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Election Night Turkey Dinner

By Tom Morgan

For close to 70 years, the Brigantine Presbyterian Community Church has hosted an Election Day Turkey Dinner at the church hall, following the voting in the November general election.

The Election Day Turkey Dinner started in the late 1950s or early 1960s. At that time, Brigantine was still a small town, with 1,267 residents in 1950 and 4,201 residents in 1960, when families, mostly from Atlantic City, were starting to move to Brigantine. Back then, the voting for the general election was held at the Presbyterian Church Hall, so church officials decided that having a turkey dinner with all the fixings and dessert after the voting was a great way to bring the community together. No politics, just neighbors enjoying a turkey dinner together. So, the time-honored tradition of having an Election Day Turkey Dinner was born.

On Election Day, Brigantine voters would go to the Presbyterian Church annex to vote and then walk down the hallway and enjoy a nice turkey dinner. The dinners were cooked in the church's kitchen by church mem-

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Fire Mario (left) and clean-shaven Mario (right) enjoy the Trunk or Treat event hosted by the Elks last Saturday. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

A powered paraglider over Brigantine Beach, which includes a large tidal pool caused by the full moon on October 24, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

VFW Veterans Day Parade and Breakfast

The annual Brigantine Veterans Day Parade and Commemoration, hosted by VFW Post 6964, will be held on Sunday, Nov. 8, 2026. Please come out and join in honoring all of our American veterans. The celebration will start with a parade beginning at 11 a.m. Parade participants are asked to line up at City Hall at 10:45 a.m. The parade will conclude with remarks from guest speakers. Participants in the parade will include several local businesses and organizations, including the American Legion Riders, Last Salute, Absecon VFW Color Guard, Brigantine Elks Lodge 2428, Atlantic City High School JROTC, AC Sea Cadets, Pleasantville ROTC and Brigantine city officials.

On Nov. 7, the Brigantine VFW Auxiliary will host its Veterans Day Community Breakfast to honor all who served. Breakfast runs from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. The menu features scrambled eggs, sausage links, assorted homemade egg dishes, French toast, home-fried potatoes, bagels and cream cheese, and orange juice. Admission is $15, or $10 for veterans, first responders and children under 10. There will also be a cash bar for mimosas and Bloody Marys. The Community Breakfast is open to the public.

Football Pool

WEEK 7

Well, Brigantine, the football pool is back, and Week 7 gave us plenty to talk about! Our eligible entries faced 12 Sunday matchups and averaged just under six incorrect guesses. Nobody turned in a perfect form, but one player came awfully close.

Miami's win over the Jets and the Giants' victory over the Texans were the toughest games for our players, each tripping up 63 entries. Atlanta's win over the 49ers was right behind, foiling 62. A few different picks went a long way this week!

Auggie Cipollini rose above the pack with an impressive 11 correct picks out of 12. Only the Bengals' win over the Ravens kept that form from perfection. Auggie is our first winner of the season and wins a gift card to Ernest & Son. Congratulations!

Terry Duffey, George Speck and Gina Imperiale Stewart finished with nine correct picks apiece, sending the runner-up decision to the points tiebreaker. The Cowboys and Eagles combined for 59 points Monday night, and Terry's guess of 37 was the closest of the three. Terry wins

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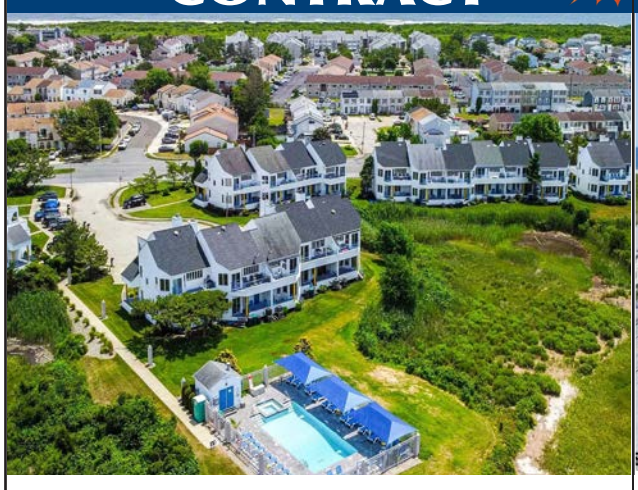

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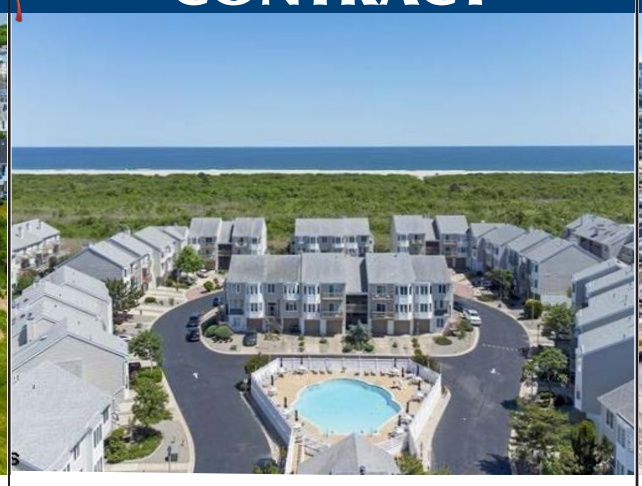

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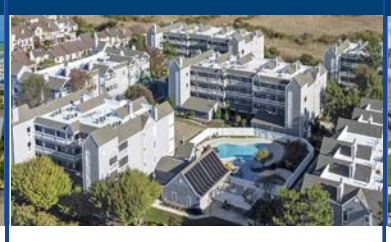

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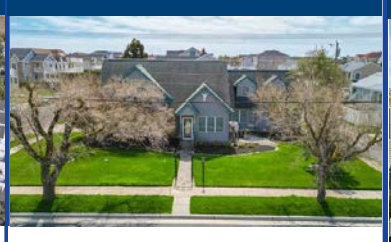

2100 WEST BRIGANTINE AVE.

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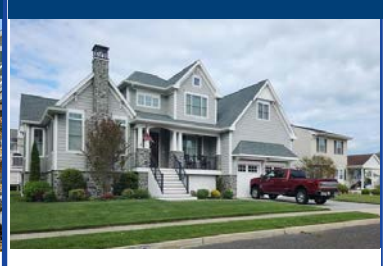
218 S ROOSEVELT BLVD

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

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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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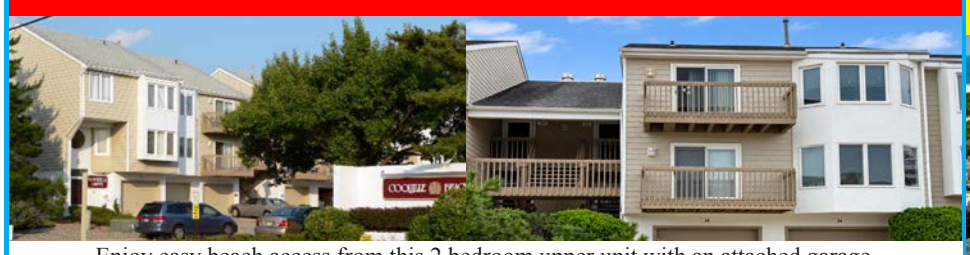

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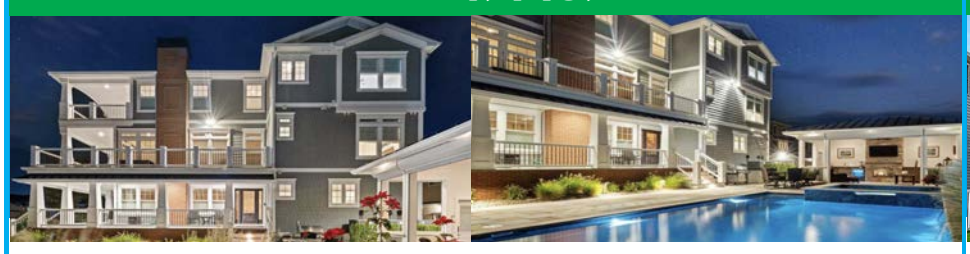

313 29th St. - Offered at $4,445,000.

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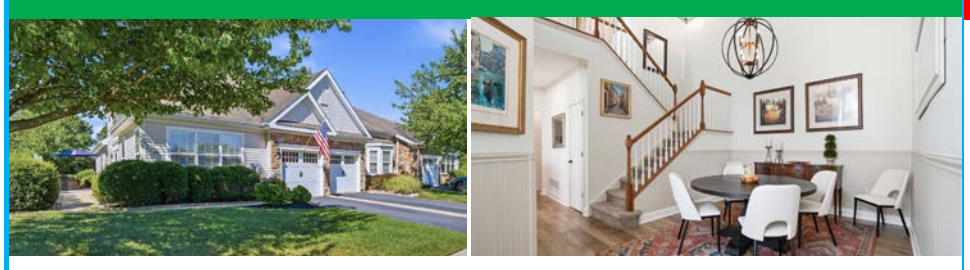

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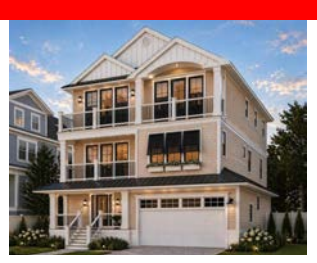

318 10th St. - $2,600,000

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

The LePera Team had 1 real estate transaction every week this year to present day . . . . were you one of them?!? We have happy Buyers who are now enjoying our Island lifestyle. Are you still sitting on (their) fence? And, our satisfied Sellers have packed up their memories and moved on to the next phases of their lives with lots of 'appreciation'$ If you're still trying to decide when to buy or sell let The LePera Team, the Top Selling Real Estate Team in Brigantine, get you off the fence and into the market. Just give us a call, we do it all! 2 MORE on the books!

Rams Football Roundup

The past two weeks proved tough for the Rams JV and varsity teams, who are both trying to make a playoff run.

The 5-0 JV team traveled to Buena on Oct. 17 and left 6-0, beating the Braves on Melakhi Birts' four touchdowns. The Rams JV defense did the rest of the work behind Sa'hir Brown's forced fumble and seven tackles. This past week was heartbreaking for the JV squad, which suffered its first loss in Linwood in a back-and-forth, hard-fought game.

The Rams varsity team was also successful in its matchup against the Buena Braves. The Rams posted a 14-0 shutout on a rushing touchdown by Gene Handle and a receiving touchdown from quarterback KJ Sheffield to Mason Gilliard.

This past weekend was also one for the loss column for varsity, which was shut out by a tough Linwood team. The Rams fall to 4-3 and have the playoffs in sight as the Ventnor Pirates come over the bridge for a Halloween matchup.

This weekend's Halloween game is also homecoming for the eighth-graders. Please come out and support the Rams; the snack stand will be open.

This ninja joins Batman for the Brigantine Community School trunk-or-treat event, which took place on Tuesday.

The Green Team dressed as sunflowers for the Brigantine Education Association Trunk or Treat. (Photo by Emma L.)

Alan Weidner

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Bay to the Beach ... All Within Reach

UNDER CONTRACT

This renovated condo features features hardwood floors, two nice size bedrooms, in unit washer and dryer, outside enclosed shower, storage, a sunny spacious living area and private deck.

OFFERED AT $475,000 -

159 Sheridan Square 2

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 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 $1,295,000 -

231 S 10th St

SOLD THIS WEEK

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

SOLD THIS WEEK

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

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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The Lorax was busy making friends at last Tuesday's trunk-or-treat at the Brigantine Community School.

"Spider-Man" takes his pick at a piece of candy that was given out at the Republican Club's Halloween Parade held this past weekend. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).

VFW News

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

Our Weekly Lineup

This Friday, Oct. 30, we welcome the return of Odyssea Trio for our entertainment. Plan on dinner and fantastic entertainment!

Monday is bingo! Join us for some great fun. The kitchen is not open.

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! Great competition and camaraderie, all in one spot. 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

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From Under The Hat

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Quality vs. Price Trade-Offs

Looking through some family memorabilia, I came across a fountain pen that once produced fine writing and is now obsolete in our everyday lives. People took care of their fountain pens. In our junk drawer, I saw an array of ballpoint pens and markers just thrown in without order. I looked up some information and found that when choosing a fountain pen, those in the know understand it's not just about the price tag — it's about the balance between quality and value. The quality of the nib should be a top priority. A well-made nib has a reputation for consistent performance and is a safer bet. The material a pen is made of also plays a role. Resin pens are lighter and come in a variety of colors and patterns, whereas metal ones require more care but add a touch of sophistication. When a pen purchaser moves into higher price ranges, brand reputation becomes increasingly important. Established brands often provide better quality control and customer support, while lesser-known brands might offer competitive performance at a lower cost but with fewer guarantees.

After reading this, I began to think about the real estate business and how all the tools available to the general public make it easier to navigate the market. Thinking about our trade, it seems like the brand makes a difference. With 170 offices, the Berkshire Hathaway Fox & Roach brand reaches beyond

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These mermaids led the Halloween Parade through the streets of Brigantine that took place last Sunday. The event was held by the Brigantine Republican Club. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).

U.S. Coast Guardsmen Sanches and Horton, Trish Cosgrove, and the Brigantine Polar Bear, along with Deputy Mayor Karen Bew, standing in front of this 25-foot Coast Guard Response Boat (RB-S), which they rode in the Halloween Parade that took place on October 25, 2026. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).

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in front of Riptide Bait & Tackle 1201 W. Brigantine Ave.

From Under The Hat

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the network of smaller companies, thereby expanding access to top agents and a large referral network. Over the years we have built a reputation for consistent performance. Like the fountain pen brand, we also provide better quality control and customer support than lesser-known brands that may offer competitive performance at a lower cost but with fewer guarantees. Again, stressing the balance between quality and value — with everything available to today's consumer, the old adage "you get what you pay for" still rings true. The quality of the agent and company a consumer chooses should be a top priority.

The 'foun'tain pen provided a fine point and an "endless stream" of flowing ideas. As the parts of a pen are put together, so are the parts of your transaction, from the contract to the closing. That is what you should expect from your real estate team: a solid 'foun'dation and an "endless stream" of communication before, during and after your transaction. While it's fun to tour on the internet, it's more fun to take a guided tour of the island with a local agent, exploring the different areas and what they have to offer. Local knowledge beats Zillow!

Football Pool

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a free Stock's pound cake from Riptide Bait and Tackle. Great guessing, Terry!

Thank you to everyone who played and to our local sponsors for making the prizes possible. For the week 9 entry, please send a clear photo of the entire form, including your points guess, by Thursday, Nov. 5, at midnight. Good luck, Brigantine!

Happy Halloween!

Donato Dodd, age 7, dons his spooky outfit at the Halloween Elks Trunk or Treat in Brigantine on October 24, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

This cowpoke hands out candy at the Halloween Elks Trunk or Treat in Brigantine on October 24, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

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Friends and Family Holiday Coat and Clothing Drive

By Karen Geller

As the holidays approach and the weather begins to chill, we turn to those who are less fortunate than we.

Carol Calcerano started a coat drive nine years ago. She is already working to get the word out that new and gently used coats are again being collected for Angels in Motion. There is a great need for coats (no wool coats) for families in all sizes.

In addition, new socks and underwear for boys and girls are needed in sizes 4-8, any color. These are for the Atlantic City Public Schools (Martin Luther King School).

These items may be dropped off at the Community Presbyterian Church, 1501 W. Brigantine Ave.: Mondays and Tuesdays, 8 a.m. to noon, at the church office; Saturdays, 9 to 11:30 a.m., at the Thrift Shop.

The collection will continue until Dec. 14, so items may be delivered before the holidays.

Give the gift of warmth and hope this holiday season!

Members of the Brigantine Education Association (BEA) dressed as the Toy Story crew at the Brigantine Education Association Trunk or Treat.

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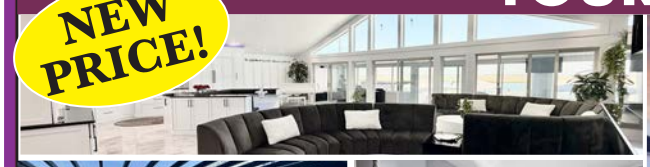

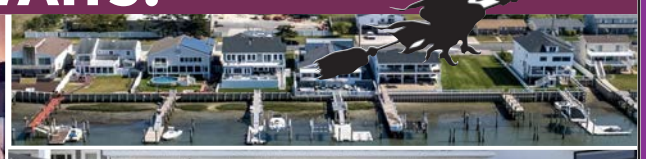
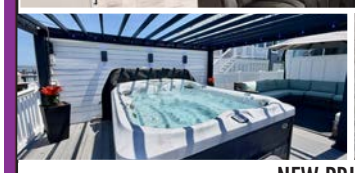
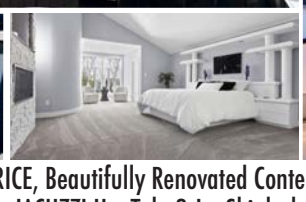

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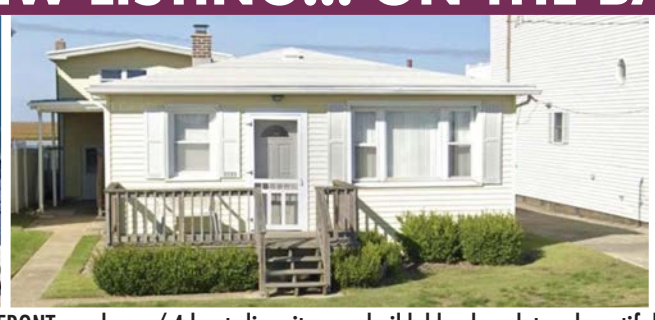

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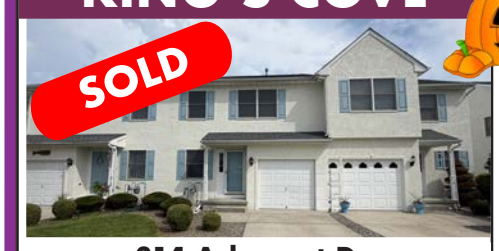

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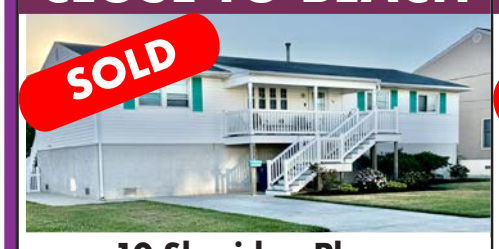

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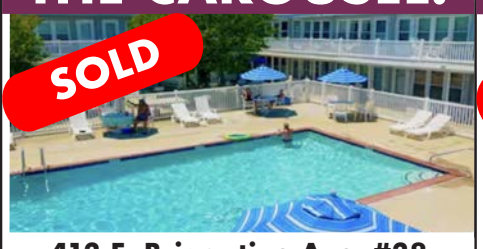

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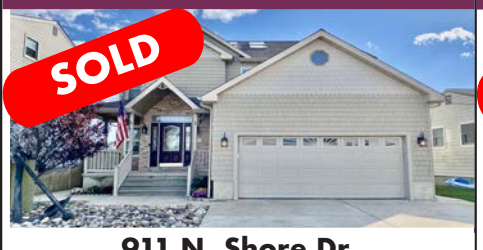

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Election Night Turkey Dinner

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bers, and volunteers would serve the dinners. The Election Day dinners became so popular that at one point the decision was made that, besides having sit-down dinners, they would also offer takeout Election Day dinners. During the 1990s up to the present, church volunteers served on average 450-500 Election Night dinners after the November election.

The Presbyterian Church kitchen, along with local restaurants including Tony Puella and Rip Reynolds from the Laguna Grill and, more recently, Andres Wine Bar, would cook over 300 pounds of turkey, and a dozen volunteers would prepare the sides and desserts and serve the dinners inside and hand out pre-ordered dinners through a takeout window. Last year the line in the alley behind the church was so busy with people picking up their dinners that a police officer was on-site helping with all of the traffic. Last year it was reported that 450 Election Day dinners were served, which brings us to Election Day 2026.

This year, the Election Day Turkey Dinner, however, will be different. Due to unforeseen circumstances, this year's Election Dinners will be turkey subs with coleslaw, cranberry sauce, chips and dessert. It's a herculean task to gather all of the food and organize a group of volunteers to cook and serve 500 dinners and desserts, and there are two main reasons for the change this year. One reason is that the Presbyterian Church is currently without a minister or any full-time employees, which made it hard to organize enough volunteers for this year's Election Dinners.

The second reason is that Bill and Pam Schneider have been the driving force behind many of the church's activities throughout the years, and the Election Day Dinners were one of the major events that they organized every year. Bill passed away, unfortunately, which added to the difficulty in putting on this year's Election Dinners.

To make up for the loss of full turkey dinners, Mel from Ernest and Son's stepped up to provide subs for this year. Nobody is sure what will happen next year, but it's nice to look back and remember an activity that, for close to 70 years, defined Brigantine as a small, close-knit community that brought

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Here, fourth graders of BCS presented their research on Beach Erosion to City Manager Tiger Platt. Students created posters and did research on how to protect our beaches from erosion. (Project created by Miss Mooch)

These ghosts were spotted on the seawall checking out this week's full moon! (Submitted by Kerry Hurtt)

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Chamber Chatter

Fall is a wonderful time in Brigantine, and although the busy summer season is behind us, there's still plenty happening throughout our island community! The Brigantine Chamber of Commerce remains committed to bringing people together, supporting our local businesses, and finding new ways to strengthen the connections that make Brigantine such a special place.

Chamber Member Spotlight: Capt. Andy Grossman, Riptide Bait and Tackle

This week, we're bringing back our Chamber Member Spotlight, giving our members an opportunity to share a little about themselves, their businesses and their connection to our community. We're kicking things off with Capt. Andy Grossman, owner of Riptide Bait and Tackle, a proud Gold Sponsor of the Brigantine Chamber of Commerce. Here's Capt. Andy, in his own words.

My name is Capt. Andy, and I am the proud owner of Riptide Bait and Tackle in Brigantine, New Jersey. We have been serving the fishing community since October 2005, offering everything from rods, reels, bait and tackle to Stock's pound cake, Beach Cars of Brigantine calendars and clothing. I have always believed that if you love what you do, it's not really a job — it's an adventure! That's exactly how I feel about running Riptide. Every day brings something new, and I consider myself fortunate to do something I truly enjoy while meeting great people and sharing my passion for fishing and our beautiful island.

Our community means everything to us. Brigantine has supported our busi-

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Election Dinner

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residents of all political parties together after an election to enjoy a turkey dinner. Great food, friendly faces and community spirit.

You can still order an Election Day sub for $15 if you stop at the Presbyterian Church Thrift Shop by this Saturday, or stop at the church by this Saturday, Oct. 31. It's pickup or drive-thru only this year, no inside eating. Dinners can be picked up on Nov. 3 from 4-7 p.m.

Angela Cocivera and Carlie Bush of Primal Surf manned their shark-themed trunk at the Brigantine Education Association Trunk or Treat. (Photo by Emma L.)

Group photo after fall cleanup at the Brigantine Island Beach Resort on October 24, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

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ness for many years, and we believe in giving back whenever we can because the community has given so much to us. Being part of this town, building relationships with our customers, and supporting the people who support us is one of the most rewarding parts of owning Riptide Bait and Tackle. I am proud of what we have built and look forward to many more years of serving our community. I always joke that I'm not going to work a day past 103, and at 103, I'll walk out the door! Until then, you can expect to find me doing what I love at Riptide Bait and Tackle.

Capt. Andy

Halloween festivities bring even more community spirit to Brigantine, and the Chamber was thrilled to participate in both the Halloween Parade and the Trunk or Treat at the school! It's always a pleasure to be involved in events that bring our community together, especially when we get to see so many families, children and local organizations enjoying themselves. Thank you to everyone who helped organize these wonderful events and to all who came out to enjoy the festivities! We wish everyone a safe and happy Halloween!

Our 2027 Brigantine Chamber of Commerce Membership Drive is underway, and now is a great time to join or renew! Chamber membership provides opportunities to increase your business's visibility, connect with fellow business owners, and support the community we all care about.

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.

The Brigantine Rams cheerleaders participated in and danced at the Halloween Parade last Sunday. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).

This little lion and his lion tamer "trick-or-treat" at this cat-themed trunk during the Elk's Trunk or Treat event on Saturday. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

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Pictured are the Democratic Club Members who put together the fun Halloween Magic show at the CER last Saturday. Left to right are Mary, Kathy, Jerry, Donna, Matt Cadabra, Robert, and David.

Matt Cadabra creates balloon animals at the Halloween Magic Show at the Brigantine Community Center on October 24, 2026. The event was sponsored by the Brigantine Democratic Club at the Brigantine Community Center on October 24, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

Temple News

Join Our Brigantine Community!

Temple Beth Shalom — Shul by the Sea

There's always something special happening at TBS, and everyone is welcome! Join us for games, conversation, learning and opportunities to come together as a community.

Wednesdays Through November: Mah Jong & Canasta

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Nov. 12 at 10:30 a.m.: Author Visit With Rabbi Targan

The Marjorie & Lewis Katz Jewish Community Center (JCC) is thrilled to announce the return of its annual Arts, Books and Culture Festival, taking place throughout November. With a rich tradition of inspiring creativity and engaging the community, this year's festival promises a dynamic lineup of thought-provoking events, captivating authors and diverse cultural experiences that offer something for every taste and interest. Check out the diverse offerings online at jccatlantic.org/2026/09/29/2026-arts-books-and-culture-festival. Use code BELBC to take advantage of the Exclusive Book Club Offer — save 10% on tickets.

Special note: Temple Beth Shalom will host Rabbi Lynnda Targan, author of A Memoir of Unorthodox Transformation, on Thursday, Nov. 12, at 10:30 a.m. Light snacks will be served (cost: $10, less the discount above). Targan's memoir tells the story of her surprising transformation from successful working mom to spiritual seeker and Jewish scholar, and chronicles her quest to reinvent herself in midlife to become a rabbi — a choice that for generations was open only to men. Rabbi Targan's discussion promises to be both informative and engaging.

Nov. 24 at 7 p.m.: Brigantine Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Gather with neighbors of all faiths at St. Thomas Catholic Church as we give thanks together and celebrate the spirit of community.

Dec. 11 at 4:45 p.m.: Light Our Chanukkiyah!

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Thanksgiving Interfaith Prayer Service

Brigantine's annual Thanksgiving Interfaith Service is being hosted by St. Thomas the Apostle Church this year, on Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 7 p.m. Father Ed Namiotka, Rabbi Stephanie Breitsman and a member of the Presbyterian Church will share the scripture readings and prayers offered in thanksgiving for the many blessings bestowed upon our

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Temple News

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ing vegetable soups! If you'd like to stay, we would love to welcome you to our early Shabbat service at 6 p.m.

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Everyone enjoyed the Halloween Magic Show held at the Brigantine Community Center last Saturday. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

It was a workday at the Brigantine Yacht Club on October 24, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

Matt Cadabra takes the stage at the Brigantine Democratic Club's Halloween Magic Show last Saturday. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

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There were plenty of scary costumes at the Elks Trunk or Treat event. Of course, there were some not-so-scary ones as well. Like Mario pictured above riding Yoshi. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

This policewoman and Florida Gators player team up to take on this kraken-themed trunk at the Elks Trunk or Treat event last Saturday. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

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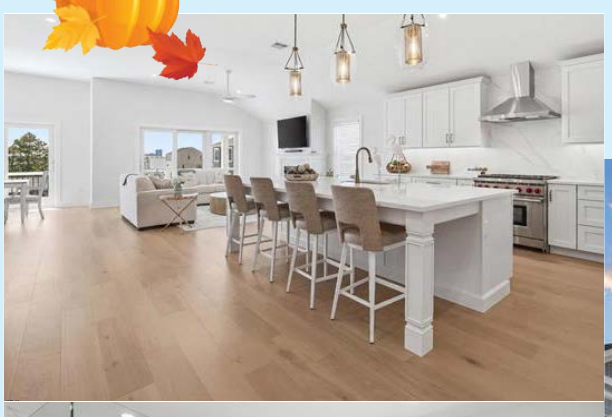

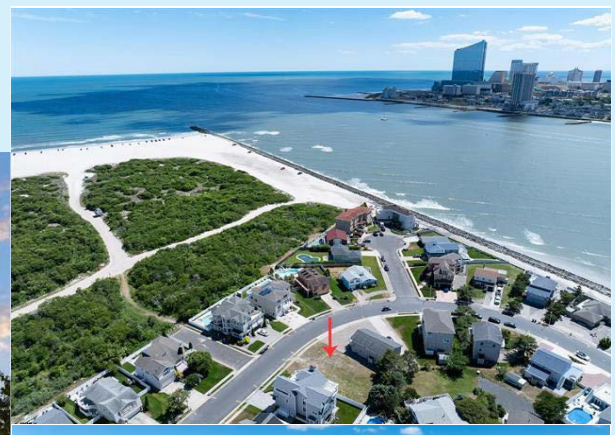

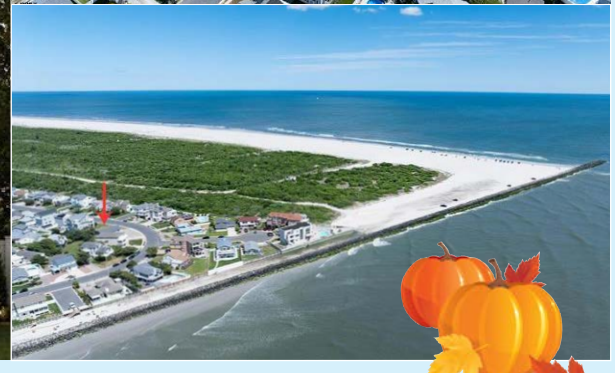

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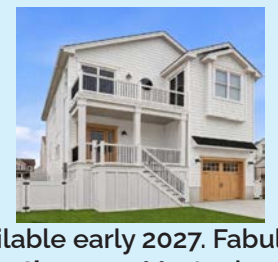

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Interfaith Prayer Service

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community. Music director Mary Jane Kelso and the choir will provide the appropriate hymns of praise and thanksgiving, and light refreshments will be served after the service. A True Spirit Coalition free-will offering will be requested. This is a wonderful opportunity for Brigantine residents to gather in prayer, and all are welcome to attend.

Meagan, Harper, and Zach with their dog Goose at the Halloween Elks Trunk or Treat in Brigantine on October 24, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

BCFD had some BOO-tiful visitors on Sunday night. (Submitted by Nicole Graffius)

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Thank you to all the groups who hosted Trunk or Treat events for Halloween!

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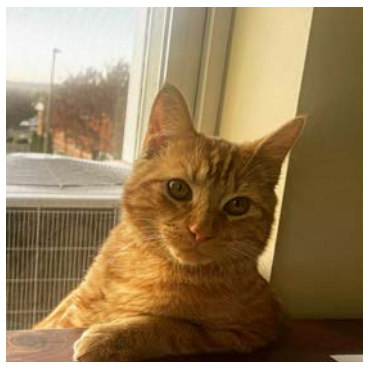
Leroy's Unhappy Halloween…



Hello, Brigantine. Leroy here, reporting from a household where my dignity was recently traded for a Halloween photo. My humans decided to dress me as an alien. Apparently, being a perfectly magnificent cat was not enough. They looked at me and thought, "You know what he needs? A costume."

As you can imagine, I was not amused. Still, I am a generous feline. I allowed approximately two minutes for the photo session — enough time to take the picture, tell me how cute I looked, and completely disregard the expression on my face.

Then I ripped it off. The alien had officially left the building.

To my fellow cats of Brigantine currently being squeezed into pumpkins, pirates, witches or other seasonal humiliations: I stand with you. I see your flattened ears. I understand your motionless protest in the middle of the living room. Your struggle is my struggle.

Halloween is our time to be our naturally spooky selves. We lurk in dark hallways. We stare at things humans cannot see. We knock something off a table at midnight just to remind everyone we are awake. We have been preparing for this holiday all year.

What we need is treats. Lots of treats. Preferably delivered with admiration and respect. To the humans of Brigantine, please remember: the scariest thing in your house this Halloween might be the cat you just dressed as a taco.

Stay Whiskered,
Leroy

PSS. PSS.: To Hooper & Brody, and Cassie the shoobie-cat, I want to wish you all a happy Halloween. Be sure that your humans give you all treats and no tricks as you celebrate this weekend.

Charles Gill takes first place honors in the Chili Cook-Off held at the VFW.

A small selection of the over 100 adults and children who were coloring while waiting for the Halloween Magic Show to begin. (Submitted by Donna Di Siro)

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Just Another Reason Why We Love Brigantine

By Joanne Fabian

My husband and I were coming out of the bank, I was on a knee scooter trying my best to stay steady. A lovely person approached my husband and handed him an Auto Grab Bar to help me in and out of my car until my fractured metatarsals heal.

We introduced ourselves to this Good Samaritan who went by the name of Ann.

When we asked if we could give her some money for it, Ann voiced, "no, it's in memory of my mother".

Thanks so much, Ann, for being able to see that with mobility issues, the struggle is real. Your kindness meant the world to us.

Looking forward to helping as many people as possible who having a hard time getting around by showing them the vehicle Grab Bar. Thanks again, Ann!!!

Appreciatively,

Joanne & Todd Fabian

Everyone donned their creative and fun costumes at the Halloween Parade on October 25, 2026. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).

Captain America was accompanied by a pair of Princess Tianas, a dragon, and Sally from The Nightmare Before Christmas at the Elks Trunk or Treat last Saturday. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

Brigantine Garden Club

By Phyllis Glomb

Many years ago, the Brigantine Garden Club sponsored live memorial trees that were planted across the island. Many still remain today. Eventually, the cost became too high, and the red tape to get permission to plant the trees made the project come to an end. Instead, a bronze Memorial Tree was constructed on a wall of the Atlantic County Library—Brigantine Branch, on the lower level. Leaves were sold that the club then had engraved and mounted. This eternal tree soon became full of loving tributes. Extra branches were added so the tree can keep "growing" with tributes. They are available to purchase for the price of $75, which includes the leaf, engraving and mounting. Stop by and view the tree, and see how many familiar names you can spot. Pick up an application to purchase a leaf. This committee is now in need of a chairperson—someone to order the leaves and oversee the installation. If you are looking for a way to be involved with the club, this would be a good project to take over. If you are someone who cannot tend a bed but wants to contribute in another way, this is for you. Please contact the Board to tell them of your interest. Thank you.

Fundraising efforts continue for the new garden signs. We are requesting help from the business community to help us reach our goal. Many thanks to those who have already helped us with a donation. Any amount large or small will be appreciated. We want the new signs to bring attention to the loving work performed by the volunteers of the club through the exquisite garden beds across the island.

"Every sunflower is a little piece of summer that agreed to stay for autumn."

"Chrysanthemums bloom bravely as the days grow short, and they teach us to shine anyway."

"Marigolds are what happens when a sunset decides to grow in a garden." — all authors unknown.

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

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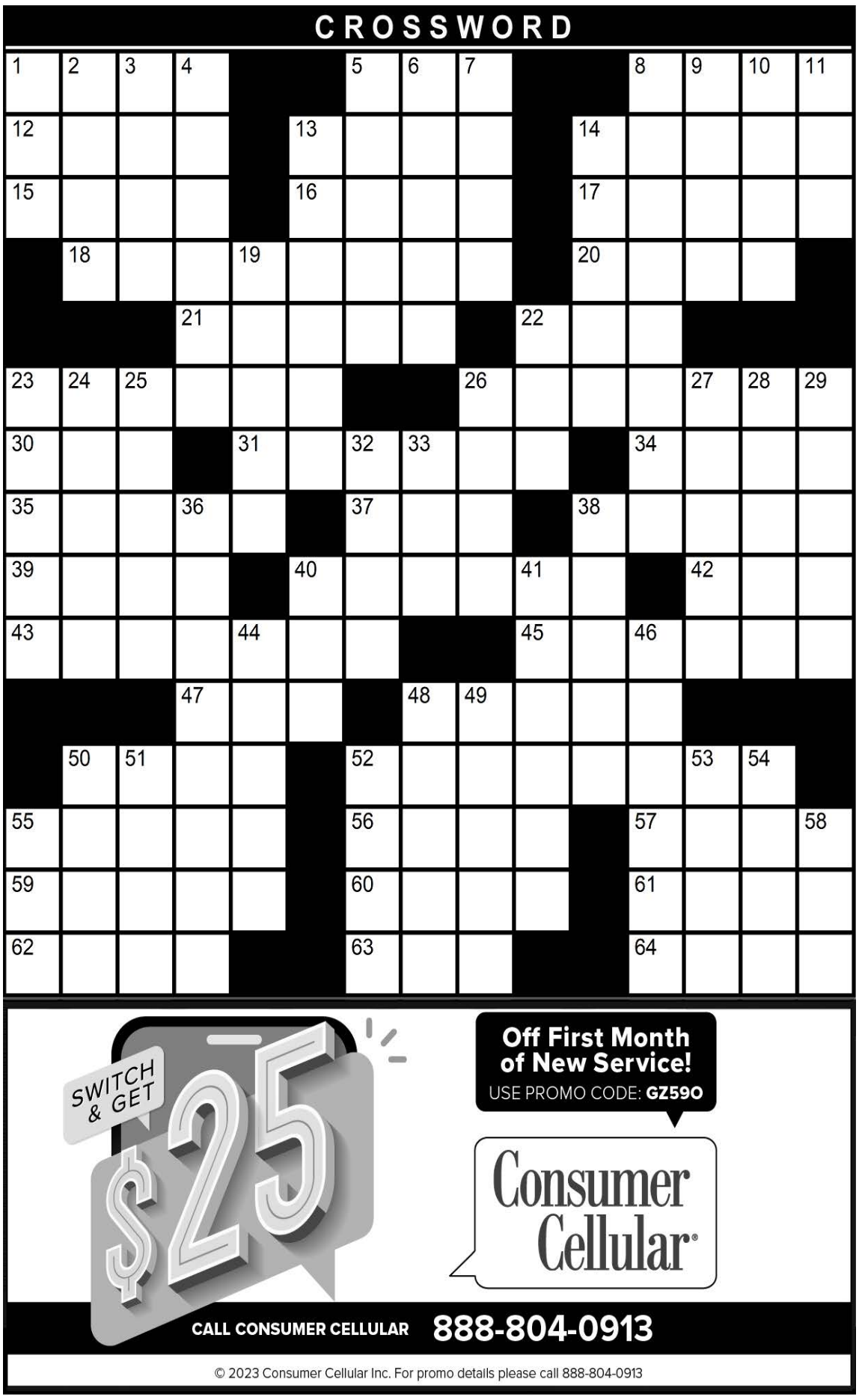

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1. *Count Dracula's creator
5. Zeppelin lead-in
8. Dry riverbed
12. Stew bean
13. Workbench holding device
14. Thing of the past
15. Just right (3 words)
16. "If all ____ fails..."
17. Thin mountain ridge
18. *Michael Jackson's Halloween party song
20. Exclamation, with Louise
21. Like days long gone
22. Lion's "hand"
23. Large seabird
26. YHWH
30. 50 states, acr.
31. Gone (2 words)
34. Drawn in the sand?
35. Long stories
37. Over there
38. Subsequently
39. Doris Day's "Que ____"
40. One million ohms
42. Vatican vestment
43. Causes of PTSD
45. Theater passages
47. Local Area Network
48. Like autumn air
50. '60s British teenagers
52. *Jason's last name
55. Subway in Paris
56. Pinnacle
57. First Nation nation
59. Cheerleader's prop
60. *____'s "swelter'd venom" in #36 Down
61. Capital of Ukraine
62. Any day now
63. Francisco lead-in
64. Dried-up

DOWN

1. Club alternative
2. '80s band "Quiet ____"
3. Wet nurse
4. Maid, after getting married
5. City in Northern France
6. Ruhr's industrial center
7. Hunted ruminant
8. *Full moon shapeshifter
9. Sheltered, nautically speaking
10. Flighty one
11. Skater's turf
13. South African grasslands
14. Indian prince
19. Intestinal obstruction
22. Liveliness in one's step
23. *Ghost at a Halloween party
24. According to
25. Nigerian money
26. Jupiter's sister and wife
27. Essential to life
28. Anoint
29. *Witches' hemlock and belladonna, e.g.
32. *Pennywise's are mismatched
33. *"Wool of bat, and tongue of ____"
36. *"....toil and trouble; fire burn and ____ bubble"
38. Anabaptist group
40. Gingerbread shape
41. *Red-____, like Winifred Sanderson of "Hocus Pocus"
44. Wide-mouth jar inventor
46. Small spots
48. "Cuckoo for ____ Puffs"
49. Kieran Culkin as ____ Roy
50. Not nice
51. Von Bismarck or Hahn, e.g.
52. Giant kettles
53. Great Lake
54. Tiresias in "Oedipus Rex," e.g.
55. Business degree, acr.
58. *All Hallow's ____

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 Our Forefathers Were Much Healthier

For most of human history, people didn't have to think much about staying healthy. Good health was simply a byproduct of how they lived. Our ancestors ate nutrient-dense whole foods, moved their bodies all day long, and lived in step with the natural world around them. There were no calorie counters, step trackers or shelves of supplements, because their surroundings gave their bodies what they needed. Today, many of us struggle with low energy, sluggish metabolism and chronic conditions like diabetes, heart disease and obesity, even with more health information at our fingertips than ever before. Looking back at how past generations lived can give us a practical roadmap for feeling better now.

Traditional diets looked very different from what fills most grocery carts today. Families valued the whole animal, not just lean cuts like chicken breasts or tenderloins. Organ meats were common in cookbooks from the 1700s through the early 1900s, and bones were simmered into broths rich in collagen and amino acids that support the gut, joints and skin. Saturated fats from butter and animal sources were welcomed rather than feared, and some researchers now question the mid-century push to replace them with seed oils. Carbohydrates were part of the picture too, but they came from root vegetables, seasonal fruits and whole grains that were soaked or fermented for easier digestion. Vegetables were usually roasted, steamed or stewed, and meals followed a simple rhythm of three nourishing plates a day, all made from scratch. Industrialization changed that, bringing refined sugars, seed oils and packaged convenience foods that are high in calories but low in real nutrition.

Movement was also built into everyday life. Farming, construction and manufacturing demanded hours of physical effort, and that steady activity helped keep metabolism humming. Research shows that Americans' resting metabolic rate has dropped about 6% since 1820, and the energy demands of the average job have fallen by roughly 25% since 1870. Desk jobs and labor-saving devices have shifted us toward long hours of sitting, which takes a toll on metabolic health, posture and mobility. We've also lost much of our time outdoors, which once helped people make plenty of vitamin D and gave the immune system a boost. Studies link time in green spaces to lower inflammation and stronger immune activity.

Our ancestors also lived without the steady stream of synthetic chemicals we face today. Their food wasn't sprayed with modern pesticides, their water didn't carry microplastics or pharmaceutical residues, and their homes weren't filled with plastics and chemical-laden products. Today, compounds like BPA, phthalates and PFAS are nearly impossible to avoid, and they have been linked to metabolic, reproductive and developmental concerns. Some researchers also raise questions about certain food additives, noting that excess iron from fortified processed foods may contribute to iron overload and that high fluoride exposure has been studied for possible effects on the thyroid and nervous system. Cutting back on unnecessary toxins where you can is a simple, meaningful step toward lightening your body's load.

Finally, sleep once followed the sun. Morning daylight helped people wake up naturally, and as evening fell, warm firelight and candlelight let melatonin rise so the body could rest and repair. Full-spectrum sunlight, including near-infrared

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Brigantine Times Kids Corner

The Railway Children By E. Nesbit

Chapter VI: Saviours of the Train

(Continued from Vol. 57 No. 42)

Mother had been down as she had promised to tell the Station Master the story of the Russian Prisoner. But even the charms of the railway had been unable to tear the children away from the neighbourhood of the interesting stranger. So they had not been to the station for three days.

They went now.

And, to their surprise and distress, were very coldly received by Perks.

"'Ighly honoured, I'm sure," he said when they peeped in at the door of the Porters' room. And he went on reading his newspaper.

There was an uncomfortable silence.

"Oh, dear," said Bobbie, with a sigh, "I do believe you're CROSS."

"What, me? Not me!" said Perks loftily; "it ain't nothing to me."

"What AIN'T nothing to you?" said Peter, too anxious and alarmed to change the form of words.

"Nothing ain't nothing. What 'appens either 'ere or elsewhere," said Perks; "if you likes to 'ave your secrets, 'ave 'em and welcome. That's what I say."

The secret-chamber of each heart was rapidly examined during the pause that followed. Three heads were shaken.

"We haven't got any secrets from YOU," said Bobbie at last.

"Maybe you 'ave, and maybe you 'aven't," said Perks; "it ain't nothing to me. And I wish you all a very good afternoon." He held up the paper between him and them and went on reading.

"Oh, DON'T!" said Phyllis, in despair; "this is truly dreadful! Whatever it is, do tell us."

"We didn't mean to do it whatever it was."

No answer. The paper was refolded and Perks began on another column.

"Look here," said Peter, suddenly, "it's not fair. Even people who do crimes aren't punished without being told what it's for—as once they were in Russia."

"I don't know nothing about Russia."

"Oh, yes, you do, when Mother came down on purpose to tell you and Mr. Gills all about OUR Russian."

"Can't you fancy it?" said Perks, indignantly; "don't you see 'im a-asking of me to step into 'is room and take a chair and listen to what 'er Ladyship 'as to say?"

"Do you mean to say you've not heard?"

"Not so much as a breath. I did go so far as to put a question. And he shuts me up like a rat-trap. 'Affairs of State, Perks,' says he. But I did think one o' you would 'a' nipped down to tell me—you're here sharp enough when you want to get anything out of old Perks"—Phyllis flushed purple as she thought of the strawberries—"information about locomotives or signals or the likes," said Perks.

"We didn't know you didn't know."

"We thought Mother had told you."

"Wewantedtotellyouonlywethoughtitwouldbestalenews."

The three spoke all at once.

Perks said it was all very well, and still held up the paper. Then Phyllis suddenly snatched it away, and threw her arms round his neck.

"Oh, let's kiss and be friends," she said; "we'll say we're sorry first, if you like, but we didn't really know that you didn't know."

"We are so sorry," said the others.

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Weekly Fishing Report

by Captain Andy Grossman

The tog bite continues to be very strong in Brigantine, N.J., as we are getting a load of keeper reports off the jetty using green crabs or frozen sand fleas. The striper bite in the back bays behind Brigantine has also been very strong and will keep anglers happy until the schools of migrating stripers start to drop down from the north. We have been getting deliveries in daily if you are looking to upgrade your arsenal or just get your holiday shopping off to an easy start. If you're not sure what you'll need, stop in and we'll help you out. We have very knowledgeable employees, and they're out there fishing themselves when they're not in here working. Stop by and see what we have to offer, as we cater to anglers from beginners/novices to experts and everyone in between.

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GOOD LUCK ON THIS WEEK'S PUZZLES
AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

G.T. On The Beach

SLEEP? WHAT IS THAT?

By Garrett Touhill

There are some notable Halloween-esque creatures that don't need sleep. These include the classic skeletons and zombies. Count Dracula doesn't sleep at night. Rather, he falls into a death-like sleep during the day.

In the real world, while no creature goes without some form of rest, there are animals who do not sleep in the classic sense. Bullfrogs are famous for never showing a drop in reactivity to sensory stimuli during rest, leading to historical studies suggesting they lack classic sleep. Dolphins and orcas use unihemispheric slow-wave sleep, resting one half of their brain at a time while the other half stays awake to swim and breathe. (I wish I could do that!) Jellyfish lack a central nervous system (they don't have a brain) and do not sleep in a traditional sense, though they experience cycles of reduced pulsation. Our final example from the animal kingdom is the Great White Shark, which keeps moving continuously and enters a low-power cruising state without closing its eyes.

The longest verified period a person has gone without sleep is eleven days and twenty-five minutes. This record belongs to Randy Gardner, who stayed awake for a San Diego high school science fair project. He was monitored by researchers, including Stanford's Dr. William Dement and Navy psychiatrists.

As you may have assumed, I write about lack of sleep because… well… I lack sleep. Running a newspaper and having a newborn are not conducive to keeping a balanced circadian rhythm. Anyway, my sleeplessness has inspired me to write about creatures who share my condition.

Now let's celebrate this week's Birthdays!

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Two Stories You'll Love

By Roseann Smith

From the 1940s through the 1950s, Brigantine Island had its own telephone company. No, seriously — it's true. At 1208 Bayshore Ave. stood a "small, unassuming, modest building" that fielded every telephone call coming into Brigantine. In its earliest days of telephone service, an entire phone number might have been just three digits long. For example, a number like "358" was handled directly by a live operator.

Because Brigantine's population was still small, only three women ran the entire manual two-position switchboard. Each day, Janet McAnney, June Harrison and Doris "Ducky" Newkirk manually plugged in the patch cords. These three women served as the central nerve center for communication.

Before modern 10-digit dialing, phone numbers on the island were short as the Brigantine Telephone Company entered the 1960s. Brigantine had one local exchange, "266," and when you dialed "9" followed by the last four digits, the call routed directly to the person you were trying to reach. This made telephone connections in Brigantine quick and easy.

With explosive growth in the 1970s and 1980s, and as the "266" exchange wore out, phone systems began to automate. The larger New Jersey Bell Network absorbed the humble Brigantine Telephone Company.

As a sidebar, when the North American Numbering Plan launched, the whole state of New Jersey used the area code "201." Over time, communication regulators split New Jersey in half, and South Jersey began using the "609" area code, leaving North Jersey with "201."

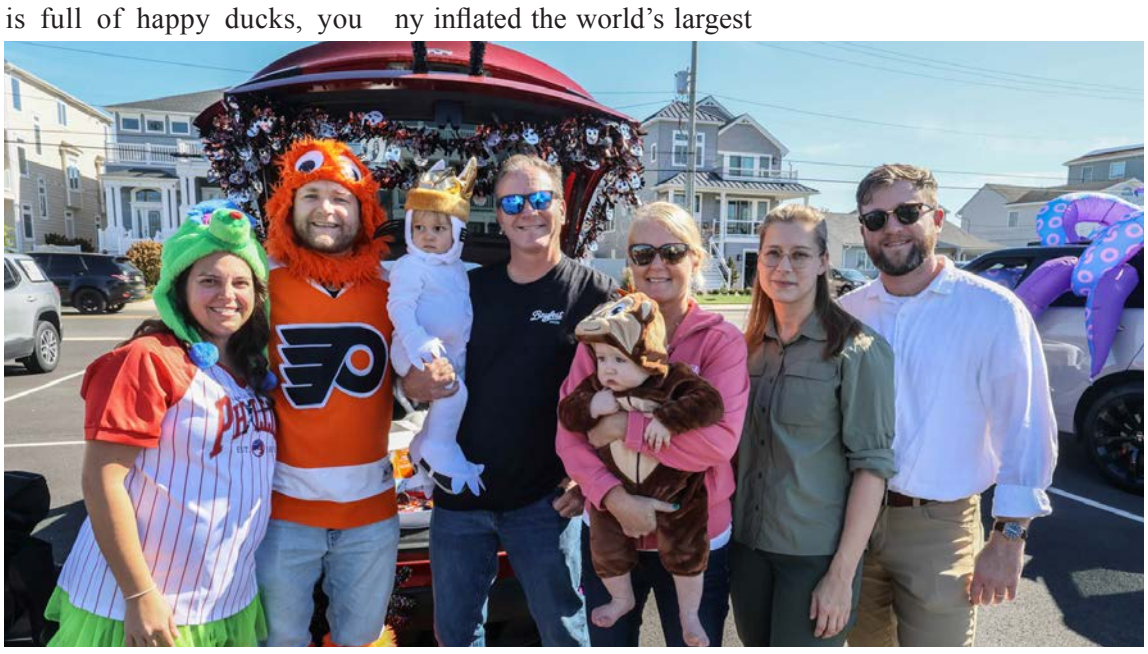
Jeep Ducking

Everyone knows that if you drive a Jeep, you're already pretty cool. But if you have an array of cute little yellow ducks on your dashboard, you're mega cool. Started in 2020 by Canadian American Allison Parliament, it has morphed into what's called "Jeep Ducking." When Allison Parliament moved to a new town, she bought a new Jeep Wrangler. After a long, exhausting day, Allison went shopping at a local shopping center. In the parking lot, Allison spotted another Jeep Wrangler. Needing to spread a little cheer, she wrote "Nice Jeep" on a yellow rubber duck and placed it on the Jeep's hood for the owner to find.

To Allison's surprise, the Jeep Wrangler's owner came up behind her and asked what she was doing. Impressed, the owner suggested Allison post the idea on social media. Allison's unique act of kindness spread like wildfire. Jeep owners in Canada and the United States began buying little yellow ducks in different colors and dressing them in interesting outfits. #DuckDuckJeep was born!

The goal of #DuckDuckJeep is to make Jeep owners smile and brighten their day. When you receive a duck, keep the chain going by "ducking" other Jeeps. If a Jeep's dashboard is full of happy ducks, you know it's in the "duck pond."

Corporate didn't take long to cash in on the free publicity and the fun. As a show of "duck" approval, the company inflated the world's largest rubber duck, standing 61 feet tall, and displayed it at the 2022 North American International Auto Show. So, smile and share in the duck fun!



The Schlegel family at the Halloween Elks Trunk or Treat in Brigantine on October 24, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

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light, also supported healthy mitochondria, the tiny energy producers inside your cells. Now, blue light from screens and bright indoor lighting keeps us wired late into the night, throwing off our internal clocks and hormone balance. Some research suggests that constant exposure to electromagnetic fields from phones and Wi-Fi may also interfere with deep sleep. The goal isn't to live in the past. It's to borrow these time-tested habits, like getting morning sunlight, eating real food, moving more, and winding down when it gets dark, so you and your family can rebuild the energy and resilience that used to be normal.

Why Is Vitamin K Important for Your Health?

I like to tell my patients that healthy bones aren't built in the adjusting room alone. What you put on your plate matters just as much, and one nutrient that rarely gets the attention it deserves is vitamin K. It's a fat-soluble vitamin best known for helping your blood clot, but it also plays a part in bone health and heart health. Vitamin K comes in two main forms. Vitamin K1 is found mostly in green leafy vegetables like spinach and kale. Vitamin K2 comes from animal products and fermented foods, and it's the form I want to focus on here.

What makes K2 special is the way it handles calcium. You can think of it as a traffic director for your body. It activates certain proteins that help move calcium into your bones, where it belongs, and keep it out of your artery walls, where it can cause problems. That's why K2 has drawn so much interest for supporting both

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bone density and cardiovascular health. The research is still developing, and results on bone density have been mixed. Still, the role K2 plays in calcium balance is one reason I pay close attention to it, especially with patients who are worried about their bones as they age.

When K2 runs low, calcium is more likely to settle in your arteries, a change linked to a higher risk of heart disease. At the same time, your bones may not get the calcium they need, which can contribute to osteoporosis and a greater chance of fractures. K2 also doesn't work alone. It's part of a team with vitamin D, magnesium and calcium. Calcium is the building block of bone. Vitamin D helps you absorb calcium from food. Magnesium helps your body activate vitamin D. Then K2 helps make sure all that calcium ends up in the right place. If you're taking vitamin D, keeping K2 and magnesium in the mix is a smart way to support the whole system.

Many people simply don't get enough K2, especially on a typical Western diet that leans heavily on processed foods and includes few fermented foods. Some health conditions and medications can also make it harder for your body to absorb or use vitamin K. The good news is that small changes can make a real difference. Natto, a Japanese fermented soybean dish, is by far the richest source of K2. Aged cheeses like Gouda, Brie and Munster also provide it, along with grass-fed egg yolks, liver, butter and raw dairy. Because K2 is fat-soluble, eating these foods with healthy fats helps your body absorb more of it. If you decide to supplement, look for the MK-7 form, which stays active in your body longer, and take it with a meal that contains some fat. If you take a blood thinner, please talk with your doctor before adding vitamin K in any form. It's one more piece of the holistic, whole-body care we believe in.

Microplastics Showing Up in Birds' Lungs

Microplastics are tiny bits of plastic smaller than 5 millimeters, and they really are everywhere. They're in the water we drink, the food we eat and the air we breathe. Because they're so small, they can slip past the body's natural defenses and settle into our tissues, including our lungs. A 2025 study made this crystal clear. Researchers examined the lungs of 56 birds from 51 different species and found plastic particles in every single sample, averaging about 221 particles per species. Birds are often an early warning sign for problems

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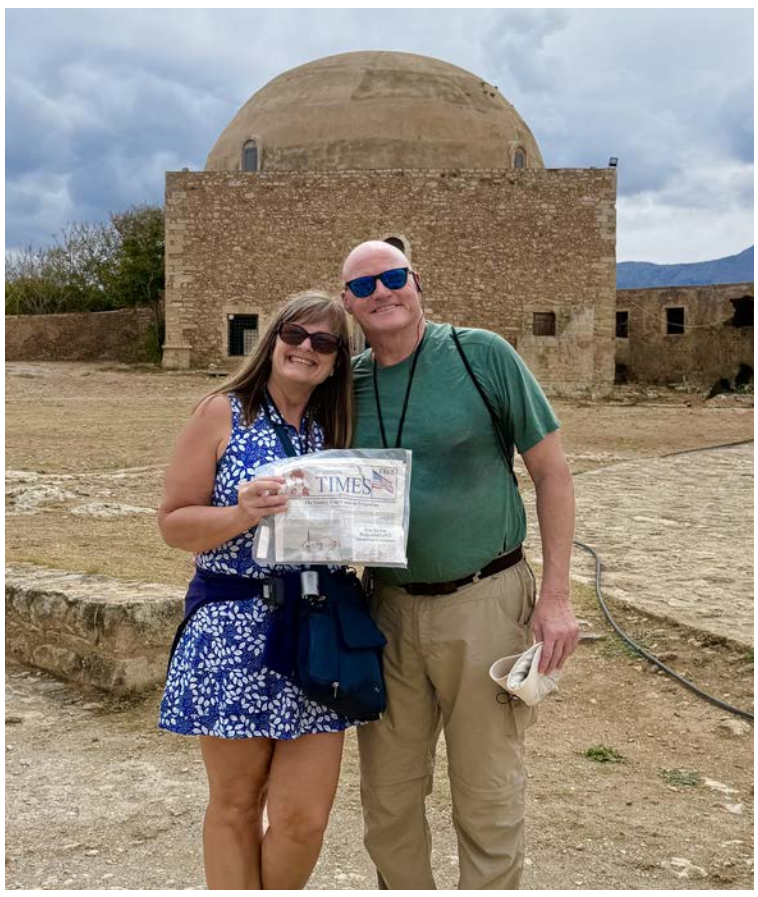
Brigantine residents Sheryce and Mark Quinn took a Greek Cruise on the Silverseas. They carried the Times with them as they ventured to Greece and Turkey.

Sue Kershner enjoying Desert Botanical Gardens in Phoenix, Arizona!

People of Gold in Brigantine

By Anthony Tori

Faith Hope Charity by Anthony Tori

Our searching eyes continue to uncover inspiring examples of faith, hope and charity in areas surrounding our Brigantine community. Focusing on the tangible labors of kindness always seems to be the most rewarding in an everyday sort of way. With your help we discover these varieties of wholesomeness and good news that grow rich in the people of our town, and it's a privilege to share it.

Since 1986, Sister Jean's Kitchen, Pantry & Garden has provided healthy, warm meals for anyone at no cost in Atlantic City. They serve between 150 and 500 people, five days a week. The number of people coming in for lunch each day is unpredictable, and it's challenging to manage. Thanks to the charitable donors in our area, this facility always receives an ample supply of good food. Their goodwill enables a changing menu with a hearty balance of nourishment, and the upper management handles all the other resources that keep this old church building running as a clean, purposeful cafeteria.

For some of the guests at Sister Jean's, it's the only meal they will have all day. Some are homeless, or recently stranded, or having issues at home, some are employed people with the same needs. Monday through Friday, the food-prep work begins at 8 a.m. This station of goodwill is equipped with a restaurant-style kitchen, organized supply rooms, comfortable seating areas and a host of dedicated volunteers preparing large trays of culinary delights awaiting their turn in the oven. Many of these good-hearted citizens are residents of Brigantine, and they arrive at work day after day without pay. It's the consistent devotion of these helping hands and their compassionate partners that makes Sister Jean's Kitchen a work of pure charity nowadays.

There are many notables to mention here, but I'll select only two for now. First, there's the head chef named Gabriel. His own life experiences connect him with those who frequent his essential Open Table mission. His life was touched by the Lord in a very meaningful way, and he shares it while giving the morning prayer. Some days

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Bernard and Camille Rosenberg having a wonderful time at the Bodrum Castle in Bodrum, Turkey, with the Brigantine Times.

Here, the Lorax is joined by some pirates, Darla from Finding Nemo, and Sherlock Holmes at the BCS trunk-or-treat.

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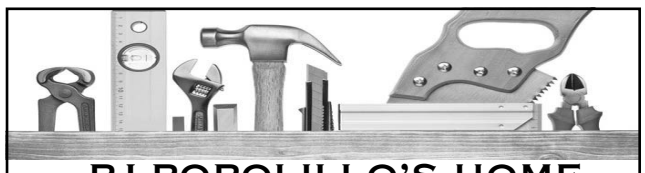
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in our environment, so these findings strongly suggest that we're breathing in the same contamination. In fact, earlier research has already found microplastics in human lung tissue, including particles from common plastics like polypropylene and PET, the material used in many drink bottles.

What concerns me most is what happens once these particles get inside us. Microplastics and the chemicals they carry have been linked to hormone disruption, which can affect metabolism, fertility, mood and thyroid function. Your immune system also treats these particles as invaders, which can lead to chronic inflammation. They've been tied to oxidative stress, which damages cells and drains energy, and to gut damage that weakens digestion and immune balance. Even more troubling, the smallest particles, called nanoplastics, have been shown to cross the placenta and the blood-brain barrier. That means they can reach a developing baby and the brain itself. If you're pregnant, trying to conceive or raising little ones, this is worth paying close attention to. The good news is that a few simple changes at home can make a real difference over time. Start by switching to reusable cloth or canvas bags instead of plastic ones. Store your food in glass or stainless steel containers, especially anything you plan to heat. Cut back on single-use plastics like straws, plastic cutlery and disposable water bottles. When it's time to replace things around the house, choose natural materials like wood, bamboo, cotton, wool or ceramic. Finally, improve your indoor air by opening windows, dusting and vacuuming often, and running an air purifier with a HEPA filter. You don't have to do it all at once. Every small step helps lower your plastic load and supports a healthier body for you and your family.

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In Loving Memory Of: Dominic S. Delia, 92

Dominic S. Delia, 92, of Brigantine, NJ, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Philadelphia, Pa., he was the loving son of the late Santos and Elizabeth (MacCrane) Delia. He was the devoted husband of Helen (Fish) Delia, with whom he shared 31 wonderful years.

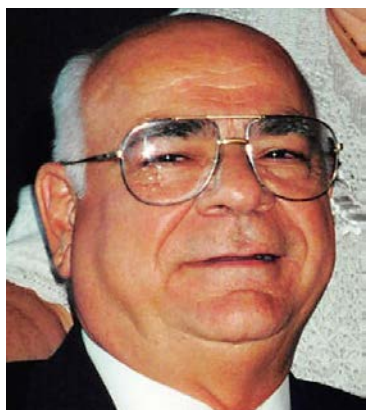
Dominic served honorably in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict and received the National Defense Service Medal and the Navy Occupation Service Medal. He graduated from Temple University in 1977 with a degree in electrical engineering and worked in several roles at General Electric for more than 40 years before retiring.

Dominic had a lifelong interest in model trains and was a former member of the South Jersey Train Club. He was also a devout member of St. Thomas Catholic Church in Brigantine and an enthusiastic sports fan and loyal supporter of the Eagles. Steadfast, loyal, funny, and wonderfully spirited, Dominic had a memorable personality and was deeply loved by those who knew him.

Dominic will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by his wife, Helen Delia; his stepsons, Rocco DiAntonio Jr. and his wife, Wendy; Christopher DiAntonio and his wife, Kathy; and his step-grandchildren, Jeanna, Christopher Jr. and Rocco III.

Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to attend Dominic's Mass of Christian Burial on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2026, at 11 a.m. at St. Thomas Catholic Church, 331 8th Street South, Brigantine, NJ 08203. A viewing was held at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of Mass.

Final commendation and farewell will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, Mays Landing, New Jersey, where military honors will be presented. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dominic's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Arrangements are entrusted to Keates-Plum Funeral Home, 609-266-3481.



Beloved Dominic Delia.

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POETRY PROMPT:

Write a poem entitled
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Listen

By Kelly Leyman

Who likes crunch?
No, not the work deadline.
No, not your favorite cereal.
But the beautiful rug of the ruby and amber jewels
that cover the ground.
The leaves have been an awesome site for our eyes
and now brings us smiles as we walk outside.
Crunching in unison while we walk.
Listen, touch, these are nature's gifts.

In Loving Memory Of: Thomas J. Doherty Sr., 92

Thomas J. Doherty Sr., 92, of Brigantine, NJ, peacefully entered into rest on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2026, at his home, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Philadelphia, Pa., he was the son of the late Edward Doherty Sr. and Kathryn Doherty. Tom was a loving husband, a devoted father of four, and a cherished grandfather and great-grandfather.

Tom graduated from North Catholic High School in 1952, followed by coursework at LaSalle University. He married Mary Santore on Jan. 15, 1955. He worked at Rohm & Haas as a chemist and retired after 40 years. He and Mary moved to Brigantine, where he enjoyed working as a jury supervisor assistant at the Atlantic County Courthouse for 12 years. Tom was a dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus and served as a past grand knight. Tom enjoyed golf, bowling, football, music, reading, the beach and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his sister, Mary Warrington; his children, Thomas Doherty Jr. (Christen), Maureen Reisinger and Carolyn Buono; his daughter-in-law, Joanne Doherty; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 63 years, Mary Doherty (Santore); his parents, Edward and Kathryn Doherty Sr.; his son, Michael Doherty; his son-in-law, Victor Buono; his granddaughter, Mary Rose Tobin; and brothers Edward and James Doherty and sisters Barbara Rostien and Phyllis O'Connor.

Friends are respectfully invited to attend Tom's visitation, which will be held at St. Thomas Roman Catholic Church, 331 8th Street South, Brigantine, NJ 08203, on Saturday, Oct. 31, at 10 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m.

Final commendation and farewell will follow at Laurel Memorial Park Cemetery, 2301 English Creek Avenue, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. To donate by mail, please make checks payable to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and send them to: Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 4550 Montgomery Ave., Suite 1100, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Donations may also be made online through the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's Greater New Jersey Chapter.

To pay your respects, leave condolences or share your fondest memories of Tom, please visit www.keatesplum.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Keates-Plum Home in Brigantine, NJ, 609-266-3481.

In Loving Memory Of: Margaret E. Leinhauser

Margaret E. Leinhauser, known lovingly by her family as Peggy, Peg and GP, gently left this world on Thursday, Oct. 8, 2026, surrounded by loved ones.

Peggy was a caring soul — generous, reserved, strong and loyal — who put others before herself.

As a young woman, Peggy spent her time between her home in Collingdale, Pennsylvania, and her summer home in Long Beach Island, New Jersey. On LBI she was surrounded by family: aunts, uncles, cousins, dogs, and a niece and nephew. On LBI she met her life partner, Bill Kavanagh.

After her father passed, Peggy lived with her mother and dog Toby until her mother's death. There she cared for her mom and spent significant amounts of time with her brother Richard's (Ruth) family: Rich (Ann) and Leigh-Ann (Dan).

Peggy orchestrated family meals, holidays and birthdays, dog sat, babysat, and devoted her time to caring for her mom while also work-

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Thoughts Are Things

I Died, and Went to Heaven

By Stephen T. Weeks

Self Help *Is The Best Help*

ONLINE & ON TIME! Here in the 21st Century — The New Age — everything & every topic under the sun is available for our educational & entertainment purposes, not the least of which is After-Life, or Near Death experiences portrayed in documentary style, where individuals tell their personal stories of dying, or almost dying, and the celestial experiences they encountered before regaining consciousness and rejoining the Human race.

Metaphysically speaking, taking any of these presentations for real, or authentic Human experience is not recommended. The best path to Sanity, Clarity & Peace of Mind lies in only accepting & embracing things that are real, demonstrable, and permanently reliable for a Human Being, while avoiding hearsay, superstition, cradle stories & fables spun from insecurity & uncertainty in one's Life.

Although we are easily impressed & influenced by any number of suggestions — be they spiritual, financial, cultural, political, or dogmatic — it's best to focus on & enjoy the fundamental, grass roots reality that being alive, breathing 22,000 times a day, and having this miraculous Human body to live in & thrive with, here on this planet Earth — is its own, absolutely perfect gift & reward — bar none. In other words, you already have what your heart really wants, but you're blind to this reality.

THE UNDERLYING TRUTH!

When Paul told the Corinthians "I Die Daily" he wasn't saying his Life was in danger, or that his physical death was imminent — these stories have been written & rewritten, and interpreted & reinterpreted for centuries — they are allegory focused on precepts & principles of self-discipline & self awareness, wherein a Human being must daily turn away (or die) from his, or her cliche thinking, worldly concepts & beliefs, as well as doubts, fears, frustrations, anxieties, superstitions, and material limitations to go within, and focus upon this sacred Breath of Life, dying to the material & commercial worlds, only to be reborn & refreshed in this internal Fountain of Youth, where the Almighty lives, breathes, and has it's being, within inside us, as us, forever & a day.

We also are charged with thinking upon all things true, honest, just, pure, lovely, virtuous, and of good report — suggesting Affirmative Thinking — not random thinking, but purposeful, positive, fun-loving, productive & constructive thinking — the kind of thought & reflection that reminds us how perfect this creation is, and we, perfectly designed along with it, can assure & reassure ourselves that Life Is For Us, Never Ever Against Us, and keep this pristine reality firmly fixed within inside our heart, soul, and mind, while we enjoy the growth & expansion in our Life, that these kinds of Affirmative & Grass Roots reflections bring to our Garden of Eden.

Our Dear Brothers & Sisters from ages past, were sending us a message, one that's as practical & fundamental as the very Breath we breathe — that the wisdom we seek, the power we seek, the beauty & wonder we seek, is as plain as the nose on your face, and the Breath in your lungs.

The miracle of Life, is Life Itself, but filled with superstition, hearsay, rhetoric, and cradle stories we simply take Life & Being Alive for granted, while we daydream about clouds parting, and gods appearing in the sky, which would be unremarkable considering that this Life Itself, the Life & Breath we now have, is Heaven on Earth — what more would we want our heaven to be?

GET IT WHILE IT'S HOT!

So the very good & great news is — you've got it, you made it, you have it, right here & right now, the greatest & best gifts & rewards are all here, staring you in the face, and this heaven is coming to you, and flowing through you 22,000 times a day, without fail, keeping you alive, and ready, willing & able to provide Perfect Peace, Perfect Love, Perfect Joy, and Perfect Direction 24/7/365 if we will only pay attention to, and begin to feel this reality unfolding in our Life.

The ecstasy we lived in & felt as very young children is still a living memory within inside our subconscious mind, this feeling memory is calling out to us every day — hello, I'm still here — we are still alive, and this joy is still alive, within inside us, happening & unfolding moment to moment, breath to breath, heartbeat to heartbeat, morning, afternoon & evening, with every Breath we take. Why not take a swim in this sacred river of Breath, and enjoy the feeling you always wanted to feel, Forever & A Day? (Next Week, More Thoughts) AFFIRMATIONS! (Mental & Emotional Exercise) Today I Am A Happy Camper, And My Heart, Soul & Mind Are At Rest & At Ease Because I Not Only Know, But I Also Feel The Presence Of My Almighty Creator, Living & Breathing Within Inside Me, Manifesting Itself As Me, Right Here & Right Now, With Every Breath I Take. Today This Beautiful & Sweet Presence Of The Almighty Allows Me To Focus On The Good, Focus On The Creativity, Focus On The Finer Things In My Life, Easily & Automatically, Simply & Consistently Because I Know That Life Is For Me, Never Ever Against Me, And This Is My Law Of Liberation Actively Unfolding, And Influencing My Life & Daily Affairs With Its Grace, Universal Intelligence, Kindness, Generosity, Abundance & Peace Of Mind, All Day, Every Day, Morning, Afternoon & Evening, From Here, To Eternity. ALL Is Well!

Today I Release & Let Go Of Any & All False Beliefs, Cradle Stories, Mental & Emotional Limitations, As Well As Any Doubts, Fears, Frustrations, And Anxieties That This World And Its Cliche Thinking Has Wrought In My Life. Today I Am Filled With Faith, Faith In The Reality Of My Existence, And The Energy & Power Called Life Itself That Is Not Only Keeping Me Alive & Well, But Is Uplifting Me, Sustaining Me, Inspiring Me, And Directing Me On Paths Of Righteousness, Humility, Simplicity, Synchronicity, Insight, Understanding & Love. Today All Is Well, With Me & Mine, As Our Life Is Unfolding In Perfect Harmony, Perfect Prosperity, Perfect Assimilation & Perfect Peace, 24/7/365 & Beyond. AND So It Is!

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The Grim Reaper and friends pose for the camera at the Brigantine Elks Trunk or Treat event. (Photo by Sean Kardon)

This merry crew was all ready to go at the Brigantine Community School trunk-or-treat last Tuesday.

Health Tips

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thing, including how your body responds to irritants. When the joints of the spine become stuck or misaligned, a condition we call subluxation, that communication can be disrupted. Targeted adjustments, especially in the upper neck, aim to restore that flow, which may help your body regulate its immune response more efficiently. Many patients also tell me they breathe easier after care, since easing tension in the neck and upper back, along with gentle sinus techniques, can encourage drainage and relieve pressure. Chiropractic works best alongside your doctor's care, not instead of it, and every plan is personalized to you and your family.

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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, 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.

Beloved Tara Ann Chafe.

In Loving Memory Of: Margaret E. Leinhauser

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ing a full-time job at John J. Manley, Inc. She meticulously handled numerous tasks in the insurance industry and retired at 50! Peggy enjoyed family time with her niece and nephew and then especially enjoyed playing with and listening to her great-nephews: Ronan, J. Danny, Riley and Kai, and the various family pups!

After caring for their mothers, Peg, Bill and Toby moved to Brigantine, New Jersey.

In Brigantine, Peg found herself surrounded by neighbors who would become family. Living in Brigantine for 26 years, Peg enjoyed the company of Ada and Ken Krebs and their children, Sara and Derek. Another bright spot was Brighid and Joe Noel and their daughter, Maerose. Peg was proud of the new children who came into her life and enjoyed hearing about their lives and their many adventures.

Bill's death in 2023 was a tremendous loss for her. Since then, Peg found herself with another best friend, Koda, whom she dog-sat mostly every day. For 3½ years Peg bravely lived without Bill, navigating many of life's obstacles with grace and good humor.

Peggy loved the Phillies, and they probably sustained her through the first summer after her brother and Bill passed. Peg also enjoyed having conversations about who should be fired, kept or played more! Of course, Peg also loved the Eagles and enjoyed sharing running commentary about the games. Go Birds!

The times spent talking, making spätzle and pancakes, birthday shopping, watching her enjoyment playing with her great-nephews, neighbors and puppies, and listening attentively to all stories while always remembering little details of people's lives are just a few of the reasons Peg will be missed.

To honor this true dog lover, instead of flowers please donate to a humane society or simply marvel at the dogs that come into our lives. In Peggy's honor, give your pups a few extra treats or a home-cooked meal!

Beloved Margaret E. Leinhauser

Tiger Platt poses with Miss Mooch's 4th-grade class. Students created posters and did research on how to protect our beaches from erosion.

People of Gold in Brigantine

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he has a testimony about the miracle of grace that he's witnessed himself in similar times of need. And second, there's a man named Dom. The sight of this successful businessman's noble character stirs an awe-inspiring respect. He's been committed to using the trades he learned growing up in South Philly to work in the kitchen. Going from a retired executive position to laboring day after day wearing an apron puts this writer to shame when it comes to faith, hope and charity in the big picture. And there are many others like him who are driven solely by faith.

Let's get another view of this: There's a Bible story about a man named Lazarus that portrays the unfortunate people in our vicinity who are commonly judged by what they lack. This meaningful parable carries a symbolic message about those abandoned by the system and forced to endure the bottom position in life. These pages describe Lazarus as being stationed within reach of those with plenty. Now what? The reasons for this man's poverty are never mentioned at all. He's already been assumed to be lazy, or stubborn, or to have ignored the wisdom that would have made him productive in life, but somehow he gets a great spot in the eternal picture. And then there's a rich man in this story who sees the needs of this desperate man but never makes the slightest effort to aid his suffering. His thinking may make common sense to some, but his outcome is better left unsaid for this newspaper article. The point is this: it's left to the reader to question and weigh duty, conscience, moral responsibility, best interest of society, etc., and all the other personal ways we evaluate who receives our charity.

But today we see a beautiful story at Sister Jean's. There are people of gold on our island, and they're driven by doing the right thing. There's something deep about that. Although I failed to interview them for lack of time, they are recognized by their peers and visitors as belonging to the highest order. They are the salt of the earth!

Joey O & Christine O'Connell celebrating their weddingmoon, bringing a piece on BRIG with them for the incredible event!

The volunteers at the Brigantine Community Garden at their end of season get together that was held on October 26, 2026. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).

Outgoing Lions President Mike Brindisi was presented with the Lions Excellence Award for his Service by Lions President Jim Constantine at the Cove Restaurant on Monday night.

Are you or a loved one

celebrating a Birthday Soon?

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"Times Big Birthday Book"

These two prepare to go trunk-or-treating at the Brigantine Community School on Tuesday.

National Day of...

Friday, October 30
National Candy Corn Day
Checklist Day

Saturday, October 31
Halloween
National Doorbell Day

Sunday, November 1
National Author's Day
National Cinnamon Day

Monday, November 2
National Deviled Egg Day
National Ohio Day

Tuesday, November 3
National Sandwich Day
National Housewife's Day

Wednesday, November 4
National Candy Day
International Stress Awareness Day

Thursday, November 5
National Chinese Take-Out Day
National Love Your Red Hair Day

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Joke of the Week

What do you call a spider with 20 eyes?

A spiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiider.

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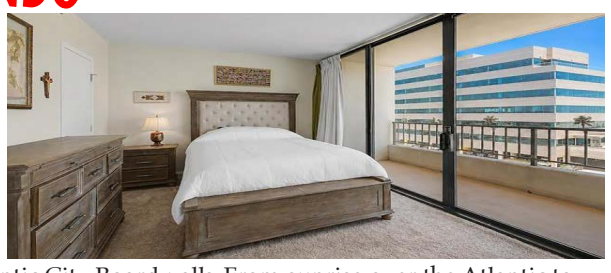

Experience the ultimate oceanfront lifestyle at The Enclave, ideally situated directly on the beach and iconic Atlantic City Boardwalk. From sunrise over the Atlantic to sparkling city lights and colorful sunsets over the bay, this exceptional 14th floor corner end unit offers a view fromvirtually every 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.

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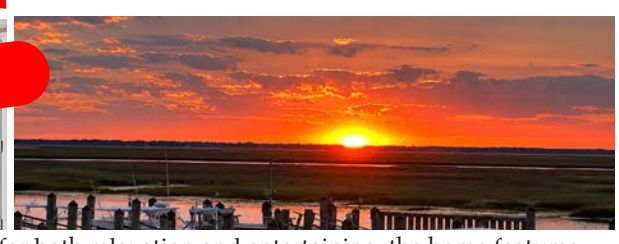
BAYFRONT WITH BOATSLIP



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.
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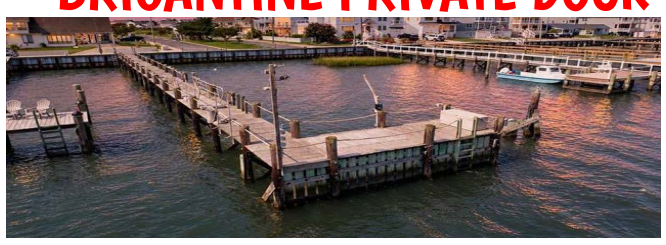
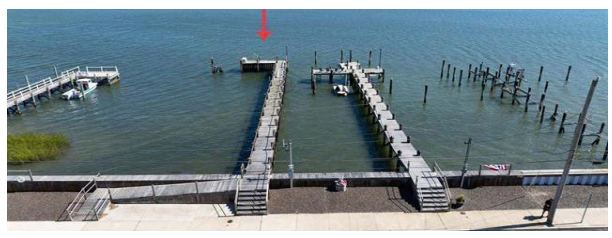

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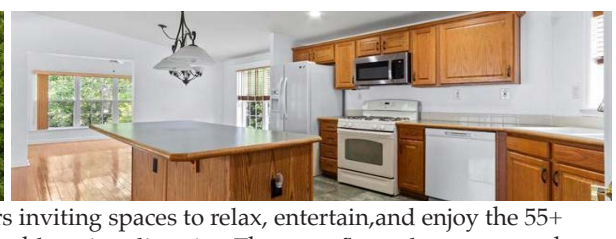
MAYS LANDING RANCHER



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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