best ever!

Everyone is talking about the magnificent refreshment table with an apple theme at our final meeting. Along with other apple goodies, spectacular homemade chocolate covered apples with white chocolate drizzle on top were made by our own Maureen Egan. They each had an edible butterfly on the top. Kudos, Maureen!

"The heat of autumn is different from the heat of summer. One ripens apples, the other turns them to cider," wrote Jane Hirshfield in her poem "The Heat of Autumn."

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.



Veteran Greg won a gift card at the Brigantine Elks Veterans Service Committee Breakfast with Vineland Memorial Veterans. Everyone had a great time!



The Brigantine Elks Veterans Service Committee enjoyed breakfast with Vineland Memorial Veterans.





MEGA News

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erosity and support for the league. Well deserved!

T.O.C. Results

A-flight

Scott Rote — Low Net, 74.4

Anthony Lawler — Low Gross, 80

Matt Cusamano — 2nd Low Net, 76.8

B-flight

Eric Battisti — Low Net, 66.4

John Riordan — Low Gross, 80

Jim McHugh — 2nd Low Net, 71.6

C-flight

Peter Cortellessa — Low Net, 73

Dave Bolinski — Low Gross, 94

Dan Driscoll — 2nd Low Net, 77.8

Senior A-flight

Gordon Bew — Low Net, 69.4

Ed Podgorski — Low Gross, 76

Todd Frost — 2nd Low Net, 69.8

Senior B-flight

Ernie Purdy — Low Net, 70.2

Tom Gallagher — Low Gross, 96

John Murray — 2nd Low Net, 78.2

I also must thank my fellow commissioner John Rios, directors Mike Lange Jr. and Dave Hughes for all their hard work. And thank you to the 120-ish members who make it worth it.

Till next year.

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OPEN – 12:00 pm	$89	$99	$67	$74
12:00 pm – 4:00 pm	$69	$85	$52	$64
9 HOLES	$44	$54	$33	$41
FALL • 10/8 -11/1				
OPEN – 12:00 pm	$79	$89	$59	$67
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	$59	$75	$44	$56
9 HOLES	$39	$49	$29	$37
WINTER • 11/2- 12/31				
OPEN – 12:00 pm	$55	$65	$41	$49
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	$49	$55	$37	$41
9 HOLES	$29	$35	$22	$26

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Tee green and fairway aeration were completed on October 6 and 7.

20% off green fees from October 8 through October 15th.
Does not apply to discounted rates.



The Brigantine Elks Veterans Service Committee donated $1500 to Fisher House. The Polar Bear Plunge is fast approaching. Fisher House assists active military members, veterans, and their families. Left to right: Veterans Committee Chair, Karen Geller, Trish Cosgrove, Polar Bear Plunge Chair, and Tom Paolucci, Treasurer of the Elks, who presented the check to Trish.



Gregg D'Ambrosio enjoying vacation in the Dominican Republic with the Brigantine Times.

Send in your travel photos of you and the Times to be featured as a "Times Traveler."

Brigantine Community Garden

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the new water supply for the remaining planting season.

The new autumn season means the goodness continues with all the ingredients of Faith, Hope and Charity in this vibrant Garden of Life. And it's the results of these volunteers, marked by Labors of Love, that produce God's Gifts from our Good Earth. The devotion of these local volunteers is not like other conventional community gardens, where residents rent individual plots for their own personal use. Their purpose here is specific: growing wholesome fruits and vegetables for those in need within our community.

And that's it — they've been doing it with little recognition for years! There's no doubt about it: The working hands that began with Faith continue with the caring labors of Hope, and after each day their end result is pure Charity. May God continue to bless them.



The water tower on 42nd street was covered for work last weekend.



Acting District Deputy Ken Cutugno presented to Grand Knight Ken Herman, Council 7020 Knights of Columbus, the Double Star Award, incorporating the Founder's Award for Fraternal Benefits, the McGivney Award for Membership Growth, and the Colombian Award for Charitable Giving for Community, Faith, Family, and Right to Life. This is the 7th year in a row that Council 7020 has achieved the Star Award.

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The Zumba Family came together at Dos Caminos for a fun October Birthday Bash on October 12.



The Women's Club of St. Thomas collected 160 birthday cards and gift cards totaling $540. for DCPP, Division of Child Protection and Permanency, at their October meeting. Thank you to the charitable giving committee.

Health Tips

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Decrease the Risk of Colorectal Cancer

Colorectal cancer was once considered a disease of older adults, but that pattern has been changing. In the United States, rates among people under 50 rose 2.9% per year from 2013 to 2022, even as overall rates dropped, mostly among older adults. I find that shift striking, and researchers increasingly point to changes in how we eat as a likely contributor. One change stands out in particular: ultraprocessed foods now make up a large share of everyday meals and snacks. A study published in JAMA Oncology looked at this connection using data from more than 29,100 nurses who had a lower GI endoscopy before age 50. Women who ate the most ultraprocessed foods — about 10 servings a day — had 45% higher odds of developing conventional adenomas (precancerous growths in the colon or rectum) than women who ate the least, at roughly three servings a day. Risk rose with intake and then leveled off around seven to eight servings daily. Sauces, spreads and condiments, packaged savory snacks, and artificially sweetened beverages were among the subgroups tied to higher odds. Still, no single food group drove the overall association. The researchers suggested that the combined mix of food additives may have a "cocktail effect" that weakens the gut barrier and disrupts the microbiome. Because the study was observational, it can't prove that these foods cause adenomas, but the pattern is hard to ignore.

The good news is that you have real control here. You can start cutting back on ultraprocessed foods by planning simple, real meals and swapping packaged snacks for whole ingredients. It also helps to notice what triggers you to reach for convenience foods, and to keep unprocessed options visible and easy to grab at home. Lowering your linoleic acid intake may also support colon health, as can adding fiber gradually so your body can adjust, and building gut-friendly foods and habits into your daily routine. Small, steady changes add up, and your colon will thank you for them.

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Brigantine Businesses We Miss

By Roseann Smith

Brigantine Island has come a long way, from a sleepy coastal getaway to a vibrant vacation destination. Yet beneath the polished surface lies a rich tapestry of "Brig" history. While the storefronts and faces have changed, the places that shaped Brigantine are gone but not forgotten. What follows is a nostalgic look back at those beloved neighborhood shops and venues.

Rose Bowl Lanes was an eight-lane bowling alley located at Ninth Street and Brigantine Avenue. Longtime resident Lou DeCharo built and owned the venue, operating it from the 1960s into the 1970s. Rose Bowl Lanes was a popular neighborhood hangout where locals bowled and met up with friends. The lanes were open for bowling in the mornings and afternoons, while evenings were reserved for families, teenagers and vacationers. On Saturdays, the venue transformed into a competitive hub for bowling leagues.

Steve's Candy Shop was a true treasure on Brigantine Avenue. Steve Pusey owned and operated it, hand-making each piece of chocolate. Pusey came from a line of candy makers and once told me his father and grandfather were chocolatiers. The candy shop specialized in rich, freshly made buttercreams and caramel-covered, chocolate-coated pretzels. Pusey made the holidays memorable with items like solid-chocolate Santa Clauses, Valentine hearts and unique creamed Easter eggs. But Steve himself was the real heart of Steve's Candy Shop. An Air Force veteran, he was generous to a fault and often gave away free samples of his chocolate creations.

Dive bars — and I mean that in the most complimentary way. Watering holes like the Beach Bar, the Circle Tavern and the Rod and Reel were legendary in the early Brigantine community. Anyone who hung out in these venues years ago misses them terribly today. These bars were ultra-relaxed and truly reflected beach life. T-shirts, shorts, flip-flops and baseball caps were the acceptable dress code. Local rock bands and karaoke were the entertainment. The food was good, the decor was shabby chic, and whether you wanted them to or not, everyone knew your name.

Remember Island Photo? How about West Coast Video? Yes, I know the pictures on our phones are real-time, and Netflix is the bomb, but I can't help but be sentimental on this one. Remember the excitement of picking up a film roll in just an hour? And you even got the negatives in the envelope, too! I loved renting a movie at West Coast Video, buying the "movie-sized" candy, and getting a bucket of popcorn. Be kind, rewind!

Nothing beats diner coffee and diner meatloaf. In our state, with an estimated 500 active diners — one every 16 miles — Brigantine misses the old Island Diner. An icon of early Brigantine life, the Island Diner opened its doors in 1955. Owned by the Laielle family, the Island Diner's motto was "Easy to Find, Hard to Leave." Brigantine may have exceptional eateries to satisfy every palate, but a diner is still a diner.

Today, with its gigantic mansions, upscale eateries and unique boutiques, Brigantine nevertheless has a fascinating history worth noting!



Rose Bowl Lanes was an eight-lane bowling alley located at Ninth Street and Brigantine Avenue.

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Thoughts Are Things

THE PROMISED LAND

By Stephen T. Weeks

Self Help

Is The Best Help

HISTORY VS ALLEGORY!

In an attempt to get down to, and back to, the grass roots, foundational concepts & precepts of Human happiness, contentment, fulfillment & joy, it's important to understand the difference between the history of mankind, documented specifically by written records & the civil accounting of people, places & things in ages & civilizations past, and the allegory represented in our religious scriptures, dogma, rhetoric, and cradle stories passed down generation to generation, for millenniums.

On one hand, reading, listening to, and enjoying scripture is an intellectually authentic thing to do, because it's all a part of humanity's effort to feel, and to understand more about our creator's designs for its creation, we, its children as it were, whilst we are Alive, living & breathing here on the face of this Earth. However, our approach to the real meaning behind these non-historical fables, legends, cradle stories & dogma is critical to establishing clarity, concerning the influence & practical application of the tenets & principles contained in these writings & parables.

AS PLAIN AS THE NOSE ON YOUR FACE!

Simply put, we learn by example, how to see the underlying meaning & elegance of the scriptures, when we understand that they are allegory, not stories about people, places & things that had realtime, historical significance — as we know the historical existence of famous kings, queens, emperors & empires from the past.

So these are references & parables that exemplify states of consciousness, levels of awareness, evolutionary practices that mankind can embrace & utilize in order to bring their psychological being into harmony with its true nature.

Our true nature is one of Love, productive & constructive Love, mental, physical, emotional & spiritual Love, personal & professional Love, and Love that heals, uplifts, endures, and revitalizes the heart, soul & mind of a Human Being, with every Breath we take. Here is our Promised Land, our Garden of Eden, our Fountain of Youth, our Heaven on Earth, our Nirvana, and it's living & breathing right inside of you.

MANKIND'S SEARCH FOR CLARITY!

When a wonderful Human Being finds, through the simple practice of feeling & knowing that the god they seek, the answers they seek, the power they seek, and the joy they seek is living with them, within inside them, as them, right now, just below the surface of our everyday thoughts, words, deeds, and actions, things start to change for the better.

Here we learn by feeling, not generating mental & emotional displays of piety & reverence, but actually turning our attention within inside ourselves, where our sacred breath & beating heart put on a non-stop show divine, all day, every day, bringing Life & Light into our world, as our own Existence.

When we were very, very young, we weren't thinking about happiness — we were feeling happiness in real time — for no particular reasons at all. When we were very, very young we were not thinking about fascination, we were feeling fascinated as a matter of fact, because that feeling is a part of our purest, most fundamental self. These feelings are still living & breathing within inside us, waiting for us to return to the Promised Land.

When we were very, very young, we were not thinking about the future, we were blissfully feeling wonderful, in the moment, without a care in the world. We were not thinking about Love, we were feeling Love in every way, shape, form & function possible for a Human Being to feel.

This essence, these feelings of happiness, contentment, satisfaction, fascination & fulfillment have absolutely nothing to do with someone's ideas about good & bad, religious identity, scriptural interpretation, or whatever rigmarole we have been conditioned to believe as sentient Human Beings along the way.

RESPECT & ADMIRATION!

We are all searching, seeking & looking for solutions, resolutions, absolutions, and restitutions in some way, shape, form, or function that will help us to feel, and to understand the true power & value of This Thing Called Life, in our own way, in our own time, but many are distracted by the material & commercial aspects of our modern world.

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AFFIRMATIONS! (Mental & Emotional Exercise) Today I Realize That God Is Life, And Life Is God — There Is No Separation Between Life, God & Man — The Life That I'm Looking For, The God That I'm Looking For, The Love That I'm Looking For, And The Peace That I'm Looking For Is Living, Breathing, Feeling, Unfolding, And Residing Within Inside This Human Tabernacle Called Me. Today I Understand The Difference Between Hearsay, Superstition, Nonsense, Cradle Stories, And Promises Of Satisfaction & Fulfillment Happening Somewhere, In An Unidentified Location, After I Die, And The Very Real, Very Pristine, Very Sacred & Beautiful Life Divine That Is Currently Residing Within Inside Me, As Me, 24/7/365 And Beyond. ALL Is Well!

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Dr. Zimmerman's Health Tips

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The Benefits of Breastfeeding Infants

Nature designed breast milk to be the ideal first food for a growing baby, and the more we learn about it, the more remarkable it becomes. Infant formula has grown into a multibillion-dollar industry, and it plays an important role for families who can't breastfeed or need to supplement. It's a safe, regulated option that has nourished millions of healthy children. Still, even the best formula is an imitation of something far more complex. Breast milk is a living food that changes with a baby's needs, and many of its components simply can't be manufactured in a can.

Much of that complexity comes from bioactive molecules that do far more than feed a baby. Breast milk carries growth factors that help the digestive tract mature, and tiny messengers called microRNA that help guide tissue development and regulate genes. It also supplies a mother's own antibodies, tailored to the germs she has encountered, which protect her little one while his or her immune system is still learning the ropes. Add in cytokines that calm inflammation and help repair the gut lining, enzymes that aid digestion and fight harmful microbes, and natural cannabinoids that influence appetite and bonding, and you begin to see why I tell the moms I work with that breast milk is so much more than nutrition.

Breast milk is also packed with nutrients perfectly suited to a developing brain and body. Human milk oligosaccharides feed beneficial gut bacteria like bifidobacteria, which support digestion and immune health. Essential fatty acids and cholesterol help build the brain and eyes and support learning and memory down the road. Breast milk even contains a special enzyme that helps babies digest these fats efficiently. Its iron and other minerals are also highly absorbable, so a baby gets what he or she needs from smaller amounts without one nutrient crowding out another. One practical tip: never microwave stored breast milk, since uneven heating can damage these delicate components and create dangerous hot spots.

The research on breastfeeding's benefits is truly encouraging. Breastfed babies tend to have fewer infections, such as ear infections and pneumonia, fewer hospital stays, and fewer tummy troubles like gas, constipation and diarrhea. Studies also link breastfeeding to lower rates of allergies and asthma, a reduced risk of SIDS and childhood leukemia, healthier weight and metabolism,

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In Loving Memory Of Gregory Lee Love, 71

Gregory Lee Love, 71, of Brigantine passed away at home on Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2026. Greg was born on Dec. 26, 1954, in Saginaw, Michigan, to the late Dr. William and Dorothy (Imes) Love.

Greg attended the Mercersburg Academy in Mercersburg, Pa., and went on to earn his B.S. in communications from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio (Class of 1977).

He was employed as a salesman for several companies over the years, using his gift for being able to strike up a conversation with almost anyone. At the time of his passing, he worked for Pre Brands and loved promoting their steak products throughout South Jersey.

Greg was a competitive swimmer throughout his life, having been a member of the Wenonah Swim Club. He was a founding member of the Collings Lake Civic Association and a supporter of the Marine Mammal Stranding Center in Brigantine and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Greg loved being at the beach and drawing cartoons for his friends and family.

Greg is survived by his daughter, Jennifer Love (John Glasser III), and his son, Eric Love (Kayla Glowacka). He is also survived by his six grandchildren, Noah, Jacob, Caleb, Liliana, John IV and Joseph, and was excitedly anticipating the arrival of his seventh grandchild, Joshua. He is also survived by his siblings, Kathy (Jim) Phillips, Robert Love, M.D., and Christopher (Donna) Love, Ph.D. He was predeceased by his stepmother, Shirley Marple.

A celebration of life will be held in spring/summer 2027 in Brigantine. Those interested in more details are asked to email GregoryLoveLegacy@gmail.com.

Family services by Keates-Plum Funeral Home.



Beloved Gregory Lee Love

Health Tips

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and improvements in brain development and IQ. Some research also suggests a lower risk of autism and ADHD. Moms benefit too, and a mother's own health matters — a nourishing, whole-food diet supports strong milk production and quality, while poor nutrition can work against it. That's why support for mothers matters so much, from family and friends to lactation consultants, pediatricians and holistic care providers who help moms feel their best so they can give their babies the very best start.

Chiropractic Care for Neck Pain

Over the years, I have seen just how much neck pain can take over a person's life. It shows up when you check your blind spot while driving, when you lift your little one out of the car seat, or when you finally lie down at

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By Anthony Diaz

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one thing that can be found.
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scent, each breeze
that passes through,
And all the little things this
time of year invites me to do.
So let autumn
come with warm colors and cool breezes,
Let its air carry the scents
of cinnamon and spice.
Let's pick fresh apples
from the orchard, too,
A pie or spiced applesauce
— oh, what to choose?
Breathe in the
warmth as apple cider
and maple fill the air,
Let's enjoy hay-
rides and corn mazes
that await us there.
A cozy sweatshirt, shorts,
and a walk along the shore,
The summer crowds
have faded, but
autumn offers more.
Let's admire the trees
as their colors unfold,
As autumn reveals all
the wonders it holds.
And wherever we wander, wherever we're led,
There's another autumn
moment waiting just ahead.

A Hike

By Kelly Leyman

We can take a
hike if you like.
The weather is warm
and the sky is bright.
So the timing is just right.
Let's stroll together in this good weather among the trees with
the beautiful leaves.
Let's go down to the creek
and take a peek and feel
the rocks beneath our feet.
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rest a bit, take in the day
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This much anticipated event has grown to be the largest winter event of the year in Brigantine! It is a *party with a purpose* to support our wounded military and their families and is fun for all ages. Music and merriment will start at 10 a.m. on the beach on 16th Street in front of the Pavilion and the Brigantine Lifeguard Headquarters on 17th Street. **The Municipal Parking Lot Permits will be WAIVED to allow for more parking and access to the beach at this location. All Permits for 4x4 vehicles will be WAIVED for parking on the beach! Handicap Ramps will be provided at the 17th Street entrance.** The **Official Opening Ceremony and Color Guard** will start at 11 a.m., followed by the costume contest and judging. Plungers will take the plunge at 12 Noon with the **LAST SALUTE** Cannon firing the charge! The Post-Plunge Parties will be advertised by the local establishments throughout the City. Plenty of publicity will be generated by local and regional advertising, TV, radio and social media and **The Brigantine Times**. For our most current updates, please go to Facebook and like **"Brigantine Polar Bears, A NJ Non-Profit Corporation".**

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Brig Soccer Recap

By Susan Shotland

Brigantine Rec Soccer teams took to the road Saturday for another exciting weekend of competition, with the U8 Blue squad earning a hard-fought victory, the U10 team battling to a tie, and the U12 team showing plenty of hustle against a tough opponent.

The Brigantine Blue U8 team traveled to Mullica Saturday morning and came away with a thrilling 5-4 win. Markus Berry, Landon Berry, and Payton Donley all found the back of the net to help lead the offense, while Sloane Morrison played well in goal. Waverly DiCarlo, Emma Martella, Lily Caparusso, and Dominic Massari turned in strong defensive performances to help preserve the one-goal victory.

The Brigantine White U8 team traveled to Ocean City to take on the OC squad. Mia Martella was a brick wall in goal, keeping the opposition off the scoreboard. Mason Pettigout worked hard all over the field, contributing both in goal and on offense, while Chase Pitucci made an impact on both sides of the ball with strong play on offense and defense. Brigantine White came up short this weekend but players continue to improve.

The Brigantine U10 team also traveled to Ocean City for a competitive matchup that ended in a 2-2 tie. Nell Kennedy and Ali Melhem scored the goals for Brigantine. Blake Ward, Emelia Hartz, and Harper Schaffer helped control the defense, while Clare Cooker, Logan Perry, and Brayden Sheplin worked hard in the midfield to keep the team competitive throughout the game.

The Brigantine U12 team faced a tough challenge against a strong Atlantic City Blue squad. Evan Howell played well in goal during the first half, followed by Gabe Swiger, who turned in a solid performance in net during the second half. Both players also contributed on the field. Nora Kennedy and Sebastian Edwards showed plenty of hustle, while Easton Moss and Joey Maguire worked hard defensively. Maisie Bereheiko and Colbie Calhoun also played well on defense, with Colbie taking all of the goalie kicks and impressing with her play.

Brigantine's teams will be back in action this weekend as they face Hamilton Elite. The players will look to build on another weekend of exciting soccer.



The hardworking breakfast crew helped make the Brigantine Legion's Breakfast Fundraiser held on October 11th a huge success.



Logan Perry takes on an Ocean City defender on Saturday, October 10, 2026. The teams tied 2-2.





The 2026 MMSC Pup Strut begins. (Photo by Sean Kardon)



Teddi Fusco sang the Star-Spangled Banner at the Elks Breakfast for Vineland Veterans.

Health Tips

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night and still can't get comfortable. Many of the patients who walk through our doors have tried rest, heating pads and over-the-counter pills, and they are tired of simply masking the problem. Chiropractic care takes a different approach. We look for vertebral subluxations, which are spots where the small joints of the spine become stuck and shift out of proper alignment. Using gentle, targeted adjustments, we help restore normal motion to those joints. As the alignment improves, the muscles around the neck can begin to relax and the tension starts to ease. Many patients tell me they can turn their head farther and more freely after just a few visits. Because chiropractic care is non-invasive and drug-free, it is a safe option for people of all ages and fitness levels, and it works well alongside the care you may already be getting from your medical doctor.

What I love most about chiropractic is that the benefits go well beyond quick relief. When the spine moves the way it should, there is less stress on the surrounding muscles, ligaments and nerves, which can help calm the irritation and inflammation that keep neck pain coming back. I like to tell my patients that we are not just chasing symptoms — we are building a healthier foundation. Every care plan is personalized to your body and your goals, whether you spend long hours at a desk, train hard at the gym, or are chasing kids around all day. We often pair adjustments with simple posture tips and stretches you can do at home, so you stay involved in your own healing between visits. Over time, this holistic approach supports long-term spinal health and helps prevent future flare-ups. If neck pain has been holding you back, I encourage you to take that first step and schedule a consultation. It may be the beginning of feeling like yourself again.

FOOTBALL POOL
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Mayor Vince Sera enjoying some time with his daughter, Rylie Sera, at the Lighthouse 100th year Anniversary Celebration that took place on October 10, 2026. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).

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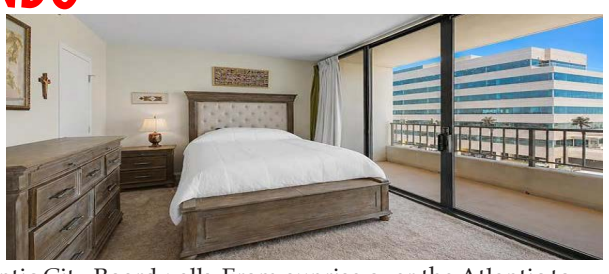
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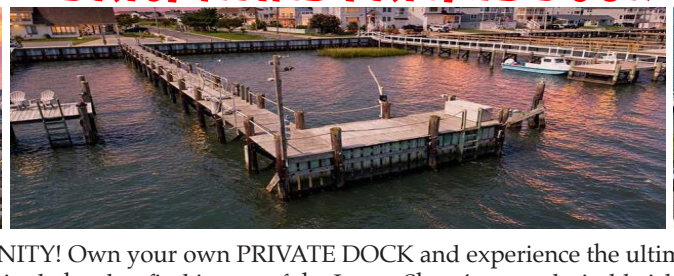


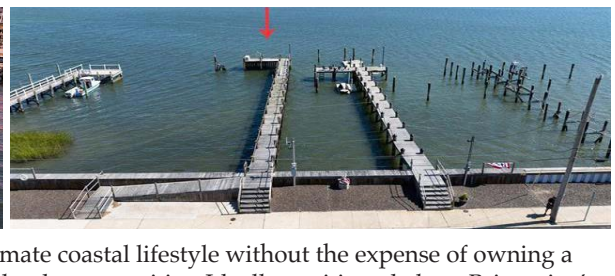
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