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2027 Bear Wear Sales Begin

By Tom Morgan

The 2027 Polar Bear Plunge merchandise will be available starting this Friday, Nov. 27, at the Brigantine VFW. Volunteers will be at the "V" this Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and then every Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. until the New Year. Riptide Bait and Tackle Shop, located at 1201 Brigantine Ave., will also have Polar Bear gear available all day every day during business hours.

This year's Bear Wear features a polar bear on a motorcycle, drawn by local artist Augie Peltonen. The 2027 T-shirts will come in sand and Irish green colors. Hoodies will be tie-dye in teal and in black. Zip-up Sherpas will come in black and khaki. Quarter-zip pullovers will come in maroon or navy, and Polar Bear windbreakers will be red in color. This year you can also get a men's vest or a ladies' jacket. There are unisex sizes available, and plenty of youth sizes are on hand. There are also Polar Bear sweatpants and a wide variety of Bear Wear hats and towels.

This is the 27th year for the annual Brigantine

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Pictured are members of the Brigantine Community School Student Ambassador Team alongside Mrs Pomatto and Mrs Mittelman and representatives from three local veterans organizations: the Brigantine VFW, Brigantine American Legion, and Brigantine Elks Veterans Committee. Through the generosity of our school and island community, the Steps for Vets fundraising efforts raised over $3,000, allowing them to proudly donate $1,025 to each organization!



The Christmas spirit is alive and well in Brigantine! True Spirit Coalition has sent out its very own Christmas elves — Brigantine Department of Public Works employees Jacob Haefele and Justin Kabala — to spread some holiday cheer by placing Toys for Tots donation boxes throughout the island.

Work Begins on Permanent Beach Restrooms at 26th and 34th Streets

Brigantine, N.J. — The City of Brigantine has begun site work at the 26th Street and 34th Street beach parking lots to prepare for permanent public restrooms. Crews are removing trees, leveling the ground and removing the old gazebo at the 26th Street lot.

The city is targeting spring 2027 for installation. Each location will have two private, family-style restrooms, each with a toilet, urinal, sink and baby changing table.

Temporary parking lot closures will be necessary during the project. The city is scheduling the site work and installation during the off-season to minimize disruption and avoid the summer crowds.

"We're excited to get this project underway," said City Manager Tiger Platt. "When you're at the beach with young kids, having a restroom and a changing table nearby makes a real difference. We're doing the work in the off-season so the closures affect fewer people."

Football Pool

WEEK 11

Brigantine, this week's finish came down to a perfect Monday night guess! Seven players picked 10 of the 11 Sunday winners, and Kathy Moresi landed right on the 42-point tiebreaker to take first place and a gift card to McHugh's Pizza. Congratulations, Kathy!

Our 98 eligible entries averaged 3.3 missed picks. The Eagles' win over Pittsburgh and the Giants' victory over Jacksonville were the biggest stumbling blocks, each catching 78 players. The Jets' road win over the Chargers tripped up another 63. Those New York teams certainly shook up the standings!

Washington beat Cincinnati 22-20 on Monday night. Kathy's only missed Sunday pick was Pittsburgh, and her exact points guess settled the top prize. Alan Gregory, Joanne Ferraro, James Dunn, Mark Dunn, Susan Langenstein and Ronnie Ferraro joined her with 10 correct picks.

James and Mark Dunn both guessed 47 points, just five away from the total. Their forms arrived together in the same email, so even

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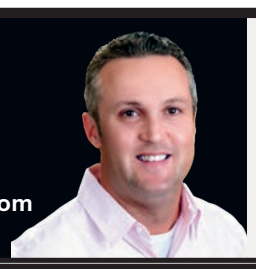

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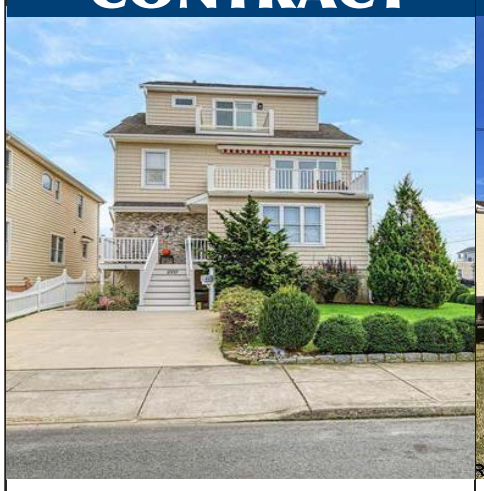

1000 E. BEACH AVE.

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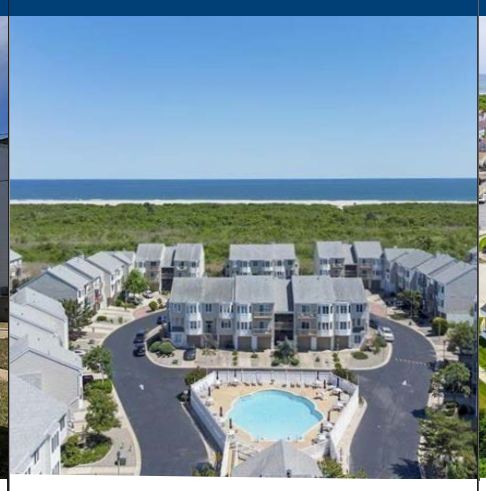

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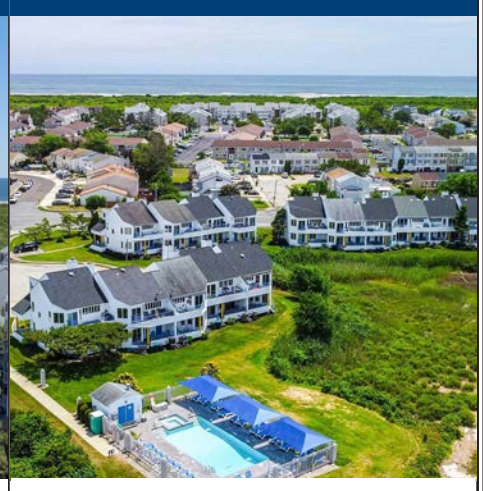

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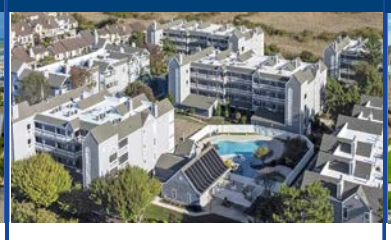

4800 HARBOR BEACH BLVD. #1303

SOLD!



2100 WEST BRIGANTINE AVE.

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329 SEASHELL LANE

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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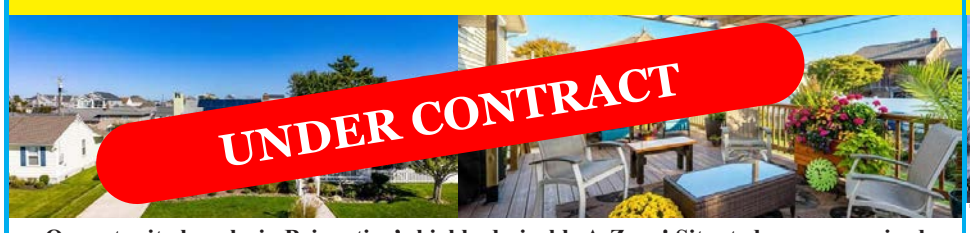

Opportunity knocks in Brigantine's highly desirable A-Zone! Situated on an oversized 80' x 90' lot,this well-maintained 3-bedroom split-level offers a wonderful opportunity to own a substantial piece of Brigantine real estate in a prime location. -205 29th Street

NEW LISTING



Top floor, very well maintained 2 bedroom Bayberry condo. Spacious living room and dining area & well-appointed Eat-in kitchen leading out toa new deck with low maintenance trex decking and azek. Nice closet space, a washer & dryer & your own private garage that can be used for a car, golf cart, home gym, or gaming area. -188 40th Street

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UNDER CONTRACT



Enjoy easy beach access from this 2 bedroom upper unit with an attached garage. Comples features swimming & suning at the Pool Offered at $639,000 -30 Surfside

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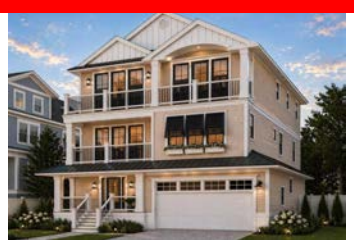

Block 1-2 318 10th St - $2,600,000

UNDER CONTRACT



6332 Black Horse Pike

UNDER CONTRACT



301 29th St.

JUST UNDER CONTRACT



127 Shipmaster Drive

SUMMER RENTALS CALL FOR PRICING & AVAILABILITY



210 N 11th | 205 N 4th



203 E Evans | 403 20th



Captain Andy presents a check for $1,500 to True Spirit Coalition in this season of giving.

Football Pool

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the receipt-time tiebreaker could not separate them. We're naming both co-runners-up, receiving a free Stock's pound cake from Riptide Bait & Tackle. We hope you two can share the glory (and the pound-cake). Congratulations to the Dunns!

Thank you to everyone who played and to our local sponsors. For Week 13, email a clear photo of your entire completed form, including your points guess, to TimesFootballPool@gmail.com by Thursday, December 3, at midnight. The form is on page 30. Good luck, Brigantine!



The Bear Wear volunteer crew unloads all of the 2027 Polar Bear Plunge merch at the Brigantine VFW. The VFW store will be open this Friday and on weekends until the end of the year.

Alan Weidner

Broker Salesperson

Bay to the Beach ... All Within Reach

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

WATERFRONT 6 BEDROOM



Experience the ultimate waterfront lifestyle in this spacious six-bedroom, four-full-bath home located on the Beautiful Bay in Brigantine! Featuring 43 feet of bulkhead, this property offers plenty of room for family, friends, and entertaining. Enjoy outdoor living on the spacious rear deck with plenty of seating and an outside bar, overlooking the dock and fenced-in backyard. Additional features include an outside shower, two-car garage, and an abundance of living space throughout.

OFFERED AT $2,699,000 - 3 Beach Cove

SOLD THIS WEEK



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

UNDER CONTRACT



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

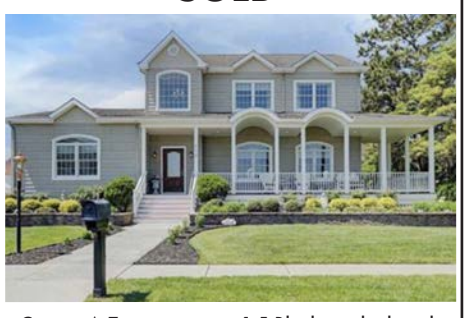
SOLD



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



Custom A Zone property, 1.5 Blocks to the beach

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212 17th St

SOLD THIS WEEK



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2027 Bear Wear Sales Begin

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Polar Bear Plunge, with all proceeds going to Fisher House. Fisher House serves wounded veterans and their families and is one of the top nonprofits in the country. Fisher House returns 93% of the funds it receives to veterans and their families, with last year hitting the milestone of 100 Fisher Houses built in the United States and Europe. Last year, the Brigantine Polar Bear Plunge raised $60,000, for a total of $1.2 million to date.

In order to raise the money every year, volunteers are essential. Most people think that the Brigantine Polar Bear Plunge has people just showing up on Jan. 1, where some jump in the ocean. The fact is that Polar Bear Plunge Director Trish Cosgrove — the heart and soul of organizing and putting on the annual fundraising plunge — and others started planning for this year's plunge in early September. T-shirts, hoodies and other merchandise are designed, and then thousands of Brigantine Polar Bear shirts, hoodies and merchandise are ordered. Sponsors' names are printed onto the Bear Wear merchandise, and Trish and her volunteers then proceed to sell the Bear Wear merch right up to and on the day of the plunge on Jan. 1. Polar Bear Plunge Director Trish Cosgrove stated, "We have over 100 volunteers and 200 key sponsors that make the Polar Bear Plunge fundraising efforts possible every year. We also have volunteers selling the Polar Bear merchandise right up to and on the day of the Plunge. There are four levels of our 200 sponsors who contribute annually, making it possible to order the merchandise, and their names are put on the shirts every year. We have some really great Bear Wear this year, plus a variety of specialty items. Stop down to the VFW or Riptide Bait and Tackle and get some really nice 2027 Polar Bear Plunge gear and support a great cause, the Fisher House."



Brigantine VFW Commander Mario Perrucci congratulates Bob Groeber at his induction to The Chapel of the Four Chaplains.



Last weekend's craft and vendor market at the Elks Lodge created a wonderful, local shopping experience for those seeking holiday gifts in Brigantine. Vendors from across the island and beyond attended the market with their items. Here, Karen Santoroki, owner of Findings by Karen, displays some of her merchandise. (Photo by Sean Kardon).





From Under The Hat

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Hope your Thanksgiving was blessed with good food, good friends and family, remembering old traditions and making new ones. Just a quick update on the very active Brigantine market since Nov. 1: Eighteen — yes, 18 — properties went under contract, ranging from $250,000 to $4,700,000. Who said the market was soft!

It doesn't seem to matter when properties become available; if they're priced right, buyers are buyers waiting to buy. Perhaps things will slow down between Thanksgiving, the holidays and the Christmas hustle and bustle, leading into the New Year and new properties. Will one of them be yours? If so, we're here to help. Just let us know; our information is on page 3. I know this edition is coming out on Black Friday, so on Saturday, have yourself a cup of coffee and relax with 'the Times'!

If Santa has a list and he's checking it twice, I thought it might be the time of year for a buyer and seller checklist.

What Sellers Do to Sell Their House Faster

1. They price their home correctly from day one.
2. They declutter before listing.
3. They let in as much natural light as possible.
4. They keep the kitchen and bathroom counters almost empty.
5. They fix the small things before buyers notice them.
6. They make sure all the beds are made.
7. They have the Realtor use professional photography.
8. They leave the house during a showing.
9. They keep a fresh, neutral scent.
10. They stay flexible with appointments.
11. They trust the market and not their emotions.
12. Most importantly, they listen to their Realtor's advice.

Questions for Buyers to Ask the Seller or Agent

1. How old is the roof?
2. Have there been any water leaks or intrusions?
3. If there were renovations, were they completed with permits?
4. What is the approximate age of the HVAC?
5. Were there any insurance claims?
6. What exactly is included in the sale?
7. If relevant, what are the monthly fees, and are there any special assessments?
8. What is the seller's timeframe?

Things Buyers Do Before an Offer Is Made

1. They get fully pre-approved before they start the process.
2. They know their monthly payment, including taxes, insurance, etc.
3. They look at homes online but need to see them in person.
4. They ask for homes that recently sold, not just the active listings.
5. They watch for price reductions and time on the market.
6. They don't get emotionally attached before they negotiate.

So, if you're thinking of buying or selling, start checking on the list! We, the LePera Team, can help you along the way to get you on the 'nice' list.



Aaron Virelli and Sam Sikora, owners of Odd Pieces, sell unique fabric creations during the holiday vendor fair and market at the Brigantine Elks on November 21, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

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POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

New Year's Day 2027



16th/17th Street Beach

❄ Ceremony 11am
❄ Plunge 12 Noon

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VFW
31st Street
Between Revere & Bayshore
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Fri: 4pm - 7pm
Sat & Sun: 9am - 3pm

RipTide Bait & Tackle
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at 12th Street
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

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Brigantine Community School Students Give Back to Local Veterans

Pictured are members of the Brigantine Community School Student Ambassador Team, alongside Mrs. Pomatto and Mrs. Mittelman, and representatives from three local veterans organizations: the Brigantine VFW, Brigantine American Legion and Brigantine Elks Veterans Committee.



Representatives from the Brigantine American Legion, Brigantine VFW, and Brigantine Elks Veterans Committee receives donations to their organizations from the proceeds of the Steps for Vets Fundraiser.

Through the generosity of our school and island community, our Steps for Vets fundraising efforts raised over $3,000, allowing us to proudly donate $1,025 to each organization!

A special thank you to our Brigantine PTA and Brigantine Living for their assistance with our fundraising efforts.

We are incredibly grateful to our entire island community for their generosity and support. Our students learned firsthand the power of giving back and what makes our little island community so special. Little Rock, Big Heart!

VFW News

Our Post Chaplain, Bob Groeber, has received a well-deserved award. Bob has been inducted into the Chapel of the Four Chaplains. His citation reads, "In recognition of your lifetime service to all people regardless of race or faith. This award symbolizes for all Americans and for all time the unity of this nation, founded upon the fatherhood of one God." Congratulations to Bob! You'll find pictures of the service in this paper. The story of the Four Chaplains is a fabulous story of faith, courage and service. I encourage you to search and read the story of these heroes.

Your VFW becomes a hive of activity through the holidays. As we enter the holiday season, we begin Polar Plunge Bear

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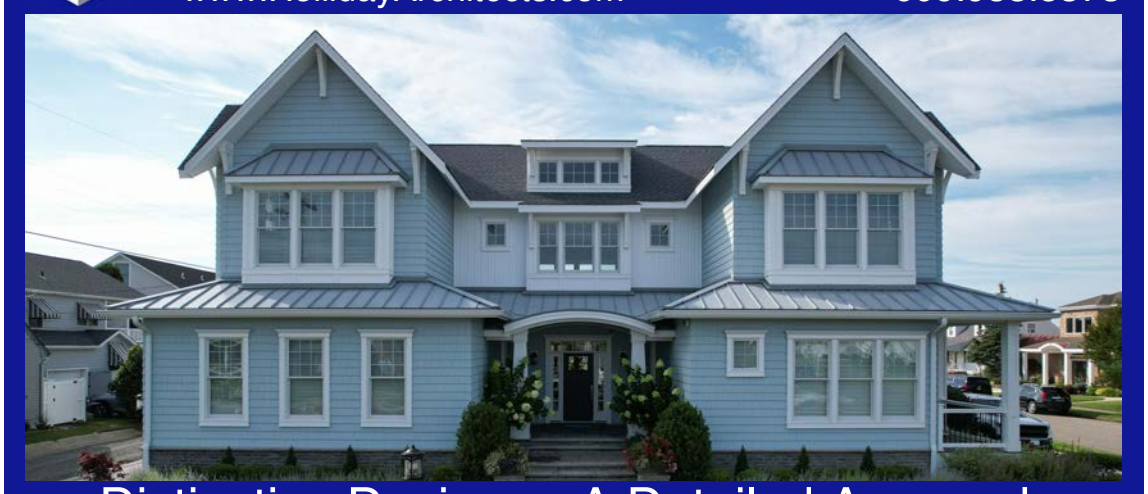

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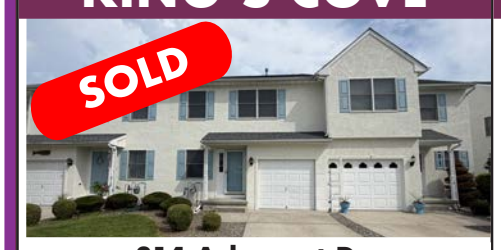

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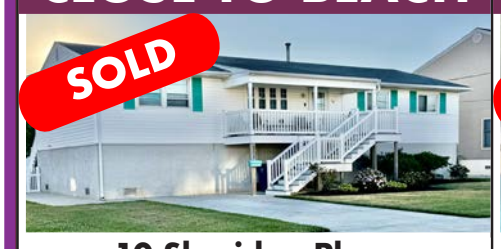
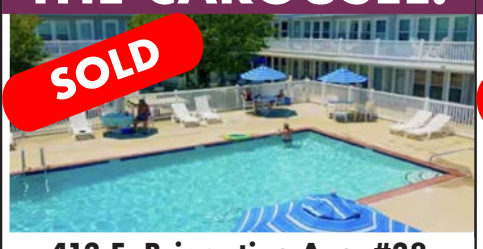


10 Sheridan Place

THE CAROUSEL!



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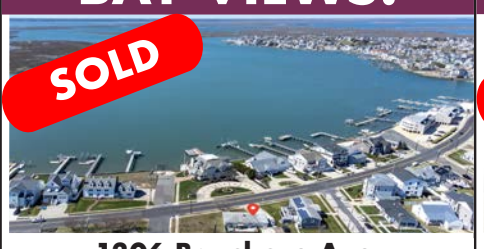

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Denise Wedidner, owner of She'll Create, shows off her shell art during the holiday vendor fair and market at the Brigantine Elks on November 21, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



An Islander enjoys a book during the 60-degree weather on Saturday afternoon on the north end of Brigantine Beach. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

VFW News

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Wear sales in the banquet hall. The Polar Bear team has some fantastic swag for you this year! And we will begin Christmas tree sales at the Post, beginning Sunday, Nov. 29. We'll have beautiful Douglas fir and Fraser fir varieties for you. You can get a tree and do your Christmas shopping all in one stop!

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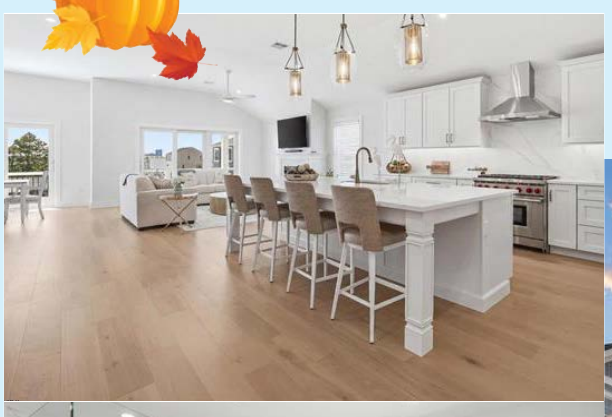



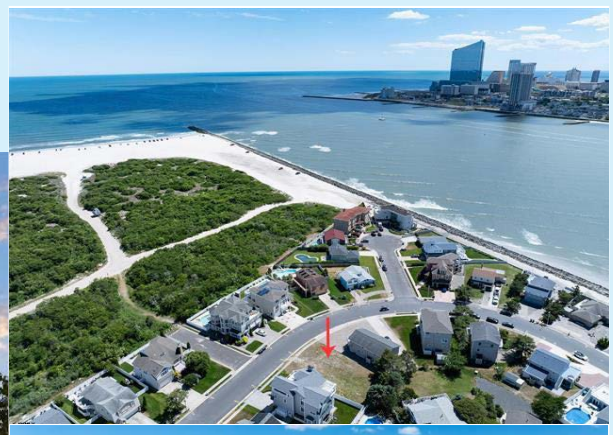

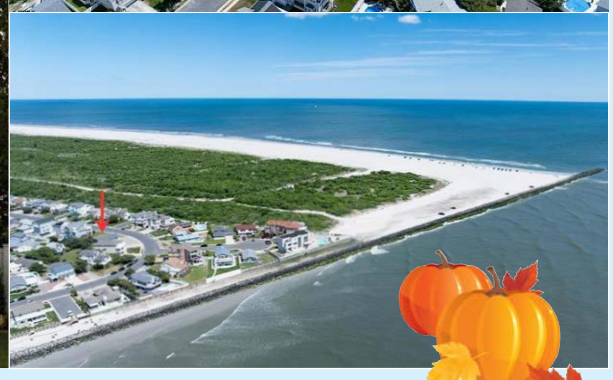

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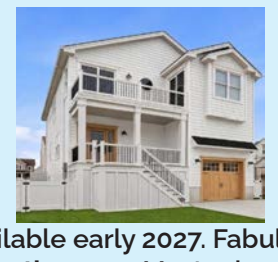



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Christine Verdetto, Owner of Paisley Pelican, sells her unique gifts at last weekend's holiday vendor and craft market at the Elks lodge. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



Adriana and sister Alessandra Mirabelli sell Brigantine t-shirts and children's apparel at the craft fair last weekend. (Photo by Sean Kardon).





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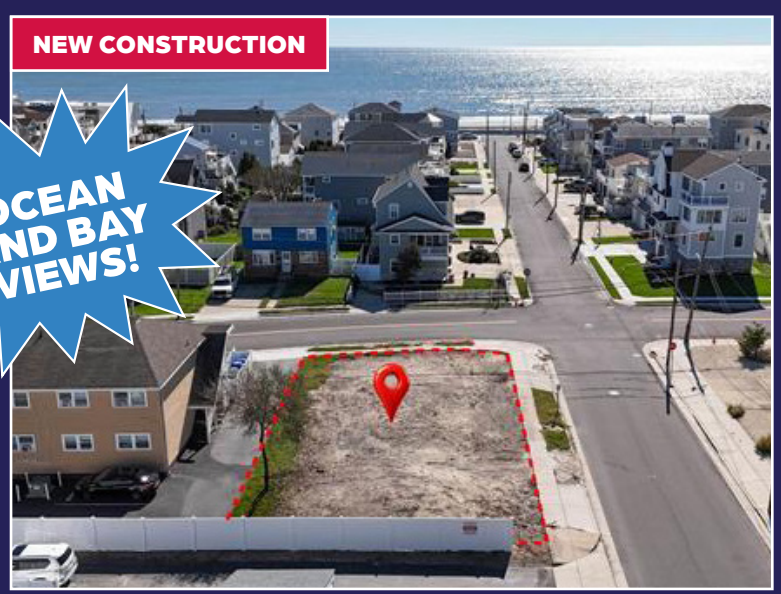



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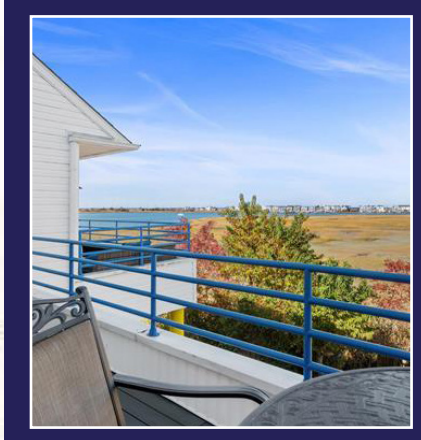



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The Brigantine Elks Bowl with Vineland Memorial Home Veterans

By Karen Geller

Eleven Veterans Service Committee members enjoyed bowling with Vineland Memorial veterans on Nov. 19.

Their bowling alley electrical board had broken a few weeks ago. The committee immediately donated $1,000 to have the program repaired. The veterans were very sad when it was broken; it is one of their favorite activities.

On Thursday, they were full of fun again, making others laugh and cutting up as they usually do. They enjoyed their doughnuts! And Dee Miller made 20 gift bags for the bowling veterans.

The veterans are doing well there. They always look forward to seeing the Elks throughout the year.

Facilitator and veteran John Johnson said, "Our hearts just go out to these people. And the love they give us back is immeasurable and heart-warming."

The veterans are looking forward to the next time they will see the Elks, the Army/Navy event on Dec. 12. Elks Care, Elks Share.



A huge thank-you to all the ladies who came out for our Ladies' 3-Ball Pool Night! It was a wonderful evening filled with laughter, fun, friendship, and great people. The group is looking forward to many more fun nights ahead! Contact Marisol Vazquez for more information about the ladies' 3-ball pool night.



Meaghan Mallon, owner of MCM Designs, attends the Elks craft fair last week with her beach-themed goods. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



Ross Drive entrance to Brigantine Beach is in the process of being rebuilt. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

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Surviving Your Thanksgiving Hangover

Slices of Life

By Roseann Smith

Now that it's over, you can breathe a sigh of relief. Thank the dear Lord above, Thanksgiving 2026 was a great success — well, sort of! At least it wasn't a total disaster. The turkey was moist, and the crescent rolls and mac and cheese weren't burnt to a crisp. Even those outspoken, dull-witted aunts and uncles behaved themselves! Some of the youngsters even managed to put their phones down for a moment to stuff themselves with goodies.

But wait a minute! What about today, the Friday after Thanksgiving? What about all those Tupperware and foil-covered dishes left abandoned in the refrigerator? Aren't they entitled to some due process?

Feeling a little foggy this morning? Don't blame the tryptophan in the turkey! Just blame it on the third helping of mashed potatoes and all that pie you inhaled! Leftovers for breakfast, anyone? Do you need a paramedic, or should you just pull out the big, black stretchy pants? Is today the day you're going to cry the "new leaf" lie, "I'll start my diet on Monday for sure!"

While you plan to shop until you drop and justify today's 50%-off purchases, your brain is still 80% stuffing and gravy! As you shop, the cranberry sauce and green bean casserole stage a protest, neglected in favor of 40%-off throw pillows. The turkey and pumpkin pie are begging you to come home from the mall and make a proper turkey-gobbler sandwich. Not to mention Mom's famous turkey soup. Hence, the Thanksgiving hangover!

That's only half of the problem today! The other half? Today isn't just called Black Friday; it is also called

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Congratulations to Capria Verdetto, a familiar face at Brigantine's Paisley Pelican boutique, on earning her U.S. Coast Guard OUPV (Six-Pack) Captain's License! Capria recently passed her captain's examinations and is already preparing to further her maritime education. Her next goals include earning her 100-Ton Master's License, obtaining her FCC Marine Radio Operator Permit, and completing her Assistance Towing Endorsement.



Victoria Knuttel displays her beautiful permanent jewlery from her business La Sorellas Permanent Jewelry at the Elks Vendor market last weekend. Permanent jewlery is custom-fit bracelets, anklets, necklaces, and charms that the jeweler welds directly onto the wearer, eliminating the need for clasps. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

Great News From St. Thomas Women's Club

Behind-the-scenes work isn't easy. Yet many women volunteer countless hours through the St. Thomas Women's Club to better our community. November's meeting was a great success, as the women donated boxes of Tastykakes to veterans in the local South Jersey area. In honor of Thanksgiving, members of the women's group joined in a prayer service. The members explored their gratitude through nature's wondrous beauty.

The next St. Thomas Women's Club meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2026, at 6:30 in St. Philip Hall. Members will celebrate with their annual Christmas celebration. If you would like to participate in the Left Right Game, please bring a wrapped gift with a value of $15 to $20.

A "Cookie Walk," hosted by the Women's Club, is an annual event that will take place Saturday, Dec. 12, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Local vendors will sell holiday-themed wares, and there will be plenty of cookies to purchase. Come on out and buy some fantastic homemade cookies for your holiday table.

The St. Thomas Women's Club is hosting a luncheon Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2026, at the Smithville Inn. The luncheon costs $45 and is well worth it.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Dec. 2, 2026.



November 16th, 2026. U.S. Marshals arrest a fugitive wanted for failure to register as a sex offender who was living aboard a sailboat anchored in an inlet near Brigantine, NJ. The arrest was made possible through a coordinated effort with the U.S. Coast Guard and New Jersey State Police.



Rachel Fox, owner of Four Paws Homemade Dog Treats, is joined by her aunt Linda Fisher at the holiday vendor fair and market at the Brigantine Elks on November 21, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



Kelly Lentz and Craig Schulte, owners of Kelly and Craig Photography, brought beautiful Brigantine art and photography to the holiday market at the Elks on November 21st. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

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Last Saturday afternoon brought unexpectedly beautiful 60-degree weather to Brigantine, and residents were eager to get on the beach and enjoy it. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



The Brigantine Elks craft market brought local vendors and artisans together to sell their wares. Here, Kelly Rimmele, owner of Keepsakes by Kelly, sells wind chimes, magnets, ornaments, and more at her table. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

True Spirit Coalition Sends Out Its Christmas Elves to Spread Holiday Cheer!

By Sarah Haefele

The Christmas spirit is alive and well in Brigantine! True Spirit Coalition has sent out its very own Christmas elves — Brigantine Department of Public Works employees Jacob Haefele and Justin Kabala — to spread some holiday cheer by placing Toys for Tots donation boxes throughout the island.

Now, True Spirit Coalition is asking the community to help make Christmas a little brighter for local families in need. Every toy donated helps put a smile on a child's face and reminds families that their community cares.

Donation boxes can be found at the following locations:

Brigantine City Hall

Community Education and Recreation (CER)

American Legion

Most Brigantine real estate offices

All donation boxes will be picked up on Dec. 11, so please make sure to drop off your new, unwrapped toys before then!

The holidays should be a time of joy, hope and togetherness for every family. With the generosity and support of our wonderful Brigantine community, we can help ensure that more local children wake up to something special on Christmas morning.

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Slices of Life

Surviving Your Thanksgiving Hangover

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Brown Friday! Yep, it's exactly what you're thinking — poop Friday! Plumbers coined the term Brown Friday, since the day after Thanksgiving is the busiest day of the year for plumbers nationwide. According to Roto-Rooter, service calls increase by roughly 48% on Brown Friday. Yes, plumbers make more money because it is a holiday weekend. Get your checkbook!

If you need a plumber today, who's the culprit? Those pesky relatives who overstayed their welcome? Nah, just kidding! The real culprit is the grease, oil and butter you poured down the garbage disposal. Too many relatives overusing the toilet are responsible for, you know, what sometimes ends up everywhere. It's a plumber's nightmare!

So consider this your official public service announcement: Next Thanksgiving, put the grease in a jar like your grandma did, step away from the disposal, and monitor how many times Uncle George goes to the bathroom.

For many workers, today is also a day people call out of work to extend the weekend to four days. Time with family and friends takes center stage, as it should, during this Thanksgiving weekend! As the holiday season kicks off, surviving your Thanksgiving hangover isn't about perfection. It's about the fun, joy and happiness the holiday season embodies. That said, bring on December — with all its wonderful cheer, goodwill and sugar plums dancing in our heads! Now go see what the plumber's bill is!



Chaplain Bob Groeber is pinned by his wife Tina during his induction to The Chapel of the Four Chaplains on Saturday, November 21.



Clyde Newcomer and Tre Kuchinsky sell homemade 3D-printed items at the vendor fair and market at the Brigantine Elks on November 21, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



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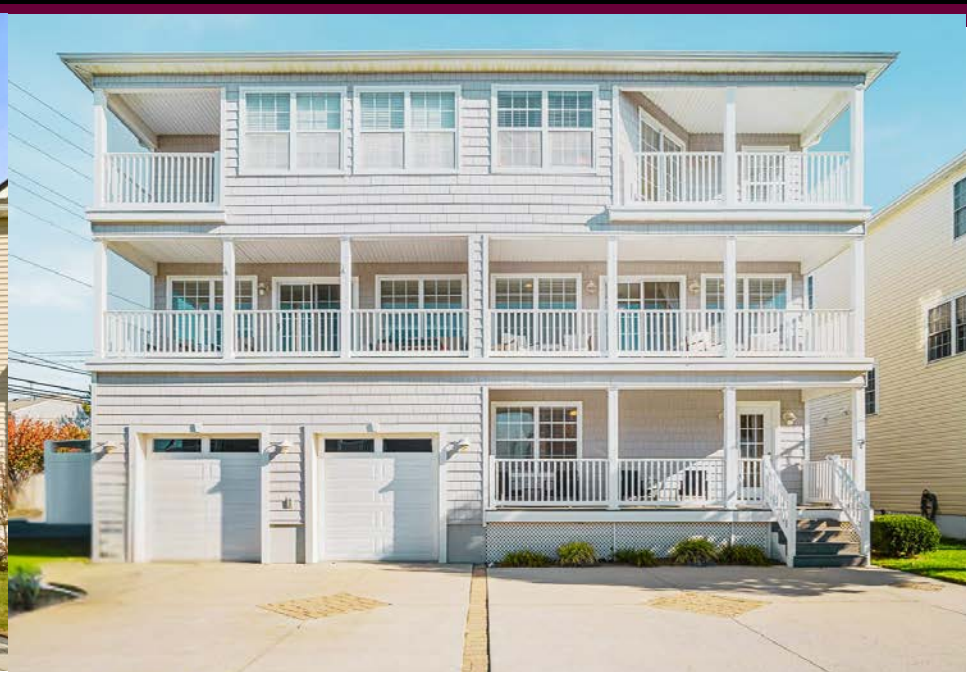

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Wishing you and your families a beautiful Thanksgiving!

~ Maria & The Shore House Team



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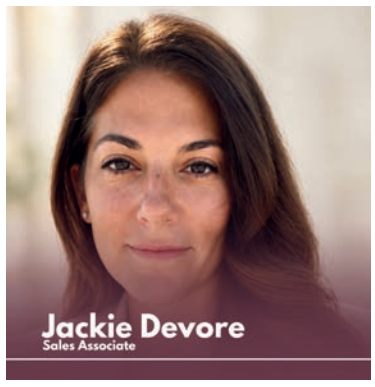







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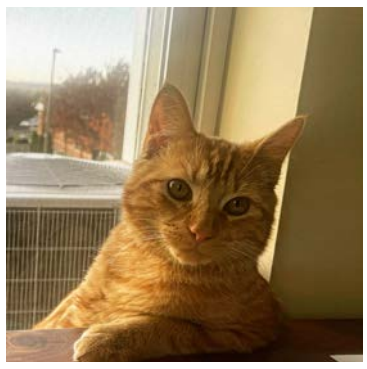

I wasn't planning on writing about this, but quite frankly, I have a lot to say. My humans have made a rather interesting decision, and I think it's important that the public hears my side of the story. They adopted another cat. Yes, you read that correctly. Another cat. In MY house.

When I first learned about this development, I was absolutely outraged. I had not been consulted, no approval had been requested, and there was certainly no discussion about how this would affect my living arrangements. I made my feelings very clear through a series of hisses and growls.

For the first few days, I maintained my position. This was my territory, my humans, my food and my house. I saw no reason to welcome this unexpected guest. But then, something unexpected happened. I started to realize that this new cat wasn't so bad after all. In fact, we have quite a bit in common.

First, we both enjoy running at extremely high speeds down the hallway. I have officially named this activity the Orange Cat Speedway. It's a highly competitive sport that requires tremendous athletic ability, absolutely no warning, and occasionally results in sliding into furniture. We seem to share a natural talent for it.

Second, we both have an appreciation for treats. Frankly, I think this is one of the most important foundations of any friendship. There is nothing quite like bonding over a delicious snack, especially when you can convince the humans to hand out more than one.

And finally, we are both orange. Clearly, we have excellent taste in coats. I have always known orange cats are a special breed of cat, but now I have someone who truly understands what it means to be orange.

But wait, there's more. My new friend's name is ALSO Leroy!

Apparently, the shelter had already named him Leroy before he came to live with us. What are the odds? My humans now have two cats named Leroy. I suppose they just couldn't get enough of

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Keith Sooy and Anita Hopkins sell Elks shirts and sweatshirts at the holiday vendor fair and market at the Brigantine Elks on November 21, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



Keith Sooy and Anita Hopkins sell Elks merchandise at last Saturday's market at the Elks lodge. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

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Leroy's Corner:

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me the first time around.

For clarification, I would like everyone to understand that I am the ORIGINAL Leroy. He is Leroy #2. I have seniority, experience and an established reputation in this household. These are important distinctions that should not be overlooked.

Despite my initial objections, I am happy to report that Leroy #2 and I have officially become best friends. We spend our days together, race down the hallway, enjoy our favorite treats, and generally keep the humans entertained. I must admit, having another cat around is actually pretty fun.

My advice to other cats who suddenly find themselves with a new roommate? Don't be too quick to judge. I know it's difficult to imagine sharing your home, especially when you're already doing such an excellent job running it. But sometimes, a new arrival can turn out to be a pretty great friend.

Stay Whiskered,
Leroy



Rod and Reel Bartender, Chuck, is on Duty! The inception of Brigantine's Polar Bear Plunge took place at the Rod and Reel back in 2000.



The vendor tables for Shipwrecked Mustard, manned by owner Christy Feehan, give out free mustard samples during the Elks craft fair last Saturday. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

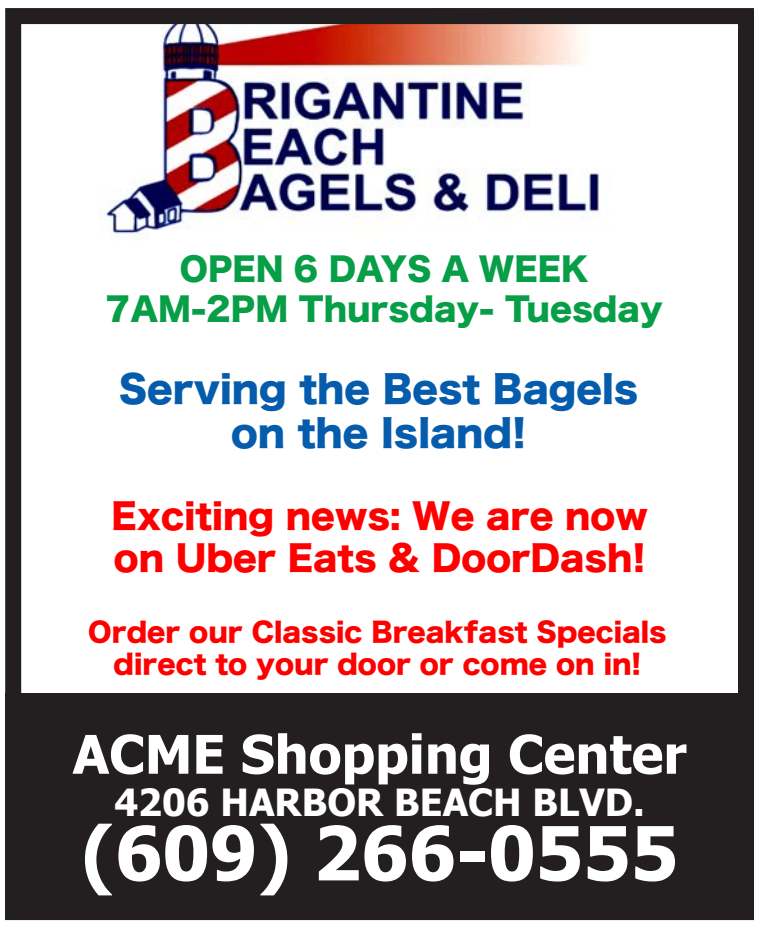
Christmas News from St. Thomas

Back by popular demand, the Women's Club is again sponsoring a Cookie Walk and Holiday Gift Shoppe on Saturday, Dec. 12, in St. Philip Hall from 9:30 to 12:30. See our ad in this newspaper. All your favorite bakers will bring back their specialties, along with some new bakers with some new choices for your pleasure. We will also have vendors who will showcase their own stylized Christmas merchandise. Don't miss out — be sure to mark this special day on your calendar. Cookies sell for $12 per pound, and they will sell out fast.



The sun rises on Brigantine Beach, kicking off a beautiful Saturday last weekend. (Photo by Eduardo Jimenez).





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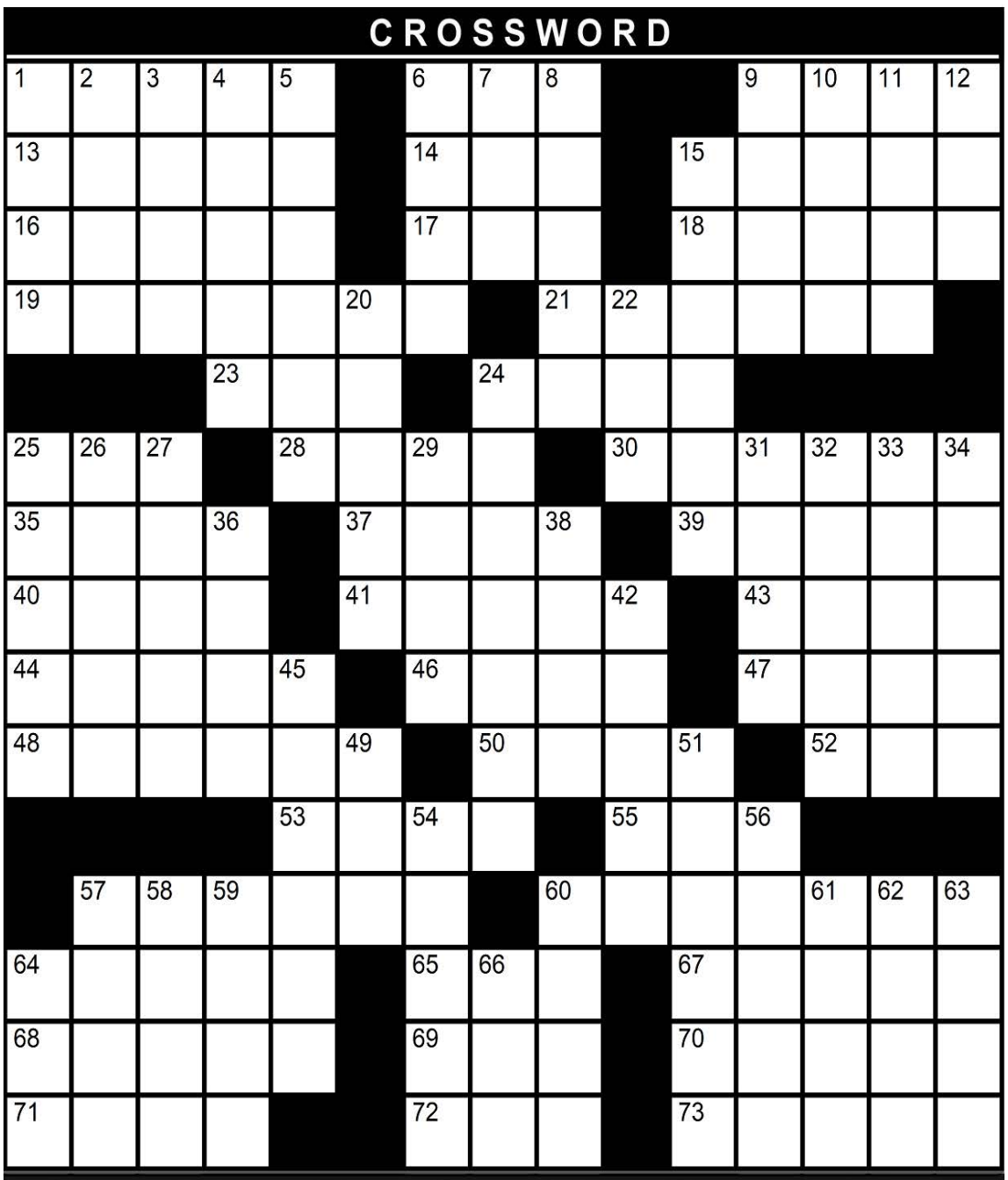



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13. Intense
14. George Gershwin's brother
15. Exclamation of regret, arch.
16. *Speed ____ in the 1960s cartoon
17. Neither's partner
18. Aggressive
19. *Electric-type Pokemon
21. *The Sailor Man
23. Grazing field
24. *Marge to Homer
25. Amazon's entertainment acquisition, acr.
28. Ocean motion
30. Remote
35. Miscellany
37. Narc's unit
39. Russian money
40. "Atlas Shrugged" author
41. Adam Sandler's "____ Gems"
43. One of three square ones
44. More true
46. Do like goo
47. Hindu dress
48. Approvals
50. Express complaint
52. Witch's work
53. Location
55. Cow chew
57. *Road Runner's nemesis
60. *"Peanuts" protagonist
64. Young eel
65. "He ____ and drank the precious Words..."
67. African antelope
68. Tarnish
69. Message in a bottle, acr.
70. Plasters, as on a ship
71. Puts two and two together
72. Emergency responder, acr.
73. Hollywood director Lubitsch

DOWN

1. "Jack and the Beanstalk" strings
2. Popular smoothie berry
3. *Donald or Baby Huey
4. *What Gru does to the moon
5. Three-line poem
6. Japan's indigenous people
7. To's follower
8. Carpus, pl.
9. Uncontrolled swerve
10. "Piece of cake!"
11. Advil target
12. Limit, to some
15. Come into view
20. Kind of #5 Down
22. Mosquito enemy!
24. Willkommen, in U.S.
25. *Grandson of Rick Sanchez
26. Sunlight interference
27. Subtraction sign
29. *Pet of Bedrock City
31. Eggnog spiker, pl.
32. West African spiritual practice
33. Bell-bottoms bottom
34. *Cat of silent animation era
36. Lyric poems
38. Anis-flavored aperitif
42. Mold a mind
45. Vacation location
49. Use a chair
51. Subtlety
54. Bug
56. Laundromat device
57. Clothed
58. "Metamorphoses" poet
59. Strong desires
60. What access and recess have in common
61. Been in bed
62. Bodily disorders
63. NYC coast
64. 7th letter of Greek alphabet
66. *Jerry's scheming pursuer

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.

Soda, Soft Drink Consumption Linked to Cancer Risk

When we think about cancer risk, most of us picture smoking, heavy drinking or environmental factors. What we commonly drink every day rarely makes the list. A large study that followed more than 112,000 nurses and health professionals for decades found that people who drank at least one sugar-sweetened beverage a day had 2.45 times the risk of gastric cancer compared with people who drank less than one a month. The link held for both men and women. Women who drank more than one sugary drink daily had 3.04 times the risk, and men had 1.99 times the risk. Researchers accounted for weight, smoking, alcohol, diabetes, exercise and overall diet, and the association still stood. H. pylori infection didn't explain it either. The study shows a connection rather than proof that soda causes cancer, but one drink a day being tied to more than double the risk is hard to ignore.

The problem with soda goes deeper than sugar. Most sodas are sweetened with high-fructose corn syrup, which hits your liver with a concentrated load of fructose that it has to process quickly. The same study found that total fructose intake was also linked to gastric cancer, especially in women. Colas add another ingredient worth paying attention to: phosphoric acid. It supplies a form of phosphate your body absorbs very easily, and research suggests it may strain your kidneys and throw off your mineral balance. Over time, these ingredients put repeated stress on your liver, kidneys, arteries and the systems your cells rely on for energy.

Switching to diet soda isn't a clean fix. A review of studies on artificially sweetened soft drinks and five digestive cancers found no link with most of them, but liver cancer stood out with a 28% higher risk. That finding rests on only three studies, so it needs more research, yet the pattern showed up across different study designs. One possible explanation involves aspartame. Your body breaks it down into several compounds, including methanol, which then turns into formaldehyde, a substance known to damage DNA. Diet sodas also contain acids, artificial flavors and caramel coloring, so you're never taking in just one chemical. Researchers also think intense sweetness without real energy may confuse how your body handles appetite and blood sugar, which could lead to higher insulin levels and inflammation.

The good news is that you don't have to give up flavor or cut out carbohydrates to make a better choice. Sparkling mineral water with a squeeze of lemon or lime gives you that fizzy feel without the additives. Whole fruit offers natural sweetness along with fiber, and coconut water is a refreshing option that skips the corn syrup and phosphate. Small swaps like these, made day after day, can take a lot of unnecessary stress off your body.

Osteoporosis affects about 10 million Americans, and roughly 80% of them

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Brigantine Times Kids Corner

The Railway Children By E. Nesbit

Chapter VI: Saviours of the Train

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"Yes," said Peter, slowly. He was still leaning on the fence. "Yes," he said again, still more slowly. Then he stood upright.

"The 11.29 down hasn't gone by yet. We must let them know at the station, or there'll be a most frightful accident."

"Let's run," said Bobbie, and began.

But Peter cried, "Come back!" and looked at Mother's watch. He was very prompt and business-like, and his face looked whiter than they had ever seen it.

"No time," he said; "it's two miles away, and it's past eleven."

"Couldn't we," suggested Phyllis, breathlessly, "couldn't we climb up a telegraph post and do something to the wires?"

"We don't know how," said Peter.

"They do it in war," said Phyllis; "I know I've heard of it."

"They only CUT them, silly," said Peter, "and that doesn't do any good. And we couldn't cut them even if we got up, and we couldn't get up. If we had anything red, we could get down on the line and wave it."

"But the train wouldn't see us till it got round the corner, and then it could see the mound just as well as us," said Phyllis; "better, because it's much bigger than us."

"If we only had something red," Peter repeated, "we could go round the corner and wave to the train."

"We might wave, anyway."

"They'd only think it was just US, as usual. We've waved so often before. Anyway, let's get down."

They got down the steep stairs. Bobbie was pale and shivering. Peter's face looked thinner than usual. Phyllis was red-faced and damp with anxiety.

"Oh, how hot I am!" she said; "and I thought it was going to be cold; I wish we hadn't put on our—" she stopped short, and then ended in quite a different tone—"our flannel petticoats."

Bobbie turned at the bottom of the stairs.

"Oh, yes," she cried; "THEY'RE red! Let's take them off."

They did, and with the petticoats rolled up under their arms, ran along the railway, skirting the newly fallen mound of stones and rock and earth, and bent, crushed, twisted trees. They ran at their best pace. Peter led, but the girls were not far behind. They reached the corner that hid the mound from the straight line of railway that ran half a mile without curve or corner.

"Now," said Peter, taking hold of the largest flannel petticoat.

"You're not"—Phyllis faltered—"you're not going to TEAR them?"

"Shut up," said Peter, with brief sternness.

"Oh, yes," said Bobbie, "tear them into little bits if you like. Don't you see, Phil, if we can't stop the train, there'll be a real live accident, with people KILLED. Oh, horrible! Here, Peter, you'll never tear it through the band!"

She took the red flannel petticoat from him and tore it off an inch from the band. Then she tore the other in the same way.

"There!" said Peter, tearing in his turn. He divided each petticoat into three pieces. "Now, we've got six flags." He looked at the watch again. "And we've got seven minutes. We must have flagstaffs."

The knives given to boys are, for some odd reason, seldom of the kind of steel that keeps sharp. The young saplings had to be broken off. Two came up by the roots. The leaves were stripped from them.



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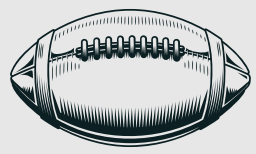

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Weekly Fishing Report

by Captain Andy Grossman

It's the season of giving, and as we do every year, we really like to make a $1,500 donation to the True Spirit Coalition, as we know they do so much for the local community of Brigantine. The 2027 Beached Cars of Brigantine calendars are at the printer, and we are just waiting to get them back to start selling them, as we all know they make for the perfect stocking stuffer or gift for the holidays. I will let you know as soon as we have them back, and don't forget that 100% of the proceeds go to the True Spirit Coalition. We will have a limited number this year, so don't wait until the last minute, as I have a feeling we are going to run out — but hopefully not.

We have had schools of stripers starting to show up, as I have been getting reports, but they are not saying whether they were a mile out or closer to the 3-mile line. The tog bite has been very good at the Brigantine jetty, and Bo jumped into first place with a 3-pound, 15.2-ounce tog, with under a month to go.

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From our Riptide family to all of you out there in Riptide Nation, we wish you a happy Thanksgiving, and make sure you take the time to be grateful for what you have in your life, as we know things can really change in an instant.

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Capt. Andy

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G.T. On The Beach

Thanksgiving Expectations

As I write this column, it is the day before Thanksgiving. One thing I am thankful for is that I don't have to fly anywhere for the holiday. The weather looks particularly nasty, and I wouldn't want to end up in a Planes, Trains and Automobiles situation.

Speaking of which, watching that classic has become something of a Thanksgiving tradition for McKayla and me. We begin watching the movie on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, which is, of course, the day on which Steve Martin begins his fateful journey. We finish the movie on Wednesday evening before the first lights of Thanksgiving dawn. It's a fun way to kick off the holiday.

Anyway, the title of this column is Thanksgiving Expectations because Thanksgiving hardly ever goes exactly according to plan. Nevertheless, these are my expectations for the day:

First, I drive over to visit my brother's grave. (Not a sad start; you just have to pay all your favorite people a visit for the holiday.) Then, it's off to my uncle's house to help set the table and cook a brisket. We'll eat around 1 pm and sit by the fire for a few more hours. Round one complete.

Then we're off to McKayla's uncle's to spend the day with her family and eat a second meal. I've got a metabolism faster than Usain Bolt, so it won't be an issue. We'll watch the Eagles game and probably every other football game that comes on too. We'll then raise a toast and say our goodnights.

Oh, did you think we were done? Not remotely. Now we head to McKayla's other uncle's house (on her mom's side) to have dessert. We'll play a myriad of games and hang out until who knows when. Eventually, I'll make it back home to my bed and catch a few hours of tryptophan-induced hibernation.

That's about the extent of my Thanksgiving Expectations. I'll let you know how it all really goes in my next column. Until then, here are this week's birthdays!

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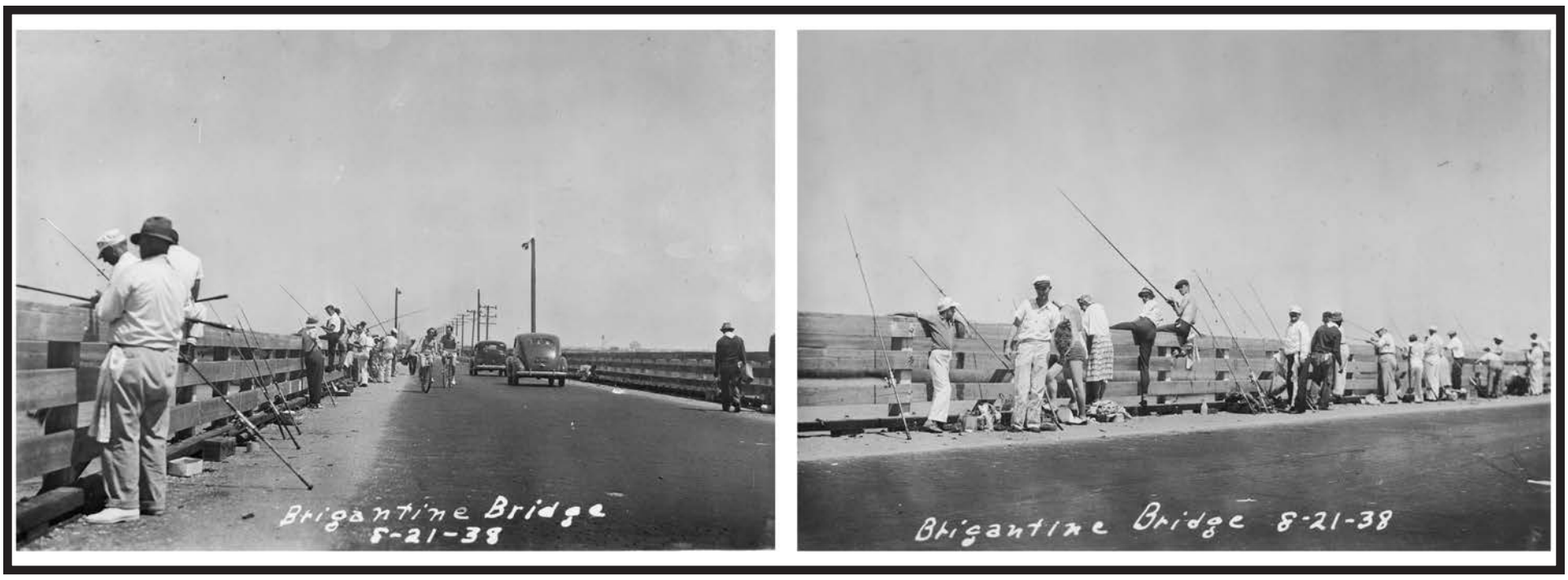

These Sunday, August 21,1938 photos show a favorite weekend pastime of fishing off the original Brigantine Bridge. The right-hand photo shows the second person from the left holding a recently caught flounder. Stop by the Brigantine Historical Museum to see more photos like this.

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Next Up: Breakfast with Santa!

Join us Dec. 12 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for one of the Brigantine PTA's favorite traditions! Enjoy hot breakfast, pictures with Santa, crafts, a Pirates Paradise gingerbread contest, and plenty of holiday fun. Tickets are just $8 and available now at bit.ly/BrigPTABreakfastSanta2026.

We're also looking ahead to more winter fun, including our Something Special Dance for grades K-5. The date will be announced for February 2027.

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Breakfast with Santa: Grab your tickets and join the fun!

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New to the Brigantine PTA? We'd Love to Have You!

Membership is just $10 and helps fund programs, events and special opportunities for our students and teachers. Members also enjoy discounts and early notice of special events. Supporting the Brigantine PTA through a membership donation is easy. Just go to our Givebacks page for more info: brigantine-schools.givebacks.com/shop.

Whether you volunteer, become a member, shop with our sponsors or make a donation, every bit of support makes a difference. There's a place for everyone in the Brigantine PTA, and we're so glad you're here!

Follow us on social media: Facebook @BrigPTA and Instagram @brigantinepta.



Leah Christman, owner of Crazy Gma's Pottery, displays her custom pottery pieces at the holiday vendor fair and market. Her pieces included everything from holiday gnomes to ramen bowls. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



Adriana and sister Alessandra Mirabelli sell clothing at the vendor fair and market at the Brigantine Elks on November 21, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



Holiday cheer filled the Elks lodge last weekend as Vendors attended the pop-up holiday market. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

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ACUA Urges Residents to Keep Rechargeable Batteries Out of Trash and Recycling Bins

Egg Harbor Township, NJ (Nov. 23, 2026) — A rechargeable lithium-ion battery is the suspected cause of a recent fire that occurred at the Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA) transfer station in Egg Harbor Township. These batteries are considered hazardous waste and should never be placed in household trash or recycling bins.

Rechargeable lithium-ion batteries can be found in many household items, like headphones, toothbrushes, toys or vape pens. When improperly discarded, these batteries can ignite during normal waste collection and processing, causing dangerous fires and threatening workers, equipment and facilities.

"Rechargeable batteries power many of the household items we use every day," said ACUA President Matthew DeNafo. "We ask residents to please take a few minutes to identify proper disposal options before throwing items away. Remember — if it needs to be charged, it needs to be disposed of properly."

Fires caused by lithium-ion batteries are a growing concern in the recycling and solid waste industry and have caused more than $2.5 billion in damage to infrastructure in 2025, according to a report from the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA). Normal solid waste handling activities, like compacting or crushing, can cause them to ignite inside collection trucks or facilities.

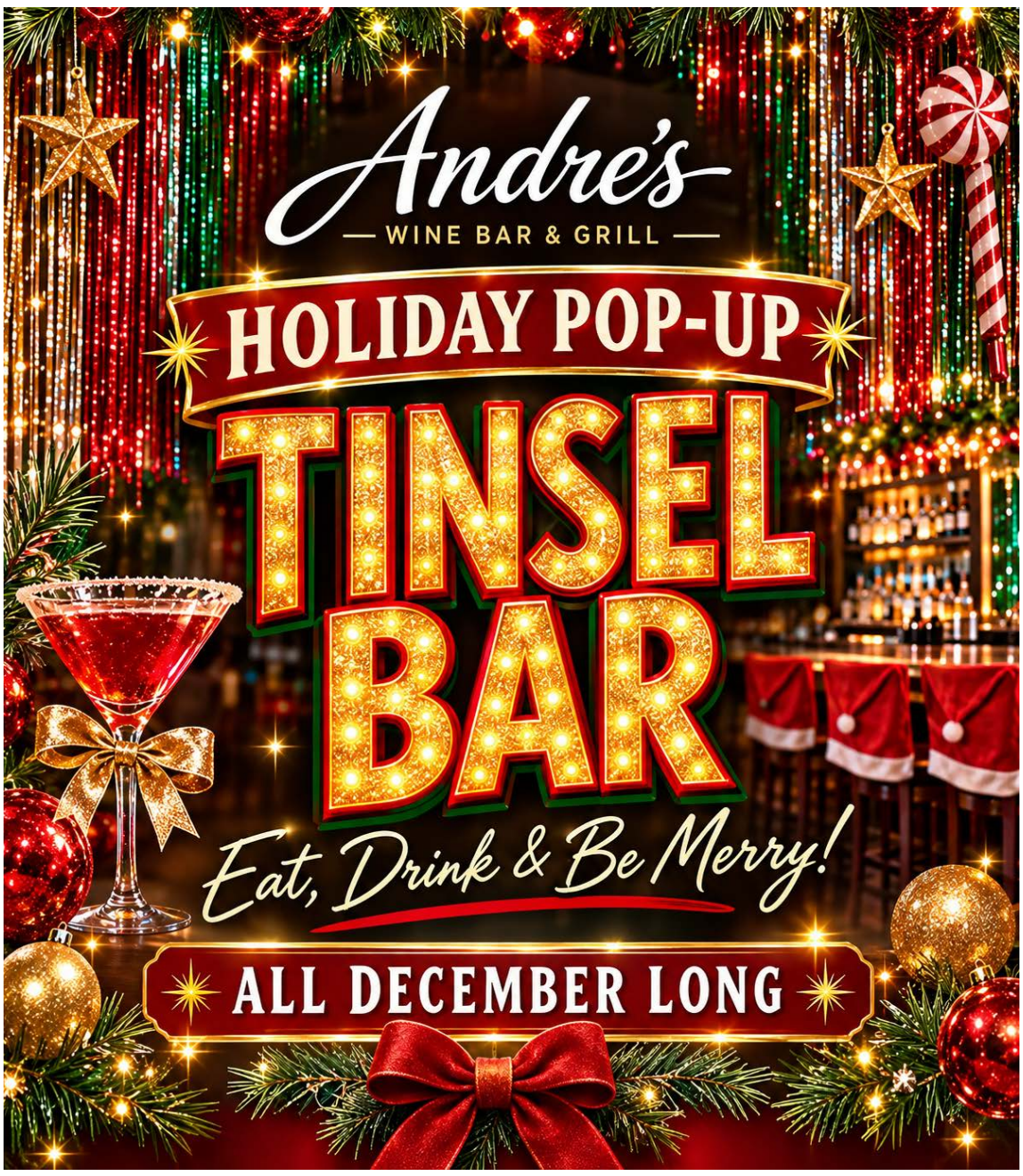
ACUA urges residents to take the following steps:

Identify rechargeable batteries: Check household items before discarding them. Look for rechargeable batteries in electronics, toys, power tools and other everyday products.

Keep batteries out of household trash and recycling: Never place rechargeable batteries in curbside trash or recycling bins.

Find a proper disposal location: Many retailers that sell products containing rechargeable batteries offer battery recycling programs. ACUA also accepts rechargeable batteries at its Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off events held throughout the year.

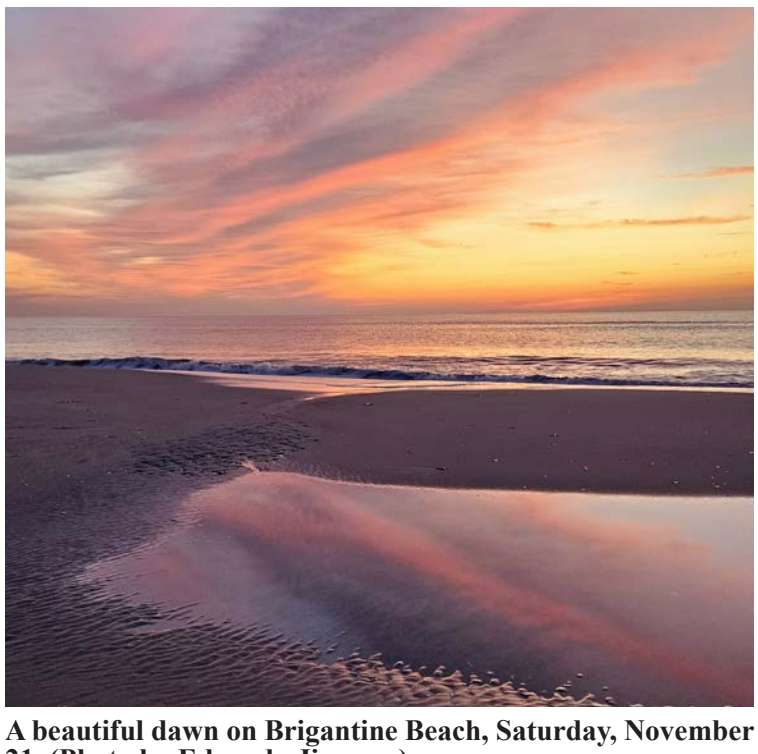
For additional information, including local disposal sites, please visit acua.com/batteries.







Here Stan & Gloria DeMaggio Pose With The Times On Their Trip To Manhattan In 2023. My Uncle Stan, Born In 1934, Passed On Recently In Laguna Beach, CA. Stan Was A Legendary Coach & Educator In Southern California Whose Career Spanned 60+ Years. He Was Beloved By Family, Friends & Former Students, A Wonderful Husband, Father & teacher extraordinaire. Fare Thee Well, Dearest Stan, From Here To Eternity. Photo by Stephen Weeks.



A beautiful dawn on Brigantine Beach, Saturday, November 21. (Photo by Eduardo Jimenez).

The Rewarding Thrift Shop in Brigantine, Part One

Every resident in Brigantine knows about it. It's absolutely the most rewarding way to donate clothing while seeing a giant inventory of goods to buy, and for only a few bucks! That's "Rewarding X2," and it's what makes the Community Presbyterian Thrift Shop a thriving center for Faith, Hope & Charity. These faithful volunteers keep their unique trading post well stocked, neatly organized, charmingly diverse and beneficial to everyone involved. The Thrift Shop is a vital part of the church's ministry in Brigantine, and it reaches all the surrounding neighborhoods. Their goal is not only to provide quality merchandise at exceptionally low prices to the community but, most importantly, to be there for people in need. This Shop benefits the local veterans organizations, the Atlantic City Mission and the South Jersey Women's Center, which cares for women in crisis during pregnancies. They readily provide gift certificates to people in need, as well as giving clothing and essentials to anyone who walks into the building and asks for help.

The Community Presbyterian Church provides a friendly opportunity for people to shop for quality used clothing, jewelry, household goods, knick-knacks, children's goods, books, dishes and other super-value items. They encourage people to recycle their unwanted items that are in good condition by donating them to the Thrift Shop on Saturdays. The Thrift Shop is operated by 12 to 15 volunteers throughout the week, sorting and cleaning, and most importantly, helping children in need. All children's clothing, whether it's a pair of shoes or a beautiful brand-new winter coat, is only one dollar. The manager of the shop is Rose Haefele, and her right-hand gal is Kate. She's been the director for many years and takes the most pride in being there to help those in need. These folks work for the glory of God by being the hands and hearts of sharing his love. All are welcome to stop in and see all the good and plenty they have to offer. The Thrift Shop hours are Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon, and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon. Donations are accepted Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to noon.

There's a little-known Bible story about four impoverished men during

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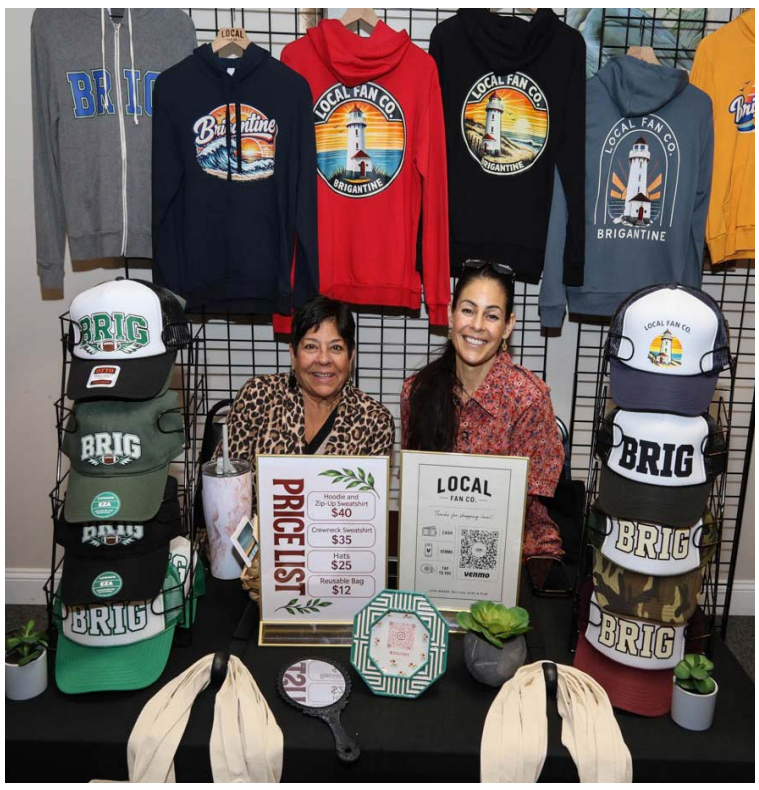
Geinny Hauck shows her hand-crafted gifts at the holiday vendor fair and market at the Brigantine Elks on November 21, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



Natalie Pryor and mom Debbie Costello, owners of Local Fanco, sell custom Brigantine Merch at the Elks craft & vendor market last weekend. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

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the days of Elisha the prophet. They were quarantined outside their city gates due to a highly contagious disease. During this same time, there was a famine in the region, and food was scarce for everyone. The situation got worse when an invading army camped out at a strategic location, ready to strike the city. Now these four men felt doomed every moment by the invaders, the famine and being outcasts of their city. In this dilemma, they decided to surrender themselves to the enemy, poised for certain death.

But a miracle occurred by the grace of God Almighty. The invaders imagined a huge army charging at their campsite simply from hearing the sounds of these four men approaching to beg for mercy. In false panic, they all ran for the hills, leaving a giant bounty behind. The four men were shocked at the sight of all the goods, and they knew it was the Lord coming to their aid. Now they were able to share this huge windfall with the people of their city, which fulfilled the words of the prophet Elisha. In a very similar way, the Community Presbyterian Thrift Shop shares its huge storehouse of goods, which represents the same blessings of God for us today.

Brigantine Garden Club

By Phyllis Glomb

Members were emailed a survey on Oct. 26 in order to get feedback on how the club is doing, what activities individuals participate in and enjoy, as well as what additional activities they might like to see. So far we have had a good return of surveys with a lot of very useful information. The Board will use this information to guide activities in the upcoming year. If you have not already responded to this survey, please do so ASAP so that your voice may be heard. The board will review the surveys and share results at the first 2027 meeting. It will only take a few minutes of your time. The deadline for answers is Dec. 7. Thank you.

In our organization, the Board is elected as a whole and then that Board votes to decide who will serve as officers. At the last Board meeting, the following 2027 officers were elected: Kathy Olsen and Laurel Leigh: Co-Chairs; Alisa Micarelli: Secretary; Johanne Milnes: Treasurer: Phil Telman: Member at Large and Technical Engineer; Linda Congemi: Member at Large and Club Historian; Lisa Stackhouse: Member at Large and Public Relations Liaison. Thank you for leading us into our next summer season.

We have not yet reached our fundraising goal for purchasing new signs. We are counting on the support of our business community in asking them to make a donation to this city-wide improvement project. You won't be disappointed! Thank you to those who have already made a donation. If you have not, won't you consider a small amount to support our efforts to keep Brigantine looking beautiful. Thanks. The Monarch count for this summer released by caretakers who raised them is as follows: Jan Sarratore successfully released 158 monarchs. Joan Wolf released 55. Kimberly Glomb released 133. If anyone else wants to be included in this count, please email me. Thank you to the caretakers but also to those of you who plant milkweed and have butterfly friendly environments. Your efforts are making a difference!

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By Kelly Leyman

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By Stephen T. Weeks

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Depending on our particular state of mind, and our individual, unique perspective, we all see something & someone whose name, place, situation & identity are unique to us, similar perhaps to others, but absolutely a multifaceted, combination of our personal & professional being – a conglomeration of time, space, ideas, and experience – that only we can decipher & decode, for ourselves, about ourselves, in our own way, in our own time, to our own satisfaction, God willing, and the creek don't rise.

REPRESENTING 101! In many ways, we are our own Representative, and depending on how we're feeling on any particular day, what we see in the mirror may vary, from fully confident & resilient, to not so sure of ourselves – how we feel, what we're doing, where we're going, and where we've been – spanning the full spectrum of Human thoughts & emotions that most of us are familiar with, but few of us fully understand.

If & when we begin to feel unfocused, or out of sorts, please remember that just Being Alive, and Existing as a fully sentient/conscious Human Being is, in every way, shape, form & function, its own, most beautiful & dynamic reward, moment to moment, breath to heartbeat, hour to hour, and day to day – especially if we have access to the goods & services we require to enjoy some abundance & fulfillment in the creature comforts department.

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It's easy peasy, and it's rather fun, to absorb & digest some liberating ideas & understandings that begin to work, automatically, with our daily routines, and challenges, with an eye toward enjoyment & satisfaction – not just in our leisure time, but in everything we do. One old adage says, when we Love what we do, there's no such thing as "work", it's all an excellent opportunity to express ourselves in productive & constructive activities, be they commercial, or leisure in nature.

NEVER TOO LATE! Had we been told, just how special we are, just how miraculous we are, just how divine & unique we are, as Human Beings, when we were very, very young, we would now be extremely comfortable in our own skin, full of intelligence, awareness, self-control & psychological equilibrium, all along the way.

Unfortunately, generation after generation has been fundamentally traumatized by misguided ideas & misunderstandings, to the point that children become adults, with no mental & emotional connection to their own miraculous beauty, nor the miraculous opportunity & beauty of This Thing Called Life, which is the paydirt & ultimate realization that's required in order to be truly happy, healthy, wealthy & wise, here on Planet Earth.

SERIOUS FUN! This is not about religion or personality – this is pure nature – pure science, and as a Human Being, just the fact that you exist, and walk around moaning & groaning, and laughing & crying, and sleeping & dreaming, and daydreaming, and constantly processing everything & everyone you meet, and sometimes being very happy, and sometimes being not so happy is something we have been conditioned to ignore, or take for granted – it may be normal – meaning there's a lot of us around, but it's nothing short of supernatural, we naked apes dancing, singing, walking, talking, living, breathing & falling in Love, as a matter of fact, for millennia.

Anyhow Happy Thanksgiving, Give Thanks and Enjoy your Humanity – take it on the high road, and understand how sweet it is to have one of these Human Bodies, these supernatural (as in Mother Nature) instruments divine, with which to feel, and to think, and to Breathe & Enjoy your self 22,000 times a day.

Breathe, Love & Conquer – as we did when we were very, very young – intoxicated with Life, naturally & innocently, happy for no particular reason, but fascinated with whatever adventures we could find. We're still here, still Breathing fresh, clean air & still feeling all the most subtle & satisfying feelings that our Human instrument was designed to feel. (Next Week, More Thoughts)

AFFIRMATIONS! (Mental & Emotional Exercise) Today I Give Thanks For My Human Being, For My Human Body, My Human Life & My Human Self & Awareness, As I Reflect Upon & Remind Myself That Billions Of Years Of Evolution Divine Has Passed, In Order For Myself, My Family, My Friends, And My Coworkers & Acquaintances To Live, Breathe, And Have Our Existence, In This Place, In This Time, In This Day & Age, Right Here & Right Now, Here On This Miraculous Planet Earth. Today I Begin To Fully & Freely Recognize & Realize That This Home, This Earth Is My Garden Of Eden, My Promised Land, My Heavenly Reward, My Pot Of Gold, And My Celestial & Terrestrial Nirvana, As I Breathe These Sacred Breaths Of Life, As I Have Since My Very First Breath, So Many Years Ago. Today I Understand That I Am A Living, Breathing Tabernacle Where, Within Inside Me, Lives, Breathes, And Emanates The Celestial & Terrestrial Power & Intelligence We Call God. AND So It Is!

Today I Fully & Freely Embrace & Enjoy This Gift Called Life, With Every Cell, Fiber, Molecule & Atom Of My Being, Morning, Afternoon & Evening, 24/7/365 And Beyond. Today I Humbly & Simply Accept This Gift Divine, And I Always Live By The Golden Rule, To Do Unto Others, All Others, As I Would Have Done Unto Me & Mine. Today I Discard & Dismiss Any & Every Dysfunctional & Negative Idea, Superstition, Rhetoric, Cradle Story, And Hearsay, As I Understand Completely That This Gift Called Life, Is Always With Me, Always For Me, Always On My Side, And Always In My Corner, Never, Ever Against Me, As It Pours Out Its Unconditional Love & Kindness Upon Myself, And My Universal Brothers & Sisters, Morning, Afternoon & Evening, 22,000 Times A Day, With Every Beat Of My Heart, And Every Breath I Take, From Here, To Eternity. ALL Is Well!

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Guests peruse the booths at the Elks holiday craft and vendor market in Brigantine last weekend. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



Work is paused for the weekend on the reconstruction of the Ross Drive Beach Entrance. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



Bob and Tina Groeber are honored at Bob's induction to The Chapel of the Four Chaplains.

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are women. It's often called a silent disease because most people have no idea their bones are thinning until a simple slip or minor fall ends in a fracture. The good news is that your bones are living tissue, and they respond to how you use them. Resistance training creates mechanical stress on the skeleton. Specialized cells called osteocytes act like tiny strain sensors, detecting that load and signaling bone-building cells, called osteoblasts, to get to work. Loading your bones also lowers a protein called sclerostin, which normally acts as a brake on bone growth. In simple terms, when you challenge your bones, they answer by getting stronger.

How hard you train matters. Research reviews have linked weightlifting at about 80% to 85% of your one-repetition maximum (the heaviest weight you can lift once), done two to three times a week, to the greatest bone density gains. That's actually a bit higher than many standard osteoporosis guidelines suggest, and the weight needs to increase gradually over time so your body keeps adapting. Walking, swimming and cycling are still wonderful for your heart, metabolism and overall fitness, and I always encourage my patients to keep moving every day. On their own, though, these activities don't put enough load on your bones to trigger real bone-building. Think of walking as your foundation and resistance training as the extra piece your skeleton needs. You don't have to start with a heavy barbell to see benefits. Squats, deadlifts, incline pushups, hip rotations and chair squats are all helpful places to begin, and many can be done at home with your body weight, bands or light dumbbells. The key is to progress slowly and focus on proper form before adding more weight, which lowers your risk of injury. If you've already been diagnosed with osteoporosis, have low bone mass, or are recovering from a fracture, avoid sudden, jerking movements and heavy twisting of the spine. Talk with your health care provider, chiropractor or physical therapist first so you can build a safe, personalized plan that fits your body and fitness level.

Blood flow restriction training, known as KAATSU in Japan, is another approach drawing attention. In a six-week study of young men, it triggered short-term rises in a bone formation marker even at low intensities, and it may help strengthen muscles without heavy weights. Its long-term effect on bone density, however, hasn't been established yet. What we do know for sure is that consistency pays off. Studies show that resistance training two to three times a week for a full year can maintain or even increase bone mineral density in postmenopausal women, middle-aged and older men, and older adults, with some trials also showing better bone structure. Stronger bones aren't built in a week, but with steady effort and the right guidance, you're giving your body the support it needs for years to come.

Why Chiropractic Maintenance Care?

I like to tell my patients that waiting until you're in pain to see a chiropractor is a lot like waiting until you have a toothache to visit the dentist. Maintenance care — those regular check-ins after your initial pain has eased — is about keeping your spine healthy rather than just putting out fires. Over time, the joints of the spine can become stuck and fixated, pulling them out of proper alignment. We call this a vertebral subluxation, and it's an abnormal condition brought on by daily stress, long hours at a desk, tough workouts and even carrying our little ones around. When we catch and correct these

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Jessica Fiocco offers samples of her tallow-based skincare products from her company, J.A.M. Essentials, during the holiday vendor fair and market at the Brigantine Elks last Saturday. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



Monday, November 23rd brought a cloudy sunrise to Brigantine as the Island enters Thanksgiving week. (Photo by Eduardo Jimenez).



The 34th St Municipal Lot is preparing for new restrooms in 2027. Crews have cleared the site, and work will start next week.



The 26th St Municipal Parking Lot will have brand new restrooms by next summer. The restrooms will go right where the gazebo currently sits.



Colleen Downey, Patti Downey, and Kimberly Moualfi teamed up to man the Crafty Colleen table at the Brigantine Elks holiday craft market. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

Are you or a loved one celebrating a Birthday Soon?

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Happy Thanksgiving

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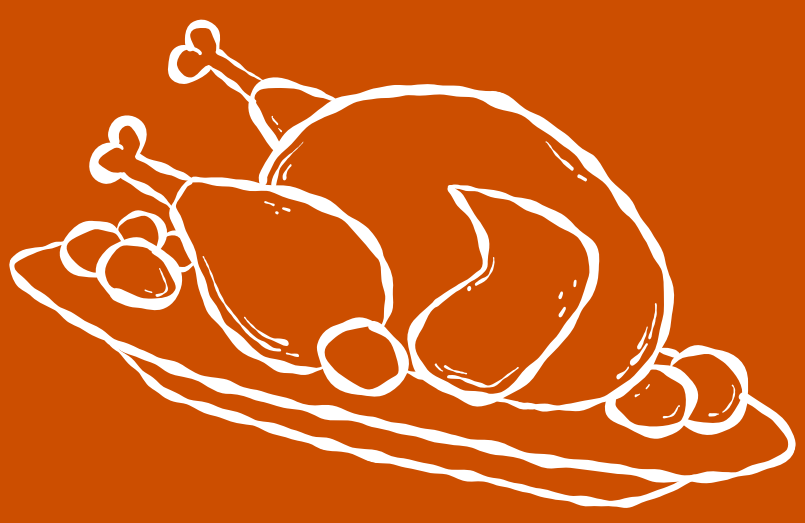



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small problems early, you're far less likely to end up with the kind of flare-ups that knock you off your feet for days. Many of my patients tell me their back and neck pain simply doesn't come back the way it used to once they commit to regular visits.

The benefits go well beyond pain prevention. When your spine is moving the way it should, you'll often notice better mobility, whether that means bending down to tie your shoes, reaching your goals at the gym, or chasing your kids around the backyard. Your spine also protects your nervous system, the communication network that links your brain to every part of your body. Keeping it aligned and free of restrictions helps support clear communication throughout that system. Patients often share that they sleep better, stand taller and feel more energized. Maintenance care is also a safe, drug-free and gentle way to support your overall wellness, and it works well alongside the care you get from your medical doctor. Every plan is personalized, too. Some people do best with weekly visits, while others thrive on a monthly tune-up. Think of it as an investment in feeling your best, not just today but for years to come.

National Day of...

Friday, November 27
Black Friday
National Bavarian Cream Pie Day

Saturday, November 28
Small Business Saturday
National French Toast Day

Sunday, November 29
Electronic Greetings Day
National Lemon Cream Pie Day

Monday, November 30
Cyber Monday
National Mason Jar Day

Tuesday, December 1
GivingTuesday (National Day of Giving)
National Eat a Red Apple Day

Wednesday, December 2
National Special Education Day
National Fritters Day

Thursday, December 3
National Roof Over Your Head Day
International Day of Persons with Disabilities



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Joke of the Week

Black Friday should actually be called
The Hunger Games.
People kill each other and the winner
gets a $20 crock pot.

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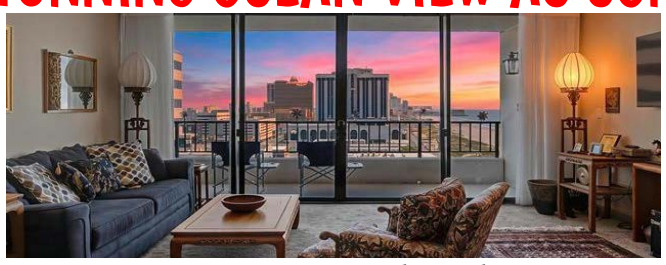


Experience the ultimate oceanfront lifestyle at The Enclave, ideally situated directly on the beach and iconic Atlantic City Boardwalk. From sunrise over the Atlantic to sparkling city lights and colorful sunsets over the bay, this exceptional 14th floor corner end unit offers a view fromvirtually every 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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Located in Brigantine's sought after South End, this beautifully updated first-floor condo at Dolphin Cove offers an inviting coastal retreat forsummer vacations, weekend escapes, or year round enjoyment. One of the community's largest **one bedroom** models, this 720 square foot residence features a spacious bedroom, **one full bath**, and easy ground level access overlooking lush, beautifully maintained grounds. Move inready, the home offers a newer kitchen with stainless steel appliances, updated flooring, dryer and a newer bedroom AC unit.

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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.
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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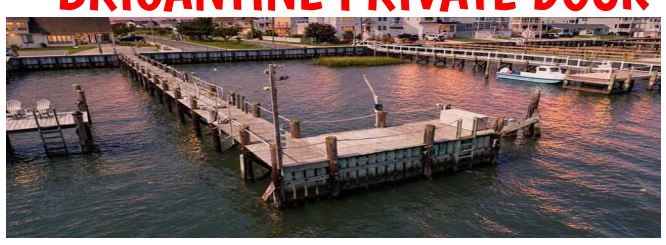
BRIGANTINE PRIVATE DOCK


RARE BRIGANTINE WATERFRONT OPPORTUNITY! Own your own PRIVATE DOCK and experience the ultimate coastal lifestyle without the expense of owning a waterfront home. Opportunities like this are increasingly hard to find in one of the Jersey Shore's most desirable island communities. Ideally positioned along Brigantine's scenic back bays with convenient access to the Intracoastal Waterway and the open Atlantic, this private waterfront retreat puts the best of island living at your fingertips.

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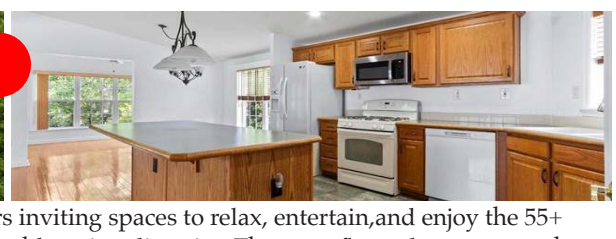
MAYS LANDING RANCHER



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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