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Brigantine's Halloween Festivities

By Tom Morgan

Even though Halloween isn't officially here until Oct. 31, a few Halloween-related activities are happening in Brigantine for kids to enjoy.

First up is the Spooktacular Halloween Magic Show, a magical afternoon for kids and families featuring Matt Cadabra. The magic show, sponsored by the Brigantine Democrat Club, will feature tricks and illusions for kids of all ages. The event will take place Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Brigantine Community Center from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to wear Halloween costumes and join in some costume-friendly fun. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Also on Saturday, Oct. 24, the Brigantine Elks is hosting a Halloween Trunk or Treat from noon to 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend for a safe afternoon of candy, costumes and smiles. Elks members and community members will have their cars decorated and their trunks filled with candy to hand out to the kids. Kids are encouraged to wear their best Halloween costume and join in the fun.

Next up is the Republican

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Brigantine to Rally Around Lifelong Resident

There is a benefit for a lifelong Brigantine resident who has recently faced some serious health issues. The benefit is for Mary Alice DeChristopher and will help with medical expenses. It will take place Oct. 25 at the Brigantine VFW, from 2 to 6 p.m. There is a $25 cover charge, and there will be plenty of food, a cash bar, and 50/50 and basket raffles. Tickets can also be purchased ahead of the benefit; just stop by the VFW. For more information, call Linda DeChristopher at 609-457-3892.

Estimate Released for Promenade Protection Plan

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 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

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Andrea Solari with their dog Minnie, Ann Breyer with her dog Bradley, Ashlee Mazer with her dog Daisy, and Carissa Mancuso with her dog Oaklee at the Brigantine Pet Supply Halloween Parade on October 18, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon)



Stockton University students gather before doing a beach cleanup in Brigantine on October 17, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

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211 7TH STREET SOUTH



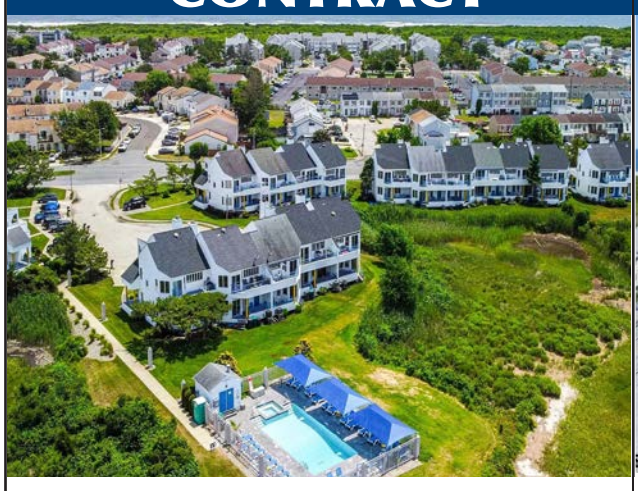
Southside first-floor, three-bedroom, two-bath condo located just one block from the beach on 7th Street. Great rental history, coming fullyf urnished, nice backyard, outside shower, storage and plenty of parking. Walking and biking distance to restaurants and shops, the yacht club, Elk's Lodge, and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

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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.

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58 COQUILLE BEACH DRIVE

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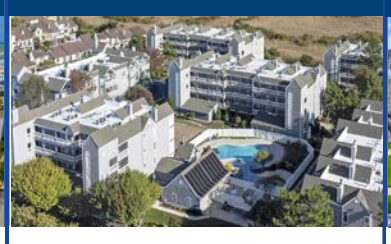
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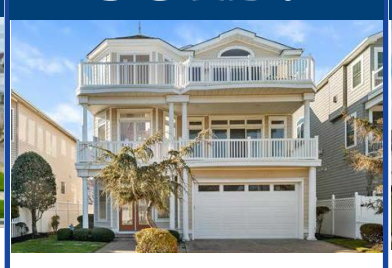
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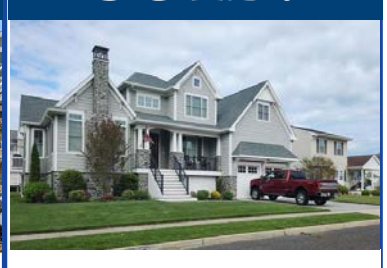
2100 WEST BRIGANTINE AVE.

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



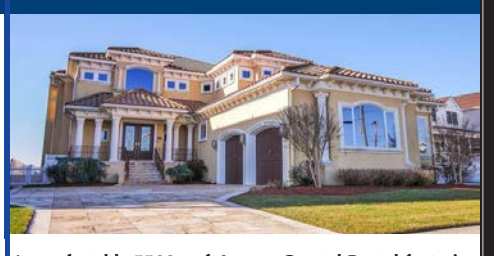
Welcome to Kings Cove! This WINTER RENTAL is available starting on September 1st to May 15th. Spacious 2 story townhouse with a garage,newly updated and nicely furnished, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bath-rooms, 2 decks, move in ready. All utilities are included, electric, gas and cable. Petfriendly! $2,900/month

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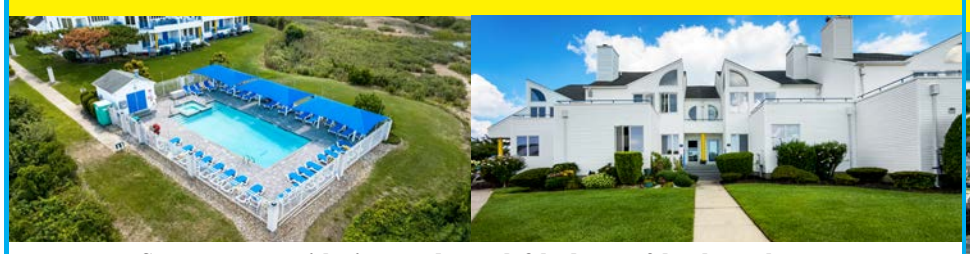
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313 29th St. - Offered at $4,445,000.

SOLD THIS WEEK



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

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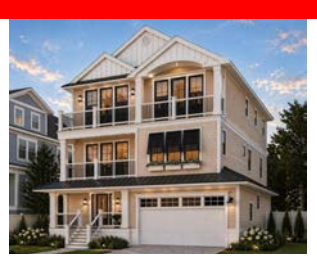
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301 29th St.

UNDER CONTRACT



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

SOLD! SOLD! SOLD! SOLD! SOLD! SOLD! SOLD! SOLD!

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Brigantine Police Dept. - Halloween Safety Reminders

The Brigantine Police Department wishes all residents and visitors a happy and safe Halloween. With Halloween falling on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2026, trick-or-treating hours in Brigantine will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Officers will conduct high-visibility patrols throughout the island during trick-or-treating hours. Motorists are urged to slow down, remain alert and use extra caution on all roadways, as children and families will be out celebrating.

The Police Department also encourages parents and residents to follow a few simple safety precautions to help ensure an enjoyable evening for everyone:

• Increase visibility: Encourage children to carry flashlights and wear reflective clothing or accessories so they can be seen by motorists.

• Stay together: Parents should supervise younger children and encourage trick-or-treaters to travel in groups and use the buddy system.

• Plan ahead: Parents should know where their children will be trick-or-treating, establish a route, and set a time for them to return home.

• Keep walkways safe: Residents distributing candy should ensure their porches and walkways are well-lit and free of obstacles that could cause children to trip or fall.

• Report suspicious activity: Residents should contact the Brigantine Police Department if they observe suspicious activity or encounter a situation that raises safety concerns.



Liz DiCarlo with her dog Brunson at the Brigantine Pet Supply Halloween Parade on October 18, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon)



This aerial view of Brigantine, taken by Ted Kingston Photography, shows just how much sand our north end beaches have lost. You can view Ted's photos on Facebook.

Alan Weidner

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OFFERED AT $739,000 -

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4 BEDROOM CAPE COD



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OFFERED AT $749,000 -

1313 Quimet Road

4 BEDROOM NEAR BEACH



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OFFERED AT $1,325,000 -

231 S 10th St

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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.

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Ann Breyer with her dog Bradley at the Brigantine Pet Supply Halloween Parade on October 18, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon)



Callie Danna with her dog Sasha at the Brigantine Pet Supply Halloween Parade on October 18, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

St. Thomas Remembers All Souls

The month of November is dedicated to honoring our loved ones who have gone home to the Lord. The parish is setting aside the entire weekend of Oct. 31-Nov. 1 to honor those parishioners who died during the past year, November 2025 through October 2026. Their names will be inscribed on a scroll that will be displayed on the altar throughout November. During the Prayer of the Faithful at every weekend Mass, the names will be read aloud, the church bells will chime, and the priest will close with a special blessing prayer. This way, every departed soul will be remembered, and everyone can experience this beautiful ceremony at whichever Mass they choose to attend.







From Under The Hat

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Brigantine Market Overview

As we end the 10th month of the year, inventory in the housing market is bleak, to say the least. Here's a breakdown of the properties currently for sale: Of the 36 single-family and fee-simple properties, none are priced less than $550,000; eight have an asking price between $635,000 and $1 million, nine are listed between $1 million and $2 million, another nine are listed between $2 million and $3 million, three are listed between $3 million and $4 million, and one is on the market for $5.25 million. Included are seven townhouses priced between $750,000 and $1 million. There are five lots listed for sale: two are non-buildable, one is a dock only, one has a house that needs to be torn down, and only one is cleared and ready to build, for $499,000. Five commercial listings are priced from $1.1 million to $2 million. Only two multi-family properties are on the market — one is a duplex at $900,000, the other a four-unit complex for $1.65 million. If you're looking to purchase a condominium, there are 47 to choose from, ranging from $200,000 to $2 million, with five at the Brigantine Beach Club, four at Cloisters, three at Coquille Beach and seven at Dolphin Cove.

So, sellers, it appears you have limited competition — what are you waiting for? I can see buyers waiting to see what the spring market will bring, but it might also bring higher prices along

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Brigantine Community School's Environmental Club traveled to Island State Beach Park for a student summit where they participated in science lessons on protecting the beaches and bays in New Jersey. (Submitted by Jessica Estlow)



The famous Brigantine Zumba Chicks perform for the crowd at the VFW Post 6964 Oktoberfest celebration on October 17th. (Photo by Sean Kardon)





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Chamber of Commerce 50/50 Raffle Awards Winner $5,030

The Brigantine Chamber of Commerce is celebrating the success of its 50/50 raffle, which ran from Aug. 29 through Oct. 11 and brought the community together in support of the Chamber's efforts.



The Zumba Chicks pose with VFW members and DJ Johnny DiJoe at the Oktoberfest celebration last Saturday at the VFW. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

The raffle culminated on Sunday, Oct. 11, with a live drawing at 7 p.m. at the Brigantine VFW. Community members had one final opportunity to purchase tickets beginning at 6 p.m. before the winning ticket was drawn.

Thanks to the generosity and enthusiasm of the community, 503 tickets were sold, creating a total prize pot of $10,060, with $5,030 awarded to the winner. Congratulations to Sheila Dean, the lucky recipient of the $5,030 prize! The Chamber is thrilled to celebrate Sheila's good fortune.

Throughout the raffle period, tickets were available at several popular community events and locations, including the Brigantine Farmers Market, Brigantine Historical Museum, Goodbye Summer Bonfire, Eagles vs. Titans Tailgate on the Beach, and the Lighthouse 100th Anniversary Celebration. Chamber of Commerce board members also helped sell tickets throughout the community.

The Chamber extends its sincere appreciation to everyone who purchased tickets, volunteered their time, and helped spread the word. The success of the raffle reflects the strong community spirit and generosity that make Brigantine such a special place.

Congratulations again to Sheila Dean, and thank you to everyone who participated in making this fundraiser a success! The Chamber looks forward to continuing to bring residents and visitors together through future events and community initiatives.

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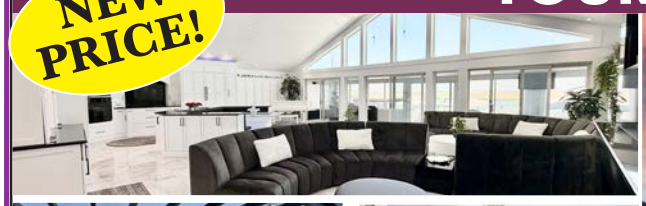


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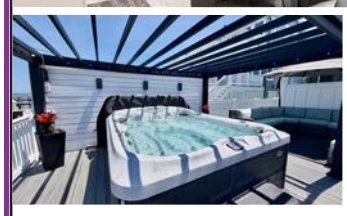
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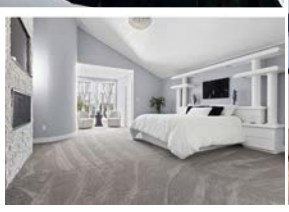
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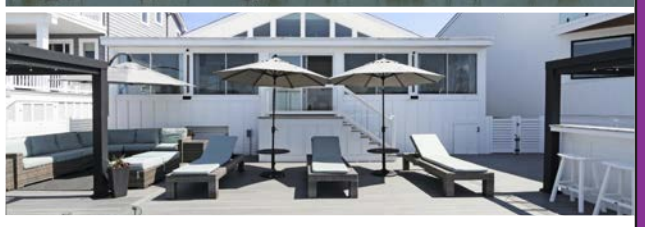












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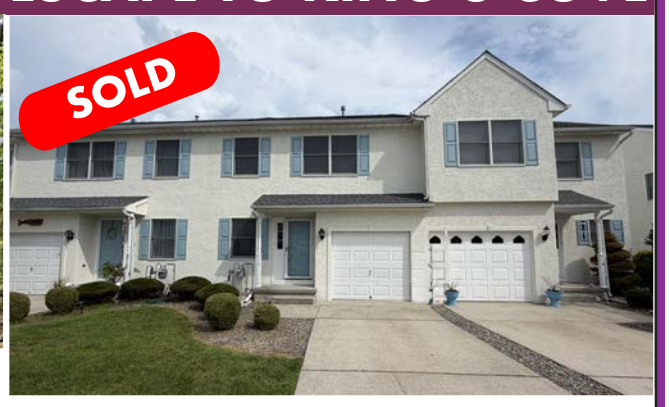
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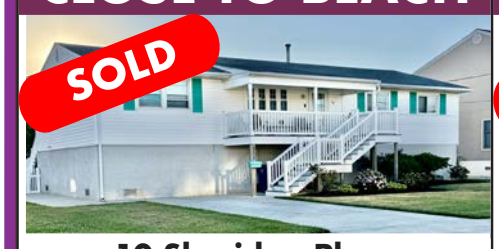
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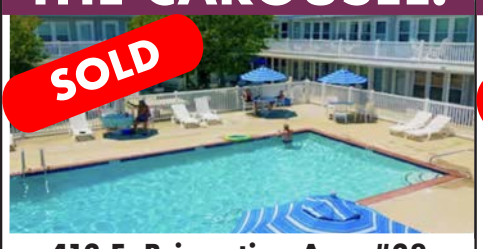
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10 Sheridan Place

THE CAROUSEL!

SOLD



413 E. Brigantine Ave. #38

WELCOME HOME

SOLD



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BEACH HOUSE

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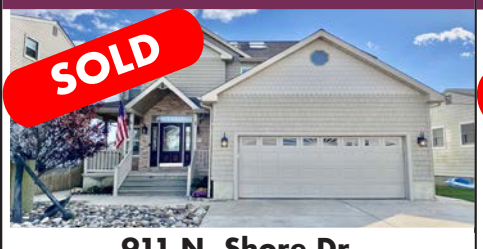
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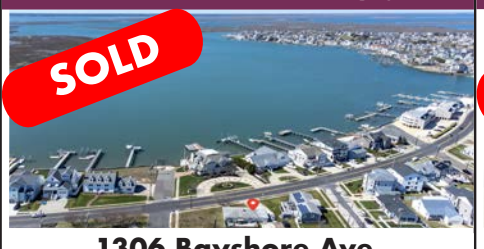
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Cold Weather Boating Danger

Submitted by Alan Moose, USCG Auxiliary

Many here in Brigantine are starting to winterize their boats and put them into storage until spring, but many still use their vessels for striper fishing, duck hunting or just enjoying a fall day on the water. Unfortunately, the risk of a deadly accident increases with cold weather. Extra caution and preparation should be taken before heading out on the water in the fall.

The importance of wearing a life jacket becomes even more critical when the danger of hypothermia is added to other concerns. Sudden immersion in cold water can have severe physiological consequences, including cardiac arrest, quick loss of body heat (the body loses heat 25 times faster in cold water than in cold air), and involuntary inhalation of water (gasping) that results in drowning. Wearing a life jacket can keep a boater's head above water, help keep the person warm, and provide a chance for rescue. Keep in mind that New Jersey law now requires all boaters in vessels under 26 feet in length to wear a life jacket between Nov. 1 and May 1.

Wearing the right clothing also contributes to more enjoyable and safer cold-weather boating. Consider layering clothing, and including a wet suit or dry suit, to help ward off hypothermia.

Tips for Safe Fall Boating

• Assess the risks — think about what can go wrong, and be fully equipped and prepared.

• Leave a float plan with a responsible individual who knows your intentions, location, and who to call if you

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From Under The Hat

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with increased mortgage rates. Buyers, if you've been following a property, it might be time to spring forward and buy instead of waiting to sea! I know it's a lot of numbers to absorb, but we can help you more fully understand the market and how it specifically affects your home. You can find The LePera Team's information on Page 3.



"Senior B" Flight winners John Murray, Tom Gallager, and Ernie Purdy received their prize at the Men's Evening Golf Association's year-end banquet.



Mayor Sera stands with Former Mayor Phil Geunther and Brigantine GOP President Linda Camerota after receiving an award for his efforts in protecting the shoreline in the wake of the recent nor'easter.

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Promenade Project Estimate

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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.

The emergency coastal-protection project for the North End is estimated to cost between $300,000 and $400,000. Those funds must be approved by Brigantine City Council once the engineering survey is complete and the required permits are issued by state and federal agencies. The Brigantine Times will keep readers posted on developments with the installation of rocks at the North End beach.



VFW Post 6964 held its annual Oktoberfest party last Saturday, October 17th. (Photo by Sean Kardon)



It was a beautiful day at the Eagles tailgate on the beach. Everyone has their own tailgating style. Some chose to sit on the tailgate, others bring a beach chair. Still others simply go on all fours like this attendee in the brown and white coat pictured in the foreground. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

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Longtime Brigantine friends, the Morrises, Sweeneys, and Autuores, traveled across the pond to cheer on the Eagles!



Attendees gathered to watch the Eagles showdown with the Panthers last Sunday at the tailgate on the beach event. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

Cold Weather Boating Danger

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fail to return as scheduled.

• Carry a VHF radio and an EPIRB (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon), signal flares and other means to draw attention to your location. A simple $2 whistle could save your life!

• Be aware of and prepared for the shock of sudden immersion and the incapacitating effects of cold water — dress to get wet, and carry a change of clothing in a waterproof container.

• Pay attention to activity around your vessel and the potential for fast-changing weather.

• Boat safe and sober — save the alcohol for when you've safely returned.

• Be sure your vessel is in good operating condition and has the necessary safety equipment on board before you leave the dock.

Want to help spread the word about boating safety? The role of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is to be a "force multiplier" for the Coast Guard. The Auxiliary participates in all Coast Guard missions authorized by Congress, with the exception of direct law enforcement and military action.

Want to find out more about this organization? Brigantine Flotilla 85 is actively seeking and welcomes new members. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month (except December) at the Brigantine Beach Community Center, 265 42nd St., at 7 p.m. Come join us at our next meeting and see what the Auxiliary is all about. For more information, email boatsafelyinnj@gmail.com. Remember — safe boating is no accident!

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Halloween Festivities

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Club-sponsored annual Brigantine Halloween Parade on Sunday, Oct. 25. The parade always has a great turnout and features adults, kids and pets all dressed up in their Halloween costumes, marching down Brigantine Avenue to the 26th Street recreation complex. All the walkers in costume, along with the vehicles and carts participating in the parade, will line up in the St. Thomas Church parking lot at noon. The line up begins at 12:30 p.m. Parade begins at 1:00 p.m. and finishes at 26th Street. Spectators are encouraged to watch from the bayside of Brigantine Avenue. Free snacks will be provided at the end of the parade. Put on your best costume and join the fun.

On Tuesday, Oct. 27, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., the annual Brigantine Education Association Trunk or Treat event will take place at the Brigantine Elementary School parking lot. This annual event is a lot of fun, as more than 30 vehicles representing various city departments, local businesses and organizations will be lined up with their trunks open and filled with candy and treats for the kids. All the Trunk or Treat participants will be wearing costumes, and each individual trunk will be decorated with a different Halloween theme. Everyone is invited to stop by and have a spooky good time. There will be music and plenty of activities for the kids.



Shiela Dean was the lucky winner of the Brigantine Chamber of Commerce 50/50 raffle. With 503 tickets sold, Shiela won a $5,030 prize!



Tom and Heidi Manning visit the Palace of Versailles with the Brigantine Times.

VFW News

Monday, Oct. 26, is designated Day of the Deployed. We want to honor and remember all military forces currently deployed and away from their families. Thank you to those who are standing on the front lines of freedom.

Thank you for your support of our Oktoberfest celebration! The volunteers were outstanding and created a great venue for the party. Thanks to all who came out and supported it.

We are looking ahead to our Veterans Day parade and service. The parade will be held Sunday, Nov. 8. We welcome any team or club that would like to march in the parade. We also welcome any group that will present a wreath at the service — please reach out to us at the Post to let us know of your desire to participate.

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

Our Weekly Lineup

This Friday (Oct. 23), we welcome the return of Jay Gentile for our entertainment. Plan on dinner and fantastic entertainment!

This week, Monday means Eagles football. Members and guests can enjoy the game at our outside venue on the Super Screen. The kitchen will

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"C" Flight winners (from left to right) Dan Driscoll, Dave Bolinski, and Pete Cortellessa received their prizes at the Men's Evening Golf Association's year-end banquet.



VFW News

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be open starting at 6 p.m. with delicious game-day food at discounted prices.

Bingo takes a break this week as we focus our energies on an Eagles win!

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!

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 23. Schedule your appointment at redcross.org.

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.

VFW6964.org; VFW Memorial Post 6964 Facebook page. Veterans Crisis Line: 988, press 1.



Charles Gill, Jr Vice Commander, presents a check to Anne Breyer, Treasurer, South Jersey Cancer Fund.



Here's another Ted Kingston photo showing Brigantine's beaches looking north. You can view Ted's pictures on Facebook.



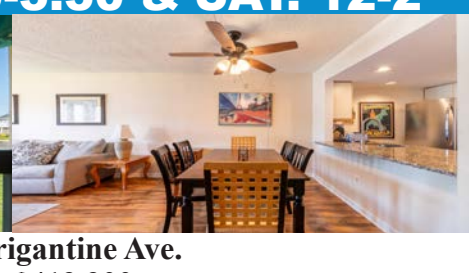


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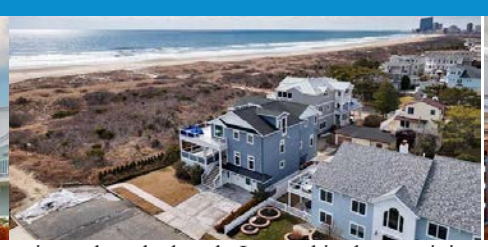
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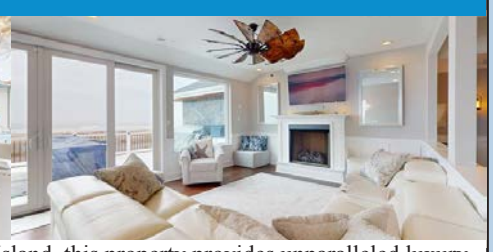
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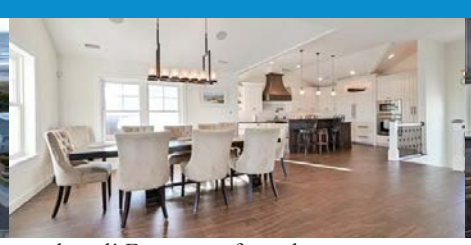
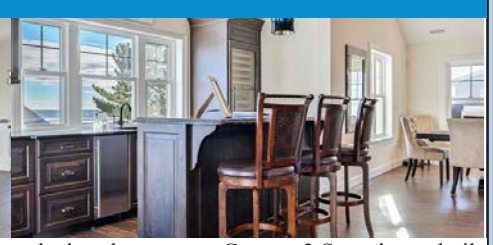





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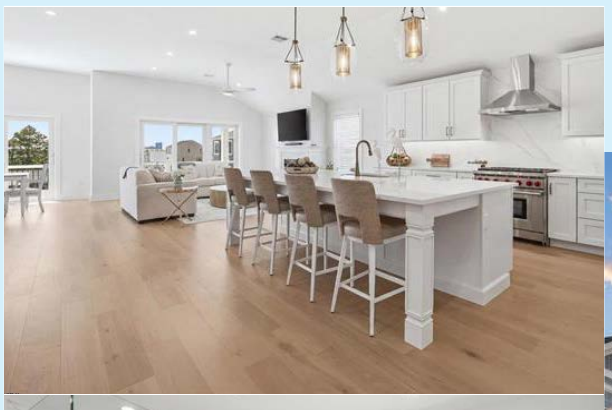



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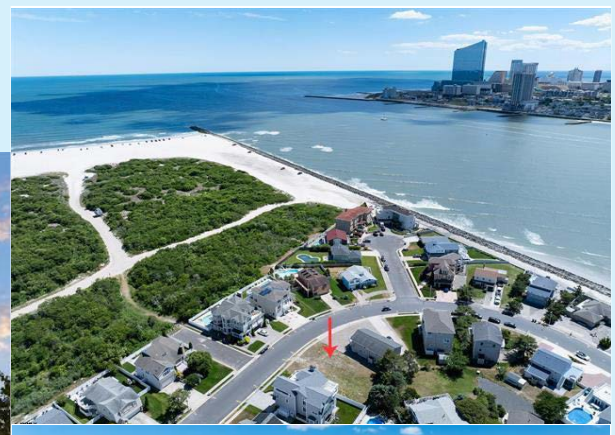
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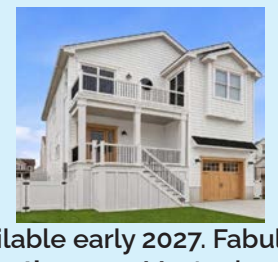
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Chamber Chatter

As we move further into the fall season, the Brigantine Chamber of Commerce continues to focus on what makes our organization so valuable — bringing businesses and people together, building relationships, and strengthening our local business community. While our summer events may be behind us, our commitment to supporting Brigantine's businesses continues throughout the year.

We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to everyone who joined us for our second Eagles Tailgate on the Beach this past Sunday! There's something special about bringing our community together on the beach to enjoy Eagles football, good company and another afternoon in Brigantine. While the Birds didn't give us the result we were hoping for, we certainly appreciated everyone who came out to support the event, as well as those who joined us for our first tailgate in September.

Of course, events like these don't happen without the hard work and generosity of so many people. We'd especially like to recognize our sponsors, participating businesses, volunteers and everyone who contributed their time, resources and effort behind the scenes. Your support makes these events possible and allows the Chamber to continue bringing unique experiences to our island. Thank you for helping make both of our Eagles Tailgates on the Beach part of another memorable fall season in Brigantine!

On Thursday, Oct. 22, the Brigantine Chamber of Commerce participated in a multi-association networking mixer at Brigantine Golf Links. Events like these provide valuable opportunities for business owners and professionals to connect, exchange ideas and build relationships. Networking is just one of the many benefits of Chamber membership and an important part of strengthening our local business community.

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Brigantine Times contributor Eduardo Jimenez sent this beautiful photo back to his friends in Brigantine from his cruise aboard the Star of the Seas.



It was an event for the whole family at the Brigantine Pet Supply Halloween Parade on October 18, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon)





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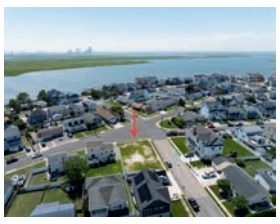
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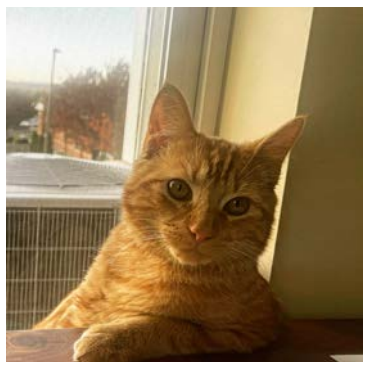
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Leroy's Corner:



April Fools Came Early…

Hello, friends. I have recently learned that there is a fine line between being a delightful little prankster and being the reason your human needs to sit down and take several deep breaths.

It all started with a conference call. My human was talking to people on a computer while I was right there, available for admiration. Personally, I find this extremely rude. Since my participation was apparently not required, I settled into an open window to enjoy some fresh air. A pleasant breeze, a few neighborhood sounds, and one pesky screen standing between me and a proper view. As regular readers know, screens and I have a complicated relationship.

After a little pulling and some fairly impressive paw work, I managed to remove the screen completely. A remarkable accomplishment, really. I decided this could be a great opportunity to play a little prank and remind my human how important I really am, so I hid inside the house.

When my human discovered the scene, things escalated quickly. Suddenly, there was running. There were treats rattling. There was my name being called throughout the neighborhood with a level of urgency.

Meanwhile, I was inside. The whole time.

Eventually, my human came back inside looking completely distraught and found me standing on the dining room table. I greeted her with an expression that conveyed, "There you are, silly goose, I was here the whole time."

Apparently, this was not the moment for my usual charm.

I began to suspect that perhaps my little joke had gone a paw too far. I had intended to make a point about conference call etiquette, not cause a neighborhood search party.

So, fellow cats, take it from me: a good prank should end with everyone laughing. If your human returns home clutching a bag of treats and looking like they might cry, you may need to reconsider your material.

Stay Whiskered,
Leroy

PSS PSS. — To Mazie T. Cat, thank you for the advice, especially coming from a seasoned resident like yourself. I suppose I can learn to live with the B.B.s. Keep being whiskered!

LETTERS TO LEROY:

Dear Leroy,

Cassie the shoobie-cat here. I want to let you know that my human family and I made it back to Florida safely. But first, congratulations on moving into your new home. I'm glad you're on top of all the necessary inspections and organizing. I have to perform this service every time we travel from Florida to Brigantine and back again. Our humans depend on us!

Anyway, the trip back to Florida was long but uneventful. I have what

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This couple smiles for the camera at the tailgate on the Beach event in Brigantine last Sunday. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

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Leroy's Corner: Letters to Leroy

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my human mom calls a "roomette" in the car. It's a dog crate with my comfy pillow, a litter box, food and water. I have room to move around, nap and look out the car window. But, naturally, I can't wait to get out and into whichever of my spacious homes is at the end of the journey.

Here in Florida I haven't spied any rabbits near the house, but we have different neighborhood wildlife to keep tabs on. Sometimes small geckos squeeze under the garage door to invade my territory. Hunting them is a good game for me. Once I even caught a gecko and had it in my mouth. I'll admit that I didn't know what to do with it, so I put it down and it limped back outside. Most of the birds around here, and there are lots of different kinds, are chill and pretty cool to watch. That's with the exception of some mourning doves that sit on my balcony railing and taunt me with, "Hoo-hoo-hoo…" while trying to make eye contact with me. If only my humans would open that sliding door and let me outside, I'd show them who!

Well, Leroy, keep the excellent advice for us cats coming and have a good time settling into your new home. We look forward to the email every Thursday with the new edition of The Brigantine Times.

Stay whiskered,
Cassie

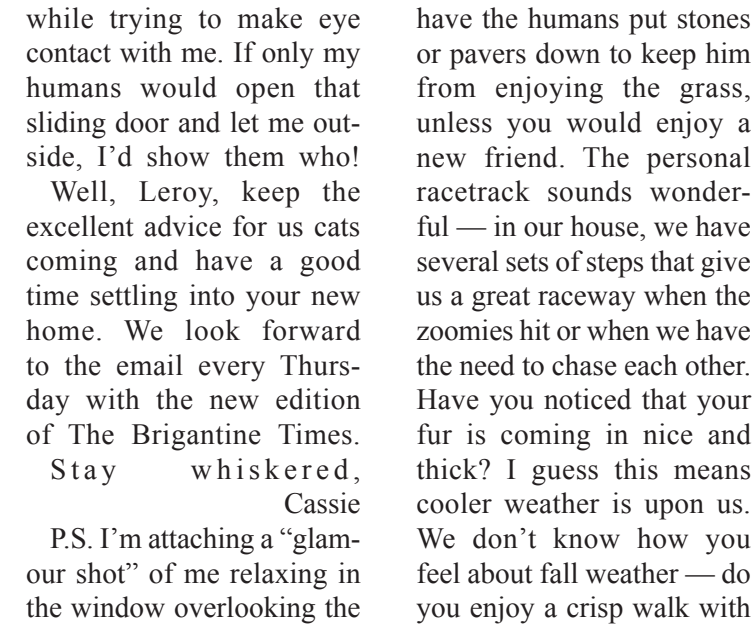
P.S. I'm attaching a "glamour shot" of me relaxing in the window overlooking the pool back here in Florida.

Dear Leroy,

Hi. Your new neighbor, Mr. Bunny, seems a bit full of himself. We totally agree with you that he should show respect and hop away once he sees you are checking your property lines. We had a little fellow like that this summer as well. We don't have a lush green side yard, so he didn't stay very long. Perhaps you need to have the humans put stones or pavers down to keep him from enjoying the grass, unless you would enjoy a new friend. The personal racetrack sounds wonderful — in our house, we have several sets of steps that give us a great raceway when the zoomies hit or when we have the need to chase each other. Have you noticed that your fur is coming in nice and thick? I guess this means cooler weather is upon us. We don't know how you feel about fall weather — do you enjoy a crisp walk with delightful fall fragrances? We have noticed that we are seeing fewer bugs and birds. We do miss chasing the bugs in the evening, but the crying seagulls we are happy to hear less of. We are so glad that you are settling in and can't wait to read about your next adventure. As you say, stay whiskered!

Fondly,
Brody and Hooper

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A "glamour shot" of shoobie-cat Cassie relaxing in the window overlooking her pool in Florida.

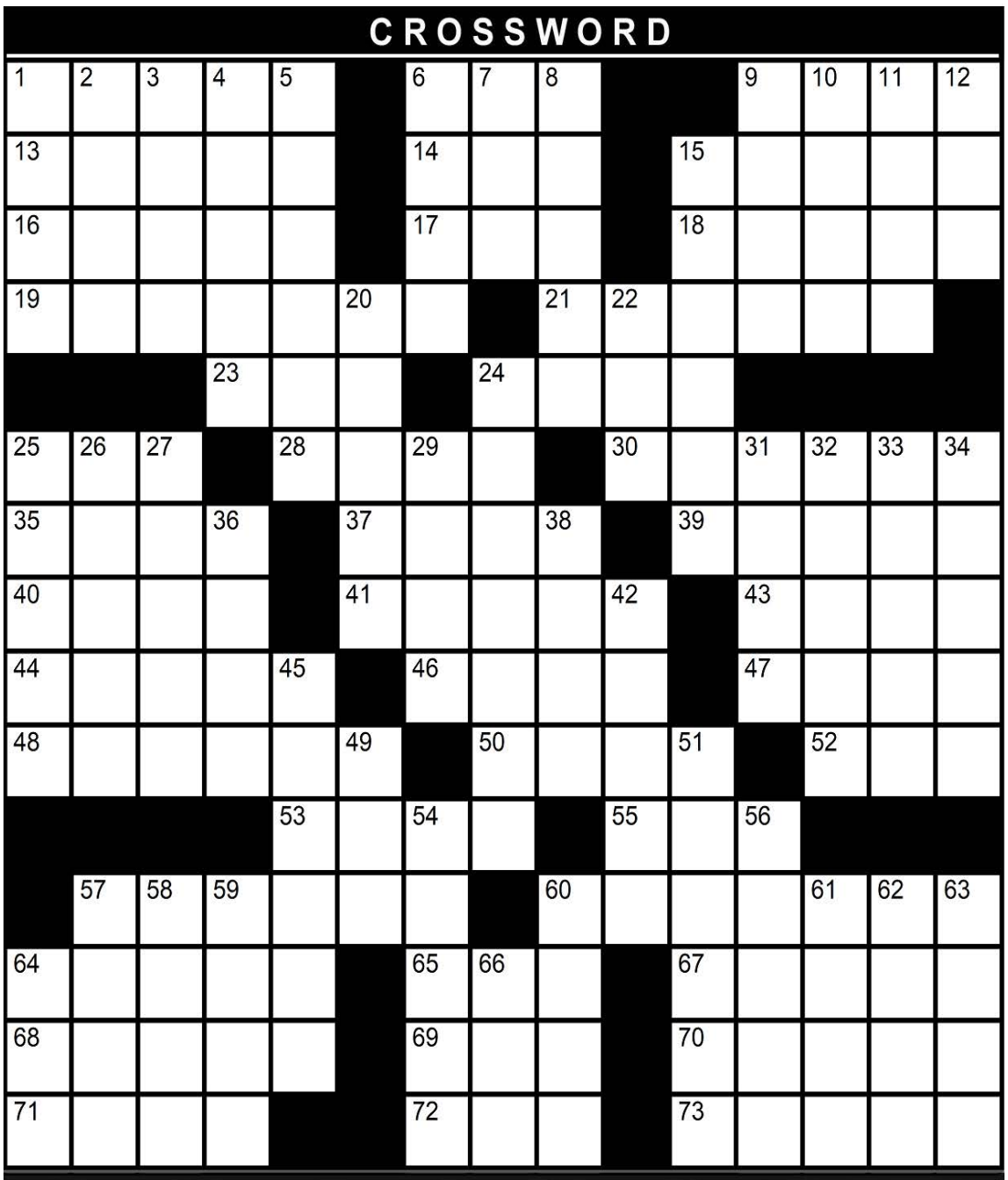


Congratulations to our own ER Howie McElhenny for competing and WINNING the NJ South District Elks 11 O'Clock Toast & Flag Charge Contest. Howie McElhenny will represent the district in the state contest at the NJ Elks Fall Conference next month, with a chance to advance all the way to the Grand Lodge contest! Great job!! (Photo by Marisol Vazquez.)





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16. Oak fruit
17. Golf peg
18. Investigative report
19. *Winningest World Series team
21. *How many feet between bases?
23. Help
24. Queen of Hearts' pastry
25. *80-game restriction, e.g.
28. Cecum, pl.
30. Mr. Miyagi's forte
35. Some soaps have none
37. Mobile phone in Britain, slangily
39. Heat-conducting solid
40. Australian palm
41. Borders on
43. Large African antelope
44. Campus VIPs
46. *Umpires: Men in ____
47. Wednesday Addams' roommate
48. *Babe Ruth, a.k.a. the ____ of Swat
50. Campaign worker
52. Before, old-fashioned
53. Buck or doe
55. GDP predecessor
57. *Grand slam:home run with bases ____
60. *____-inning stretch
64. Courteous and respectful
65. Large coffee pot
67. Habituate
68. Administer ceremonial oil
69. Bird word
70. Come in
71. Magnifying glass
72. Flow's partner
73. Classroom furniture pieces

DOWN

1. Fix a cat
2. Kind of cola
3. "Once ____ a time..."
4. Muslim woman's cover
5. Relating to apnea
6. Crafts' partner
7. Ed.'s request
8. Laughing predator
9. *Record holder for most career hits
10. Give a boot
11. Modeling material
12. Piano's E or G, e.g.
15. Small chicken variety
20. Organ swelling
22. Rub the wrong way
24. Arranged in rows and columns
25. *Record holder for most career home runs
26. Farewell, in France
27. Edible cactus
29. *One of five first Hall of Fame inductees
31. Blood vessel network
32. Repent
33. Short-trunked ungulate
34. Exclude or omit
36. Rave's partner
38. Purse on red carpet
42. Swamp plant
45. Equestrian's seat
49. Born, in bio
51. Begrudged
54. Derive
56. Tubular pasta
57. *Third base ____
58. Kitchen appliance
59. Pains
60. Nose-in-the-air type
61. Bonkers
62. Hiker's journey
63. Not his
64. *____ Ripken Jr.
66. *Umpire's blown call

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.

This Supplement Isn't Just for Athletes Anymore

When most people hear the word creatine, they picture bodybuilders and protein shakes. I like to tell my patients that creatine is far more than a gym supplement. It plays a key role in how every cell in your body makes and recycles energy, especially in your brain and muscles. Creatine helps replenish ATP, your body's main energy currency, so your cells can keep up during physical exertion, mental stress or recovery from illness. Your body makes some creatine on its own, but that supply often falls short. This is especially true for adults over 60, for vegetarians, who get none from food because plants don't contain it, and for people dealing with brain fog, fatigue or long COVID.

Research on long COVID is still early, though. A handful of small trials have shown mixed results, with some reporting less fatigue and clearer thinking and others finding no real improvement.

The brain research is exciting, but it calls for some caution. Early studies link creatine to better memory in adults roughly 66 to 76 years old. However, a corrected analysis found that a broader claim that creatine boosts memory in everyone did not hold up. A small pilot study in people with Alzheimer's disease reported gains in memory, language and executive function. That study had only 20 participants and no placebo group, so the results could reflect placebo or practice effects. It's a reason for larger controlled trials, not a promise of the same result for you. Keep in mind, too, that these cognitive studies used about 20 grams a day — far more than the everyday dose recommended for long-term use, so we can't assume a lower dose will deliver the same brain benefits.

Where creatine really shines is alongside resistance training. Older adults who pair creatine with a regular strength routine tend to gain more lean muscle, recover faster, and build more upper-body power and mobility than with training alone. Those gains matter for staying independent and steady on your feet as the years go by. Creatine appears to help by boosting energy in muscle cells and activating satellite cells, the built-in repair crew that rebuilds muscle after a workout. Lab and animal research suggests it may also support bone-building cells. Still, the largest human trial in postmenopausal women found no meaningful improvement in bone density. No study has shown that creatine reduces fractures. Its biggest value for aging bones likely comes indirectly, from stronger muscles that help prevent falls.

If you want to raise your creatine levels, grass-fed red meat is one of the best food sources. For a more reliable boost, 3 to 5 grams of creatine monohydrate daily is safe and effective for most healthy adults. It mixes easily into water or juice and doesn't require a loading phase or cycling. More is not better, since mega-doses raise the chance of digestive upset, which usually settles at a lower dose. Before you start, check with a clinician if you have kidney or liver disease or a history of either. The same goes for anyone taking medication that affects the kidneys, liver or blood sugar, and for women who are pregnant or nursing. Creatine also raises blood creatinine, a marker used to check kidney function, which can make routine blood work harder to read. Be sure to tell your doctor you're taking it.

What to Do During Flu Season

Flu season comes around every year, and some years hit harder than others. When the virus gets into your body, it sets off a chain reaction that can leave you achy, worn out and stuck in bed. Many of those miserable

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Brigantine Times Kids Corner

The Railway Children By E. Nesbit

Chapter VI: Saviours of the Train

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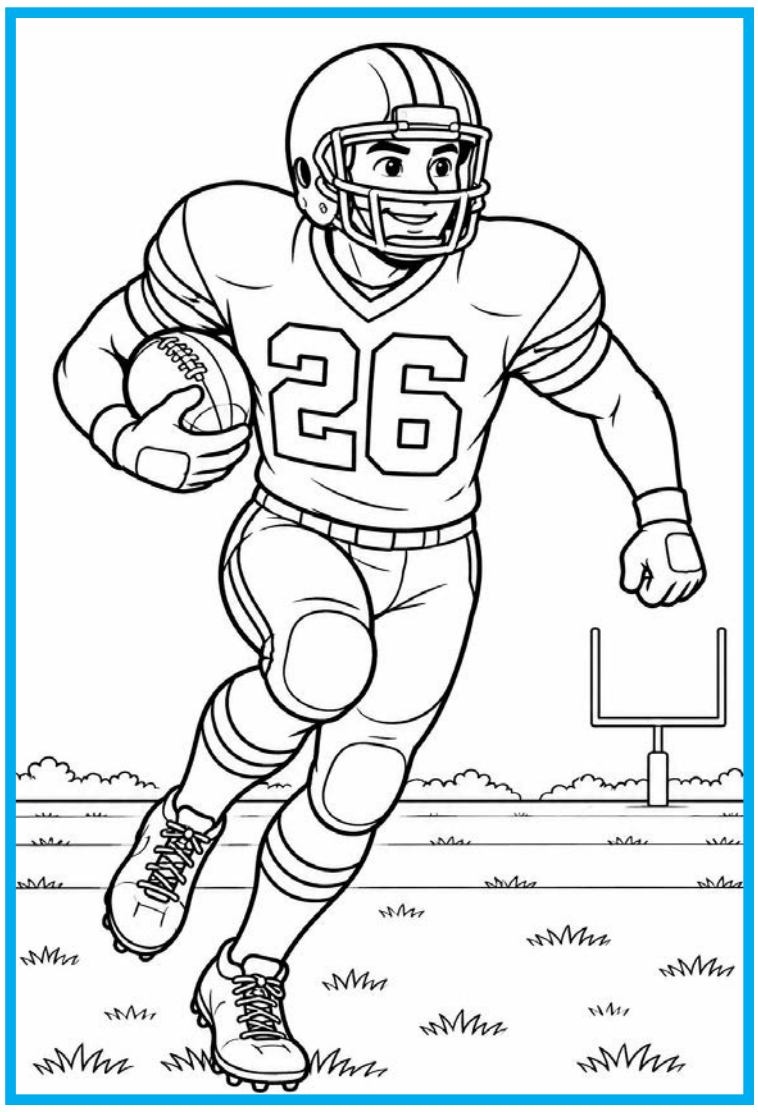
The Russian gentleman was better the next day, and the day after that better still, and on the third day he was well enough to come into the garden. A basket chair was put for him and he sat there, dressed in clothes of Father's which were too big for him. But when Mother had hemmed up the ends of the sleeves and the trousers, the clothes did well enough. His was a kind face now that it was no longer tired and frightened, and he smiled at the children whenever he saw them. They wished very much that he could speak English. Mother wrote several letters to people she thought might know whereabouts in England a Russian gentleman's wife and family might possibly be; not to the people she used to know before she came to live at Three Chimneys—she never wrote to any of them—but strange people—Members of Parliament and Editors of papers, and Secretaries of Societies.

And she did not do much of her story-writing, only corrected proofs as she sat in the sun near the Russian, and talked to him every now and then.

The children wanted very much to show how kindly they felt to this man who had been sent to prison and to Siberia just for writing a beautiful book about poor people. They could smile at him, of course; they could and they did. But if you smile too constantly, the smile is apt to get fixed like the smile of the hyaena. And then it no longer looks friendly, but simply silly. So they tried other ways, and brought him flowers till the place where he sat was surrounded by little fading bunches of clover and roses and Canterbury bells.

And then Phyllis had an idea. She beckoned mysteriously to the others and drew them into the back yard, and there, in a concealed spot, between the pump and the water-butt, she said:—

"You remember Perks promising me the very first strawberries out of his own garden?" Perks, you will recollect, was the Porter. "Well, I should think they're ripe now. Let's go down and see."



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

Leroy's Corner: Letters to Leroy

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Dear Leroy,

We are very pleased to hear that you are settling into your new home. We were wondering how you like the change in temperature we are experiencing this week. Personally, we are sad to see the days getting darker early and a little unhappy about the cooler weather. We have noticed that there are a lot fewer bugs for us to hunt at night, and since it's cooler, staying out late isn't quite as much fun. We do get cold, especially if the wind picks up. Luckily, this also means that the fireplace gets turned on. Nothing is more comfortable than taking a nice nap stretched out in front of the fireplace. Mom says the fireplace keeps her feet warm, but we suspect it really is for our pleasure. We hope your new house has one of these, and make sure your humans turn it on often, like nightly! Looking forward to reading about your latest adventures.

Your devoted fans,
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Weekly Fishing Report

by Captain Andy Grossman

The wind and bad weather have continued to pound us for the last month. Despite the conditions, anglers are still getting out there and fishing with some good results. Adrian A. took over first place in the Riptide Derby with a 3-pound, 10-ounce tog, and the derby will continue until Dec. 18. It's only $30 to enter, and we have four divisions with almost $3,000 in cash prizes up for grabs.

We continue to get "new for 2027" stuff in, as we've been shopping at the shows and getting immediate deliveries. There's so much new stuff, and the hottest item of the year will be the new glide baits — we have four different brands here at the shop. They'll be the No. 1 plug to have on your line when the bass move into Brigantine waters. Make sure you have yours, as these will sell out quick.

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Health Tip

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symptoms are actually signs that your body is doing its job. I like to remind people that your immune system is a highly effective defense team. Fever makes your body a less friendly place for the virus to multiply. Swelling and inflammation call immune cells to the area that needs help. Tiredness steers your energy toward healing, and mucus traps viral particles so your body can clear them out. Instead of only fighting every symptom, a holistic approach works with this natural response, easing discomfort while supporting recovery and long-term immune strength.

Zinc is one of the best-known nutrients for cold and flu season, and it has been studied a lot. A large review of 34 clinical trials, involving 8,526 children and adults from 13 countries, took a close look at it. Taking zinc every day did not seem to stop people from catching a cold. Once symptoms started, though, zinc lozenges shortened illness by about 2.4 days on average. The researchers rated that finding as low-certainty, and results varied quite a bit from study to study. Relief from symptoms like cough, sore throat and congestion was also inconsistent. Some people had mild side effects, such as nausea, upset stomach, dry mouth, mouth irritation or a bad taste.

Bee products have been used as natural remedies for centuries, and researchers are now taking a fresh look at them. Honey, propolis (often called "bee glue"), royal jelly and bee venom contain natural compounds such as flavonoids and phenolic acids. These may help fight viruses, including influenza. Propolis has shown some of the most promising results, slowing virus growth in several experiments. Bee venom and royal jelly have also shown antiviral effects. Still, most of this evidence comes from lab and animal studies, so we don't yet know whether the same benefits hold up in people. Tea tree oil is another interesting case. It did not kill the flu virus directly. In lab tests, though, it interrupted an early step the virus needs to multiply inside cells, and it worked best within the first two hours of infection. Those findings are encouraging, but they have not been confirmed in humans.

When the flu knocks you down, the simple basics can make a real difference. Drink plenty of water, herbal tea or broth to stay hydrated and thin mucus. Get extra rest and keep your routine light. Warm chicken soup or bone broth replaces fluids and minerals and soothes your throat. A warm salt-water gargle can calm a sore throat, and honey in tea can ease a cough. Just remember that honey should never be given to babies under 12 months. A steamy shower helps loosen thick mucus, and a clean humidifier keeps your airways from drying

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Today's Puzzle Answers

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8	4	7	5	6	3	1	9	2
2	6	5	1	9	8	3	4	7
4	5	3	9	2	7	6	8	1
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An Autumn Reflection

By McKayla Touhill

As October creeps steadily along, we are now steadily in Autumn, one of my favorite seasons, by the way. I love the sweaters, the warm drinks, the crisp air, the beautiful leaves, and the general feeling of fresh starts and coziness. In honor of fall, I would like to present to you this cute little poem I discovered, which talks about Autumn from the perspective of the different songbirds.

AUTUMN AMONG THE BIRDS

By EDITH M. THOMAS.

[Enter a little Snipe, crying]:

Peet-weet! Peet-weet!
I've such cold feet,
And nothing to eat!
The creek is so high
That I can't keep dry
Except when I fly!
Peet-weet!

[A Kildeer]:

Kildee! Kildee! Kildee!
This is no place for me!
The southland I must seek----
Kildee!

[A Bobolink]:

Link-a-link! Link-a-link!
My diet has made me weak;
The fields of rice must be so nice.

[To the Kildeer]:

I'll go with you, I think----
Link-a-link!

[A Red-Shouldered Blackbird]:

Bobaree! Bobaree!
A frost you'll see----
You'll see to your sorrow,
If you wait until to-morrow----
Bobaree!

[A Chipping-Bird]:

Chip-chip! Chip-chip! Chip-chip!
I'll give November the slip!

[A House-Wren]:

Sh! Sh! Sh!
Every one loves the Wren!
Wait, and just once again
I'll go, and, as still as a mouse,
Peep into the little house
They built for my use alone,
With a door and a porch like their own!
--Sh!

[A Maryland Yellow-Throat Interrupting]:

Witches here!
Witches here!
And no wonder--so late in the year!

[A Flock of Wild Geese Flying Over]:

On! On! On!
Why should we longer stay?
On! Ere the peep of day
We should be leagues away,
Quite out of sight of land!
Our old gray Commodore
Will guide our gallant band
With the daintiest food in store!
To a pleasant southern shore,
On! On! On!

[A Flock of Swallows Rising]:

Zip! Zip! You may

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This circa 1925 photo shows the first Brigantine Bridge nearing completion. The bridge was 1760 feet long, 30 feet wide, and equipped with a double lift Bascule draw. The bridge formally opened on Easter Sunday, April 12, 1925, the AC Press reported that 540 cars crossed the bridge that day. Stop by the Brigantine Historical Museum to see more photos like this.

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Brigantine's Finest: Tiffany Maiorano

By Roseann Smith

Excellence is common in the workplace, but true distinction is rare, and Tiffany Maiorano embodies it. While some people collect stamps or garden gnomes, Tiffany collects campaign wins as a field manager for IHG (InterContinental Hotels Group), a global hospitality company. With a fierce work ethic, sharp managerial instincts and a natural gift for communication, Tiffany has built a reputation for exceptional performance and has led several marketing teams to reach their full potential. But her business acumen isn't just about the numbers — it's rooted in a lifelong knack for being the ultimate team player and building genuine relationships with coworkers.

Born and raised in Brigantine, Tiffany's academic climb reflects local pride and boundless ambition. She graduated from Atlantic City High School and LaSalle University, earned an MBA from St. Joseph's University, and holds additional certificates in marketing and leadership. At LaSalle, Tiffany excelled early in her academic career as a business major. After landing an internship with Enterprise Rent-A-Car, she was offered her first professional job with the billion-dollar company. As a young professional at Enterprise, Tiffany honed strategic public relations and team-building skills that helped launch her business career.

As is customary in today's workforce, young professionals climb the corporate ladder quickly and precisely. In July 2018, Tiffany began at Caesars Entertainment Inc. as a marketing campaign associate. Her responsibilities included overseeing creative data management and executing 10 to 15 direct mail promotions each month. Caesars Entertainment quickly recognized Tiffany's potential and promoted her to a supervisory role, where she managed the day-to-day execution of 30 to 40 direct mail and email marketing campaigns per month. Tiffany's team planned these campaigns from concept through public delivery.

At Caesars Entertainment, Tiffany also supported hotel strategy, monitoring and analyzing performance data for promotional campaigns across 15 Caesars Entertainment properties. Her team aimed to optimize hotel occupancy and increase revenue performance.

In the spring of 2026, Tiffany joined IHG, the British multinational hotel and resort company, as a field marketing manager for IHG's luxury and lifestyle division. In this role, she serves as a strategist for an assigned high-end hotel portfolio, including Regent, Crowne Plaza and Kimpton Resorts.

Yet this doesn't tell the whole story about Tiffany Maiorano. Her real gifts lie in her dedication to serving the community. She has spent countless hours volunteering at the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, sorting and packing emergency food boxes and assembling meals for children and seniors.

This past summer, Tiffany contributed to The Brigantine Times, reporting on Brigantine's adult softball league.

If that's not impressive enough, consider this: Tiffany mentored and befriended a young girl for several years through her association with Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, giving her time, taking the youth on outings, and serving as a role model.

Her professional accomplishments and commitment to community service show that good still exists in the world. That's why Tiffany Maiorano is Brigantine's Finest!



Brigantine's Finest: Tiffany Maiorano

A Special Thank You

Thank you to the Brigantine Fire Department for aiding me several times after my recent surgery. They were professional, kind and courteous in every way. Lynne and I greatly appreciated your help.

— Tom Donahue



Chamber Chatter

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Speaking of membership, our 2027 Brigantine Chamber of Commerce Membership Drive is underway, and now is a great time to join or renew!

Chamber membership is about more than having your business listed on our website and in our Visitor Guide/Business Directory. It's about increasing your visibility, building relationships, supporting fellow businesses, and being part of an organization that works year-round to strengthen our local business community. From networking opportunities to community events, our members help make Brigantine a better place to live, work, visit and do business.

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 and to become part of the Brigantine Chamber of Commerce.

As always, please remember to shop local, dine local, and support the businesses that support Brigantine. Our local businesses are an important part of what makes this island such a special place to live, work and visit. Your continued support makes a difference.

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.





Brigantine Garden Club

By Phyllis Glomb

The sign committee is working diligently on the new design for signs for our 80 garden beds across the island. We want them to be eye-catching—something that will attract attention to the beautiful gardens produced by the volunteers of the club. We want them to show Brigantine as a cherished and nurtured community. We are having a fundraiser to support the purchase of the new signs. We are respectfully requesting that the business community of Brigantine aid our endeavors by making a donation. Any amount large or small will be greatly appreciated. Thanks.

Bedtenders, only a few of you have not responded to our fall project of planting daffodils across the whole island for a spectacular spring showing of yellow blooms. Please contact your coordinator to pick up your bulbs. If you are not able to do this at this time, please let her know. North End email Phyllis; South End email Fran.

Bulbs planted now will bloom in the spring. We have purchased early, middle, and late spring bloomers for a long-lasting display. Signs should be taken in and beds cleaned up for the winter by Oct. 31. Thanks to everyone for planting the bulbs. I can't wait for spring! It will be reminiscent of the second project ever completed by the newly formed Brigantine Garden Club almost fifty years ago. First they planted pine trees in the dunes. Next they planted daffodils across the island. And here we are still going strong!

"The bulbs you plant in autumn will shape your next season's success."—Anna Pavord

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.



This handsome couple enjoyed fine company and good German beer at the VFW's Oktoberfest party last Saturday, October 17th. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

VFW Post 6964 Donates to South Jersey Cancer Fund

Brigantine VFW Post 6964 continued its commitment to supporting the local community with a donation to the South Jersey Cancer Fund during its Oktoberfest celebration on Saturday, Oct. 17.

Charles Gill Jr., vice commander of VFW Post 6964, presented a donation check to Anne Breyer, treasurer of the South Jersey Cancer Fund.

The South Jersey Cancer Fund provides direct financial assistance to cancer patients in Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland and Salem counties, helping individuals and families navigate the financial challenges that can accompany a cancer diagnosis.

VFW Post 6964 is proud to support organizations that make a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors. We recognize the importance of coming together as a community to help those facing difficult times, and we are honored to contribute to the South Jersey Cancer Fund's ongoing mission.

VFW Post 6964 extends its appreciation to everyone who helped make the Oktoberfest celebration a success and whose support helps the Post give back to the community it proudly serves.



Over 80 of MEGA's 135 members attended their year-end banquet held at the 19th hole, catered by the Cove.



Player of the year Anthony Lawler with Commissioner Joe Mingoia and Director Mike Lange Jr. at MEGA's year-end banquet.

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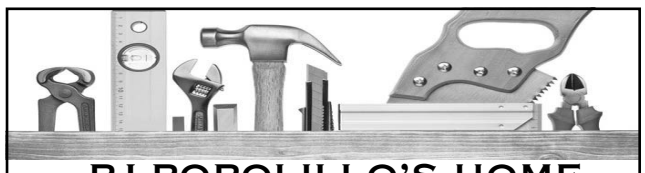
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Dr. Zimmerman's Health Tips

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out. Sleeping with your head slightly raised can also help you breathe easier at night. If you use essential oils like tea tree or eucalyptus, only breathe in the diluted aroma — never swallow them or put them in your nose.

Several nutrients and herbs are also worth knowing about. Some studies suggest elderberry may shorten the flu by a few days when you start it at the first sign of symptoms. Quercetin may help block viruses from entering cells and works well alongside zinc and vitamin C. Vitamin C supports your white blood cells. Vitamin A helps keep mucous membranes healthy but should only be used short term with a practitioner's guidance. NAC helps thin and clear mucus. Vitamin D is best built through sensible sun exposure, and testing your levels tells you whether you're getting enough. Echinacea is often taken through the winter for immune support, and andrographis, an Ayurvedic herb, has long been used to ease cough and sore throat. Everybody is different, so talk with your health care provider before starting any new supplement, especially for kids or during pregnancy. Year-round, whole foods, regular exercise and morning sunlight give your body what it needs to bounce back when illness strikes.

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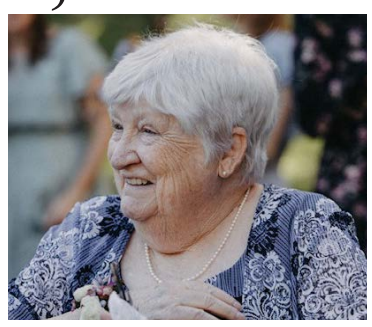
Patricia Simpson, 77, of Egg Harbor Township passed away Friday, Oct. 16, 2026. Patricia was born in Baltimore, Maryland, to the late Winfield and Maria (Noon) Bowen. Patricia was a graduate of Atlantic City High School, Class of 1967. She was a legal secretary at the law firm of Koury, Tighe and Lapres before her retirement.

She is survived by her son, Robert Simpson, and his wife, Jessica, and her daughter, Christine Marie Simpson. Patricia is also survived by her sister, Nancy Bowen, and her grandchildren Robert, Christian, James and Wynnfield, and her great-grandchild, Koa.

In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by her brother, Robert Bowen.

Relatives and friends were invited to attend the Life Celebration Services for Patricia on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2026, at Keates-Plum Funeral Home, 3112 W. Brigantine Ave., Brigantine. Interment was at Laurel Memorial Park in Egg Harbor Township.

To share your fondest memory of Patricia, please visit www.keatesplum.com.



Beloved Patricia Simpson.

In Loving Memory Of: Tara Ann Chafe, 41

Tara Ann Chafe, 41, of Galloway, formerly of Brigantine, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2026, after a courageous battle with breast cancer. She was born in Somers Point to Jeffrey Chafe and Ann (Silvano) Chafe.

Those who were fortunate enough to know and love Tara knew she was a fierce, strong, loving and independent woman from the start. She always had her family's best interest at the top of her priorities, starting with her baby sister, Ashley, and leading to her beloved children, Evan, Isabella, Greg and Kayla, whom she adored with her whole heart and soul.

Tara fought for those she loved her entire life, whether it was standing up for a friend in school or in adulthood, and did this until she took her last breath. She protected those that she loved so fiercely because she wanted everyone to be happy, no matter what she was going through herself. In these last five-plus years as Tara courageously battled cancer, she never wanted to inconvenience anyone — or even to accept help that was offered. She wanted to do it herself, and her way, as she always did with her determined spirit and mindset.

Tara was the greatest friend growing up; easygoing, low-maintenance, and never mad over the silly things young kids and even young adults can get caught up in. She just wanted everyone to know she loved them, and to adore her immediate family with a fervor and commitment like no other. She worked hard and always kept fighting with a smile on her face for her family until the very end. Tara will never be forgotten and will always be honored, adored and remembered by those who were blessed enough to have her in their lives.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Greg; her children, Greg Barrett Jr., Kayla Barrett, Evan Barrett and Isabella Barrett; and her sister, Ashley Taylor Rosso, and her husband, Ron. She is also survived by her parents,

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Beloved Tara Ann Chafe.





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A Wind Symphony

By Kelly Leyman

Shhh, can you hear it? The wind is performing every day.

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But sometimes it just whispers a song, beckoning us to come and enjoy nature.

And yes, sometimes the wind is silent, letting the sun take over, brightening our eyes to all the good in the world.

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Thoughts Are Things

THE REAL MAGIC

By Stephen T. Weeks

Self Help *Is The Best Help*

HOW BAD IS IT?

When it comes to being out of touch & out of tune with This Thing Called Life, after years of cliche thinking & feeling where everyday living is concerned, there's only one salient question to ask — How Bad Is It?

No criticism here, just an honest critique of our own ability to see & feel (because it feels so good) what's really happening right now, with your Life, and the miraculous support systems that are now, and always have been within inside you, and all around you, since the moment you took your first Breath.

We have been conditioned to ignore the perfectly natural forces of nature, without which we would cease to exist, and focus completely on the commercial & material "rat race" that has been our way of life for many moons. This is the way of the world, and we can do better.

We all use & enjoy the material & commercial aspects of our daily Life, and we give thanks for the availability of all the good & great commercial products & services we use, but when the greater percentage of our time & attention is dedicated to "getting" things, we simply lose touch with the underlying magic, the "Real Magic" that's keeping us alive.

STEP RIGHT UP!

Why would we be interested in a teaching, or a lesson in human, psychological awareness & refinement, when we're rolling along, doing our thing, in this uber commercial & materially obsessed society & culture — even though we can't sleep well, our indigestion is out of control, our mood swings are uncontrollable, and our social life seems like a mildly interesting rerun of an old '70s sitcom? I don't know, but if I were living this wash, rinse & repeat existence — I would seek some help.

Here we say Self Help, Is The Best Help — because it's true. The lack of simple, psychological & emotional awareness instruction in our early years, something our modern educational systems should be keen to adopt & accept, is the cause of every negative outcome we see, in our youth population, and our citizens in general. When people are confused, and challenged by economic & psychological upheaval, they tend to become self-destructive, by default.

SO VERY SIMPLE!

Real Humanity, and the authentic enjoyment of Being Alive & Being Human is available to every man, woman & child, but if we have never been introduced to such an idea, for whatever reason, the suggestion might not sink in right away.

No one ever suggested to us, that Mother Nature & Father Time are not overlords who seek to challenge & defeat us at every turn, but benevolent Forces of Nature whose underlying intelligence & intention wants us to be happy & fulfilled while we live, breathe, and have our Being, here on the face of this miraculous planet Earth.

STOP, LOOK & FEEL!

If we wish to enjoy This Thing Called Life, in a more fundamental, grass roots perspective, let's revisit & remind ourselves of the Real Magic that's happening within inside us, and all around us — and learn to do it consistently going forward.

There are approximately 30-40 trillion cells which constitute our Human Body, and they are hard at work 24/7/365 keeping us alive, fighting off disease & digesting our food, regulating our blood pressure, and overseeing the proper function of our organs & nervous system — all while we go about our business — basically on autopilot, year after year, after year. These cells are intelligent, as alive & conscious as we are — and if we communicate with them, they will respond affirmatively.

Our planet Earth is floating in & traveling through space at 67,000 mph, while it spins on its axis at 1,040 mph — no strings attached. Our weather systems miraculously evaporate salt water, mixing with air, to form clouds, which then float inland where they rain down fresh water upon the land, and eventually return to the seas & oceans of the world where the evaporation process begins again.

All this is happening, while we obsess over our commercial & material success, hoping to please ourselves, and our loved ones with yet another vacation to Disneyland, where artificial adventure rides attempt to thrill & excite us, for a hefty price. When Mother Nature offers us real awe, wonder & fascination, why do we choose artificial, commercial representations of the real thing, for our entertainment?

REMBRANDT DIVINE!

People love Art & Art Museums, spending their time, attention & money on visits to local, national & international Art Museums around the globe. The history of our great artistic & creative sculptors, painters, architects, and designers is a testament to the power of Human Intelligence & Inspiration, but if we simply look up at the sky, wherever we are, whenever we like, we will see the great hands of the Almighty putting on a spectacular, ever changing art show, absolutely free of charge, and guaranteed to blow your mind.

If these realities, with which we live every day of our lives, are not magical enough, and attractive enough to entertain us, and remind us how precious & divine our Human Existence truly is, it's not God's fault — the Almighty is constantly providing a spectacular Heaven on Earth, for those of us who are keen enough, and wise enough to enjoy it. Here is your Garden of Eden, your Fountain of Youth, your Promised Land — and it's here for us to cherish, embrace & enjoy — Forever & A Day. (Next Week, More Thoughts)

AFFIRMATIONS! (Mental & Emotional Exercise) Today I Worship & Adore This Thing Called Life, For Its Own Majestic & Adorable Reality — Coming To Me, And Flowing Through Me, With Every Breath I Take. Today I Fully & Freely Understand That The Life I Am Looking For, The Love I Am Yearning For, The Joy That I'm Seeking, And The God That I'm Longing To Worship & Adore Is Absolutely Present In Its Most Perfect Form, Right Where I Am, Living, Breathing, And Unfolding Within Inside Me, As Me, All Day, Every Day, Morning, Afternoon & Evening, With Every Heartbeat, And Every Breath I Take, From Here, To Eternity. ALL Is Well!

Today I Know That This Wonderful Thing Called Life, In Its Perfect Intelligence Divine, Is Absolutely For Me, Never Ever Against Me, And All Of My Heart, Soul, And Mind Is Dedicated To Embracing, Enjoying, Sharing & Caring, Living & Loving Consciously, This Sacred Experience Of Human Existence, With Dignity, Clarity, Peace & Prosperity, In Every Way, Shape, Form & Function Possible For A Human Being. Today My Heart Is Filled With Love, And This Feeling Is What Mother Nature & Father Time Have Created For Me, Nurtured For Me, Inspired In Me, And Brought Forth In Me, As I Walk Hand In Hand With My Creator Divine, Through This Celestial & Terrestrial Garden Of Eden, Forever & A Day. AND So It Is!

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BRIGANTINE GOLF LINKS

GOLF RATES FALL & WINTER • 2026

TIME / PERIOD	WEEKDAY Mon–Thurs Non-Holiday	WEEKEND Fri–Sun & Holidays	WEEKDAY RESIDENT	WEEKEND RESIDENT
EARLY FALL • 9/8 -10/5				
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

Resident rates: 25% off the applicable rack rate for verified tax-paying Brigantine residents with a paid Resident Card.

SPECIAL RATES & OFFERS

CITY EMPLOYEES / CASINO / FIRE / MILITARY / POLICE / SENIOR OVER 65	Monday–Thursday (Non-Holiday) 10/5 -11/28 • $59 9-Holes: May book 48 hours in advance Mon–Thurs $39 | Fri–Sun $49
JUNIOR RATE (Walking Only)	Mon–Thurs • Fri & Sun after 12:00 pm • $39
RESIDENT ID CARD	Individual tax-paying Brigantine residents receive 25% off 18-hole rack rates. Please return carts by 6:00 pm

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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.



These lovely ladies smile for the camera at the Brigantine VFW's Oktoberfest Party. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

An Autumn Reflection

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count on the Swallow!
We hear, and anear we will be;
The rest, if they like, may follow
O'er land and o'er sea.

[A Bluebird to Her Mate]:

Weary! Oh, weary! Oh, weary!
It's a long, long, long way, dearie!

[A Robin]:

Quip! Quip!
Cheer up! Cheer up!
But I think we ought first to sup;
With such a long journey ahead,
Pilgrims should be well fed----
Quip! Quip!

[A Highlander Shouts from the Top of a Dead Tree]:

A-wick-wick! wick-wick! wick-wick! wick! Yare-op!
If all this senseless chatter you would stop,
And listen, an announcement I would make:
Old Father Crane will soon be here to take
All you small folks upon his back--Wick-wick!

Chorus of Small Birds
[Chippy, Wren, Yellow-bird, Pewee, Kinglet, etc.]:

Peet-weet! Zit! Zit!
Cheeree! Ittee! Be Quick!

If you'd like to learn more about bird songs and bird identification, there is this lovely app called Merlin Bird ID, which is a free app developed by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. The app can listen to the birdsong you hear and help you identify it. It can also help you get a better idea of the different kinds of birds you might find in your area. If you want to hear the calls of the birds in this poem, you can also look up the birds by name and listen to their distinctive calls in the app!

Lets celebrate this week's Birthdays: October 23- Matt Arnao, Mary Ann Maghakin, Sarah Dee, Betty Ryenolds and Lesia Milimonka. 24- Pricilla Cunningham, Kathy Revelle and John Cooney. 25- Verna Simon, Donna Jordan and Bob Moose. 26- Katie Quinlan 27- Andy Solari, Sharon M. Trost and Kathy Bowker. 28- Terry Bradley, Mark Heenan, Cody Trapp, Paul Tefankjian, Fred Wood, John Griffith, Jen Lyon, Claire Israel and Tony Molinari. 29- Marge DiJumbo.

Tara Ann Chafe, 41

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Jeffrey Chafe and Ann Chafe.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Life Celebration gathering for Tara on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Keates-Plum Funeral Home, 3112 W. Brigantine Ave., Brigantine. A memorial service will follow at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Tara's memory to the South Jersey Cancer Fund, P.O. Box 1084, Brigantine, NJ 08203.

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The hardworking volunteers who helped make the Oktoberfest celebration at the VFW a success. (Photo by Sean Kardon)





2026 Memorial Tournament winners (from left to right): Jerry Doyal, John Riordan, TJ Granahan, and Dave Bolinski were honored at MEGA's year-end banquet.



Here are all of the winners in attendance at MEGA's year-emd banquet: (left to right) Pete Cortellessa, Bove Bolinski, Ernie Purdy, Dan Driscoll, Gordy Bew, John Rios, John Murray, Tom Gallager, Ed Podgorski, and Matt Cusamano.

A Message From the General Manager

Brigantine Golf Links

Dear Brigantine residents,

As we look toward an exciting future at Brigantine Golf Links, I want to take a moment to sincerely thank you for your continued support, patience and enthusiasm as we work to improve this special part of our community.

It is a privilege to serve as general manager of Brigantine Golf Links, and I am grateful for the opportunity to help build on a tradition that has been part of Brigantine for nearly 100 years. We recognize that this golf course belongs to the community, and we are committed to making improvements that benefit our residents, golfers and future generations.

We are excited to announce that construction is scheduled to begin in March on relocating the practice green and completing tee improvements on holes 1 and 10. We also hope to break ground on our new clubhouse in April, marking an important milestone in the continued evolution of Brigantine Golf Links.

These projects represent more than improvements to a golf course. They are an investment in our community, our future, and the experience we want to provide to everyone who visits and enjoys Brigantine Golf Links.

We understand that progress takes time, planning and patience, and we sincerely appreciate your support throughout this process. We are committed to being good stewards of this community asset while continuing to improve course conditions, enhance service and create a welcoming experience for all.

As we approach our 100th anniversary in 2027, there is much to look forward to. We are proud of our history, excited about what lies ahead, and grateful to have the support of the residents who make Brigantine such a special place.

Thank you for your trust and support. We look forward to sharing this journey with you and welcoming you to Brigantine Golf Links as we build an even brighter future together.

With sincere appreciation and excitement,

-Marc Kimminau
General Manager



Mayor Sera Receives Award

Former Mayor Phil Geunther and his wife, LeeAnn, hosted an event Friday evening, and the highlight was Assemblyman Ken LeFevre presenting an award to Mayor Vince Sera on behalf of Brigantine residents for his outstanding and effective efforts protecting our seas and shoreline.

Assisted by Brigantine GOP President Linda Camerota, he highlighted the accomplishments of Mayor Sera, noting his most recent efforts that brought the governor and Congressman Van Drew, plus numerous county officials, to survey the damage from the most recent nor'easter.

He told a charming story about purchasing the sculpture of a mother whale and her calf many years ago, holding it until the perfect opportunity. He had it mounted and inscribed, and Mayor Sera was truly touched and surprised by the thoughtful gesture! It was another wonderful evening in Brigantine!

Temple News

There's always something happening at Temple Beth Shalom's Shul by the Sea!

Movie Night

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 to the TBS office.

Mah Jongg and Canasta

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.

National Day of...

Friday, October 23
National Boston Cream Pie Day
National TV Talk Show Host Day

Saturday, October 24
National Food Day
National Bologna Day

Sunday, October 25
National Greasy Foods Day
National Mother-in-Law Day

Monday, October 26
National Pumpkin Day
National Mincemeat Day

Tuesday, October 27
Navy Day
National Civics Day

Wednesday, October 28
National Chocolate Day
National First Responders Day

Thursday, October 29
National Cat Day
National Oatmeal Day





Joke of the Week

Why was the jack-o-lantern afraid?

It had no guts.

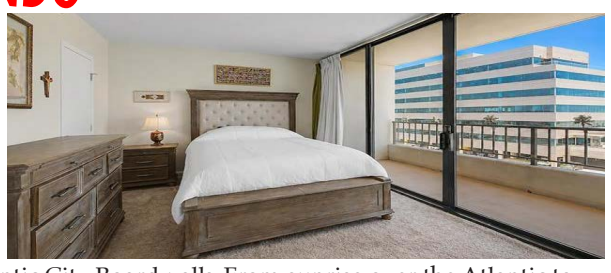
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STUNNING OCEAN VIEW AC CONDO





Experience the ultimate oceanfront lifestyle at The Enclave, ideally situated directly on the beach and iconic Atlantic City Boardwalk. From sunrise over the Atlantic to sparkling city lights and colorful sunsets over the bay, this exceptional 14th floor corner end unit offers a view fromvirtually every room and the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the shore from morning to night. This spacious **2 bedroom, 2 bath** condo features an open floor plan designed to maximize the spectacular surroundings.

$399,000 Call Colleen Bell 609-204-2935

SOUTH END 5 BEDROOM



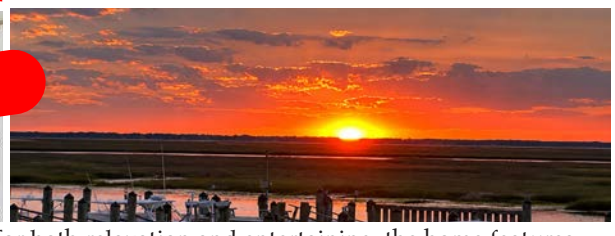



ONE OF THE ISLAND'S BEST BUYS! Pristine and showing like new, this beautifully renovated **5 bedroom, 2.5 bath** South End home offers 2,594 sq. ft. of stylish coastal living on an oversized 75' x 100' lot. Walkable to the beach, shopping , and recreation center, it's an ideal choice for a primary residence, second home, or investment property. Renovated just three years ago, the bright open floor plan features a stunning kitchen with white shaker cabinetry, quartz countertops, Café line appliances, and a spacious butler's pantry with additional refrigerator,cabinetry, storage, and prep space.

$1,095,000 Call Colleen Bell 609-204-2935

BAYFRONT WITH BOATSLIP



This exceptional residence offers a true luxury waterfront lifestyle where every day feels like a retreat. Designed for both relaxation and entertaining, the home features three bedroom suites, each with a private bath and its own deck access, creating serene personal escapes for family and guests. One suite is currently custom designed as a sophisticated waterfront office, ideal for those who appreciate working with inspiring bay views.
Home features **3 bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms**, and a private boat slip!

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WILDWOOD CONDO COTTAGE

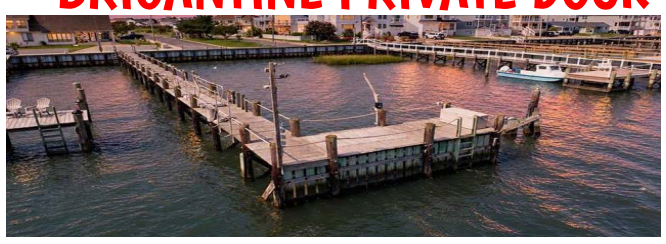




Experience the best of Wildwood living in this charming **2 bedroom, 1 bath** condo cottage with a versatile loft, ideally located just 2.5 blocks fromthe beach and world famous boardwalk. Leave the car behind and enjoy the convenience of being within easy walking distance to the shoreline,restaurants, shops, ice cream parlors, and all the excitement and entertainment that make Wildwood one of the Jersey Shore's most beloved destinations.

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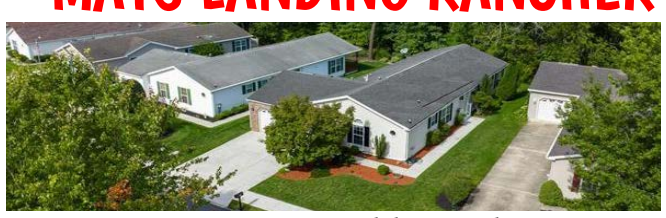
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MAYS LANDING RANCHER


Located in The Fairways at Mays Landing, this **three bedroom two bathroom** ranch home with a garage offers inviting spaces to relax, entertain,and enjoy the 55+ community lifestyle. Vaulted ceilings, beautiful hardwood floors, and abundant natural light complement the freshly paintedinterior. The open floor plan connects the kitchen and dining area to an all season sunroom, making it easy to gather with friends or find a sunnyspot for a quiet afternoon.
The primary suite features a spacious private bathroom with a jetted tub and separate shower.

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