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Legacy Vacation Resorts Closes

By Tom Morgan

Legacy Vacation Resorts, aka the Brigantine Hotel, has ceased operations and will not reopen as a timeshare property. The 99-year-old property was closed twice in the last six months due to non-working elevators,

fire alarm issues, and other safety concerns that led to the closing. LaScala's Beach House restaurant and bar, which is not affiliated with Legacy Resorts, will continue to operate as usual. Legacy Resorts are older

standalone timeshare/condo operators that are not affiliated with any major travel club or developer. Many of the Legacy properties are now older, and as they age, some of them fall into disrepair, making it financially

impossible to upgrade and restore the properties due to the fact that they have no new sales, see increased overhead, and increased maintenance fees. The Brigantine Legacy Resort fell into that category, an aging,

outdated property that needs numerous repairs and extensive upgrades that would require large amounts of capital to complete. Stand-alone legacy properties like Brigantine's just don't have
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Lifeguard Coverage Limited In Coming Weeks

There will be lifeguard coverage at all of Brigantine's swimming beaches this weekend. Next Monday through Thursday, however, there will be limited coverage due to staffing issues as guards return to school and jobs. Because lifeguard coverage depends on staffing, over the next few weeks on weekdays, the Brigantine Beach Patrol will be issuing daily updates on exactly what beaches are open with lifeguard protection. BCBP Chief Kip Emig stated, "The

BCBP will provide daily updates on what beaches are guarded. We will keep as many beaches open as we can depending on staffing, so check with either our Instagram page or scan the QR code for the latest updates on what beaches have lifeguard coverage."

To find what beaches have lifeguard coverage, go to the BCBP Instagram page at BCBPOFFICIAL (one word) or scan one of the
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Brigantine Council Update

By Mayor Vince Sera

Brigantine Reviewing Parking Requirements for Larger New Homes

As we continue to see new homes built in Brigantine, the City is looking at a growing concern: is there enough room for the cars that come with some of these larger homes?

Many of the new homes being built today are larger, with more bedrooms, while our lots remain relatively small. When there isn't enough room to park vehicles on the property, the additional cars can end up on our streets and

add to the parking pressure in neighborhoods.

The City's current residential parking requirements are set by the State through the Residential Site Improvement Standards (RSIS). The City is now working with our Master Planner and Planning Board Engineer to determine whether those standards adequately address Brigantine's unique needs and whether there are options available to give the City more flexibility.

Other New Jersey communities have faced sim-
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Foghorn Leghorn leads some kids in the chicken dance during the annual chicken barbeque at St. Thomas the Apostle Church on Friday, August 21, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



A few gentleman enjoy a lovely day on the water in their giant inflatable backyard pool. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

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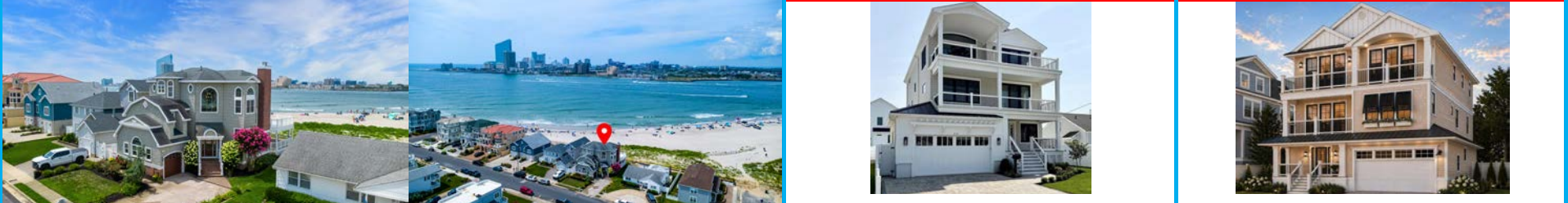
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the financial security of being part of a multi-million-dollar conglomerate to upgrade and make repairs to their older properties.

When Legacy Resorts Brigantine is officially permanently closed as a timeshare property, the Brigantine Hotel will most likely

be sold off. Details of any possible sale might involve timeshare owners voting on the sale, or an end of ownership takes place, where the timeshare association is dissolved. Whatever actions are taken and the property is either auctioned off or put up for sale, considering the cost

of real estate in Brigantine, there should be no shortage of interested investors or developers looking to grab the jewel of Brigantine and give it new life. With its prime oceanfront location, the 91-unit art deco building could be converted to beachfront condos, luxury

rentals, or apartments. The possibilities are endless. The oceanfront property is just waiting for someone to take

over and upgrade and restore the historic building to its former glory. The Brigantine

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A young guest at the St. Thomas BBQ braces for a splashy landing at the bottom of the water slide at St. Thomas Parish’s Annual Chicken BBQ. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



Brigantine Garden Club Award Winners were recognized at a council meeting on August 19th, 2026. Winners recognized included Donna Piekarki, Louise Groeber, Ann Phillips, Phil Telman, Monica & Robert Foti, Connie Coia, Marissa Petras/Paula Schubert, Anita & Jim Coia, Catherine Merlot, Lisa Daidone, Sean & Josslyn Sharkey, Dominigos Silva, Darlene Cosgrove, Julie Wolman, David & Karen Daily, Beth DiGiambattista, David & Robin Resnick, and Joe Ciliberto.

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three QR codes in the Brigantine Times. All information will be updated daily. Over Labor Day weekend, which includes Friday, September 4th, to Monday, the 7th, the BCBP will have full lifeguard coverage at all swimming beaches, with Monday the 7th being

the last day of full coverage. From September 8th to September 13th, there will be three beaches open with lifeguard coverage. After the 13th, there will be limited coverage during the week, depending on staffing, so go to BCBP Instagram or scan the BCBP QR

code to find what beaches have lifeguards. Saturday, September 19th, and Sunday, the 20th, will be the last two days of lifeguard coverage in Brigantine. Emig added, “I urge everyone to swim only at a lifeguard-protected beach. Please check the Instagram

page BCBPOFFICIAL or scan the QR code in the Brigantine Times for beaches with lifeguards. If you see a lifeguard stand lying on its side, that means that beach is unguarded and closed to swimming. If you see anybody in trouble in the water, call 911 immediately.” The

QR code beaches are South: 38th to the Jetty; Central: 14th to 38th St.; and North: 10th North to 10th South.

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Times will keep you updated on any developments with Legacy Vacation Resorts, aka the Brigantine Hotel.

South Beaches (38th Street – South Jetty)



Central Beaches (34th Street - 14th South)



North Beaches (10 South-10 North)



Here are the QR codes to check the coverage at various Brigantine Beaches in the coming weeks.

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everything else? Furniture, jewelry, collectibles, and other ‘prized’ possessions left behind are more difficult to value, especially because what one generation ‘prizes,’ the next may not — this is called the ‘stuff transfer.’ The objects and the memories attached to them can be overwhelming. Some suggest getting rid of ‘stuff’ before you move on is one of the nicest things you can do for your family. When we talk about ‘decluttering,’ if you haven’t worn it, looked at it, or, worse yet, unpacked it, you don’t need it! Considering the aging ‘boomers,’ this scenario is rapidly approaching many families. Mom and Dad, remember that when they were starting out, everyone gave them ‘used’ stuff. So how do you pass down memories? Who wants your Waterford or Lenox? Maybe the

holiday ware, but probably not. Engaged couples today don’t register for china and crystal; they set up a ‘honeymoon’ fund! Bottom line: prepare your children for when you are gone. As this relates to real estate, going through a ‘home’ when someone has moved on can be a very emotional time for the family/heirs. We have recently been involved in a few
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The tents in St. Thomas’ parking lot were packed with guests during the annual chicken barbecue last weekend. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



The Annual Brady Family Beach day at Brigantine Beach is hosted by Gary and Lynn Brady of Bayshore Ave and their son Dr. Jake Brady (BNMS class of 2004). The family was treated to beautiful weather, and fun was had by all!



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Brigantine Council Update

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move through this process.

Repair Work Has Started on the Lights and Beach Access Ramp
There is movement on several of the outstanding issues at the Brigantine Promenade. The County has completed the demolition of the old north-end beach access

ilar issues. Avalon, for example, received approval from the State for a special parking standard for larger homes. The State's RSIS program provides a process for municipalities to seek special area standards when local conditions warrant a different approach. We are still in the early

stages of researching this issue, and no changes have been proposed. Our goal is to understand the problem, look at what other communities have done, and determine whether there is a reasonable solution that makes sense for Brigantine. The City will provide more information as we

ramp and has begun construction of a new ramp. Restoring this access point has been an important priority for the City, and we are pleased to see construction now underway. There has also been progress with the Promenade lighting. The County has made temporary repairs by removing the electrical receptacles that were causing the lights to short out. The County is working with the manufacturer to identify a permanent solution to the problem. The City will continue to work with the County on the remaining safety and maintenance issues identified during our walk-through. Thank you to everyone who has reached out and shared your concerns. We will continue to keep residents updated as the work moves forward.

Lighthouse Circle Redesign Moves Forward
The City is working with Atlantic County to redesign the Lighthouse Circle to improve traffic flow and safety, reduce flooding, and improve the appearance of the area. The existing Lighthouse Circle is not a true traffic circle, which can make the traffic pattern confusing for drivers. The redesign will create a more consistent traffic pattern and include all proper signage and pavement markings required by NJDOT. The project will also improve the drainage system beneath the roadway to help move stormwater more efficiently and reduce flooding during heavy rain. Because the Lighthouse

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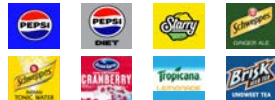


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Cheesesteak Egg Rolls \$12 (2) Chopped Steak, Fried onions & American Cheese. Served on Cheese Wiz with side Sriracha Ketchup		Jumbo Hot Dog * \$6 Barks All Dog is in Hot Dog on a Formica Split Top Bun, Add Sauerkraut +\$2 or Raw Onions +\$0.50	
Boneless Wings & Fries \$12 (8) Buffalo / BBQ / Sweet Chili. Served with Celery & side Bleu Cheese or Ranch.		Breakfast Sandwich * \$6 Pork Roll, Bacon, or Hickory Smoked Ham, Egg & Cheese. Add Extra Meat +\$2	
Chicken Tenders & Fries \$13 (4) Served with Side Ranch, Buffalo, Honey Mustard, Bleu Cheese, Chipotle Mayo or BBQ		Club Sandwich \$13 Oven Roasted Turkey or Hickory Smoked Ham, Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato & Mayo, on White or Wheat.	
Bavarian Pretzel \$13 House-Made Beer Cheese & Spicy Brown Mustard.		Ham & Cheddar Panini \$14 Hickory Smoked Ham, Cheddar, Mayo, & Tomato on a Pressed Ciabatta Roll.	
Chicken Quesadilla \$16 Grilled Chicken Breast, Cheddar, & Pico de Gallo. Served with Side Lettuce & Sour Cream.		Cheesesteak \$15 Beef or Chicken +\$1, Fried Onions, & American, Provolone, Swiss, or Cheddar.	
Salads Add Grilled or Crispy Chicken \$5		Chicken Pesto Panini \$15 Grilled Chicken Breast, Provolone, Pesto Mayo, & Roasted Red Peppers on a Pressed Ciabatta Roll.	
Caesar \$12 Chopped Romaine, Parmesan, Croutons, & Creamy Caesar.		Chipotle Chicken Sandwich \$15 Grilled Chicken Breast, Avocado, Red Onion, Cheddar, & Chipotle Mayo on a Brioche Bun.	
Spinach \$13 Spinach, Crispy Bacon, Bleu Cheese Crumble, Red Onion, & Tomato with Lemon Vinaigrette.		Meatball Parm Sub \$15 Beef & Pork Meatballs in House-Made Marinara on a 9" Sub Roll topped with Melted Provolone. Garnished with Oregano & Parmesan.	
Market \$13 Mixed Greens, Iceberg, Tomato, Cucumber, Red Onion, Hard Boiled Egg, & Cheddar with Balsamic Vinaigrette.		Links Burger \$16 ½ lb. Black Angus Beef Patty, Lettuce, Tomato, & Onions on a Brioche Bun. Choice of American, Provolone, Swiss, or Cheddar. Add Fried Mushrooms +\$1, Bacon +\$1, or Avocado +\$2.	
Greek \$14 Chopped Romaine, Cucumber, Tomato, Kalamata Olives, Feta, & Red Onion with House-Made Greek Dressing.		Pulled Pork Sandwich \$16 BBQ Pulled Pork topped with Cheddar Cheese on a Brioche Bun.	
Wedge \$16 Crisp Iceberg Wedge topped with Red Onion, Tomato, Bleu Cheese Crumble, & Crispy Bacon with Bleu Cheese Dressing.		French Dip \$18 Thinly Sliced Prime Rib, Horseradish Sauce, Melted Provolone, & Side Au Jus.	
			
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		Wraps	
		Served with House-Made Chips & Pickle Upgrade Side: Fries \$1 Sweet Potato Fries \$2 Onion Rings \$3	
		Veggie \$12 Sautéed Spinach, Mushrooms, Fried Onions, Roasted Red Peppers, & Provolone in a Spinach Tortilla Wrap. Add Grilled or Crispy Chicken +\$5	
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		Chicken Bacon Ranch \$15 Grilled or Crispy Chicken, Bacon, Romaine, Tomato, & Ranch in a Tortilla Wrap.	
		Sides	
		House-Made Chips \$2	
		Fries \$5	
		Sweet Potato Fries \$6 Cinnamon Maple Sour Cream	
		Onion Rings \$7 Chipotle Mayo	
		Old Bay Fries \$7 Cheddar Cheese Wiz	
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Rod & Reel Room." It's an inviting venue that hosts parties such as birthdays, anniversaries, bridal and baby showers, and fundraisers. Recently, my husband and I enjoyed a delightful evening with global powerhouse songstress Mara Justine in the Rod & Reel

Room. That's where I met Joe Crilley, general manag-

er of The Cove Restaurant. Joe Crilley immediately

drew me in with his charm- (Continued on Page 41)



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The VFW kicked off some friendly Corn Hole competition on Sunday. In the inaugural competition, John Sauer and Dylan Roth took first-place honors. On their heels in second were Kevin McCool and Trish O’Donald. Join us Sunday afternoons in the newly renovated outside area at the Post.

VFW News

Celebrate summer with us Saturday, August 29, as the Post hosts its annual End of Summer BBQ. While we do not want summer to end, we do want to celebrate summer in Brigantine. Join us for great music from Stage Left Duo, and a great buffet, featuring steamed clams, sweet chili wings, corn on the cob, BBQ pork skewers, and much more! This is a don’t-miss event! See you there!

The VFW Post has a non-profit spot at Farmers Market this week. Please stop by and say hello. We are supporting our Poppy Campaign, which funds our Veteran Relief Fund, direct support to veterans needing assistance, and the National Children’s Home in Eaton Rapids, MI.

We are also celebrating the late summer weather with friendly cornhole competition in our newly renovated outdoor area. In the inaugural competition, John Sauer and Dylan Roth took first-place honors. On their heels in second was Kevin McCool and Trish O’Donald. Join us Sunday afternoons for great fun, camaraderie, and drink specials.

To prove we do not want summer to end, the Post has a great September lineup of activities. Stay

tuned for additional details. Our weekly lineup includes: This Friday (Aug. 28), we welcome Odyssey Trio for our entertainment. Plan on dinner and fantastic entertainment! Monday Bingo with Debbie calling the games! The kitchen is not open, but we have some easy pub food to keep you going. Tuesday is Trivia! Is your brain full of useless information? If so, the VFW needs you! The kitchen is open Tuesday with a great menu. The kitchen is open Tuesday through Saturday. Friday night is a more formal menu with salad, entrée, and dessert. Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday menus highlight sandwiches and pub fare. Members can join us for delicious meals any day of the week! Canteen hours are Monday to Thursday, 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Join us Friday and Saturday, noon to 11 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 10 p.m. VFW6964.org; VFW Memorial Post 6964 Facebook page. Veterans Crisis Hotline is “988” — press 1.

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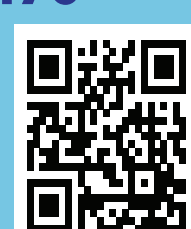
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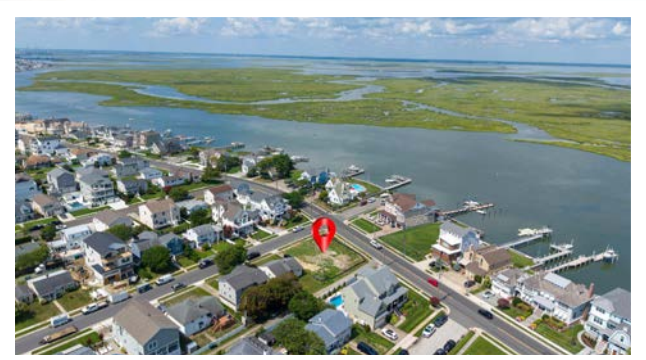
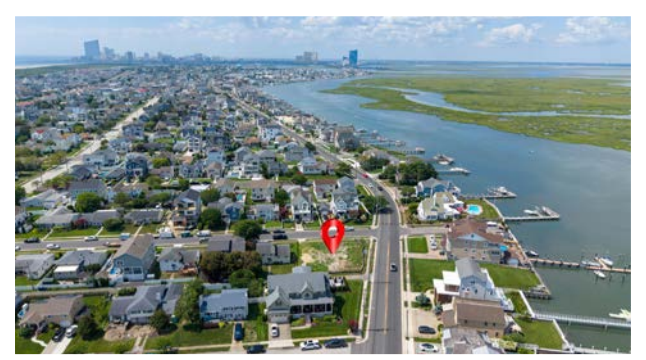


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Circle is a County roadway, Atlantic County is leading the project. The City is a 50% partner in the design and will contribute approximately 22% of the construction cost, with the County funding the remaining 78%.



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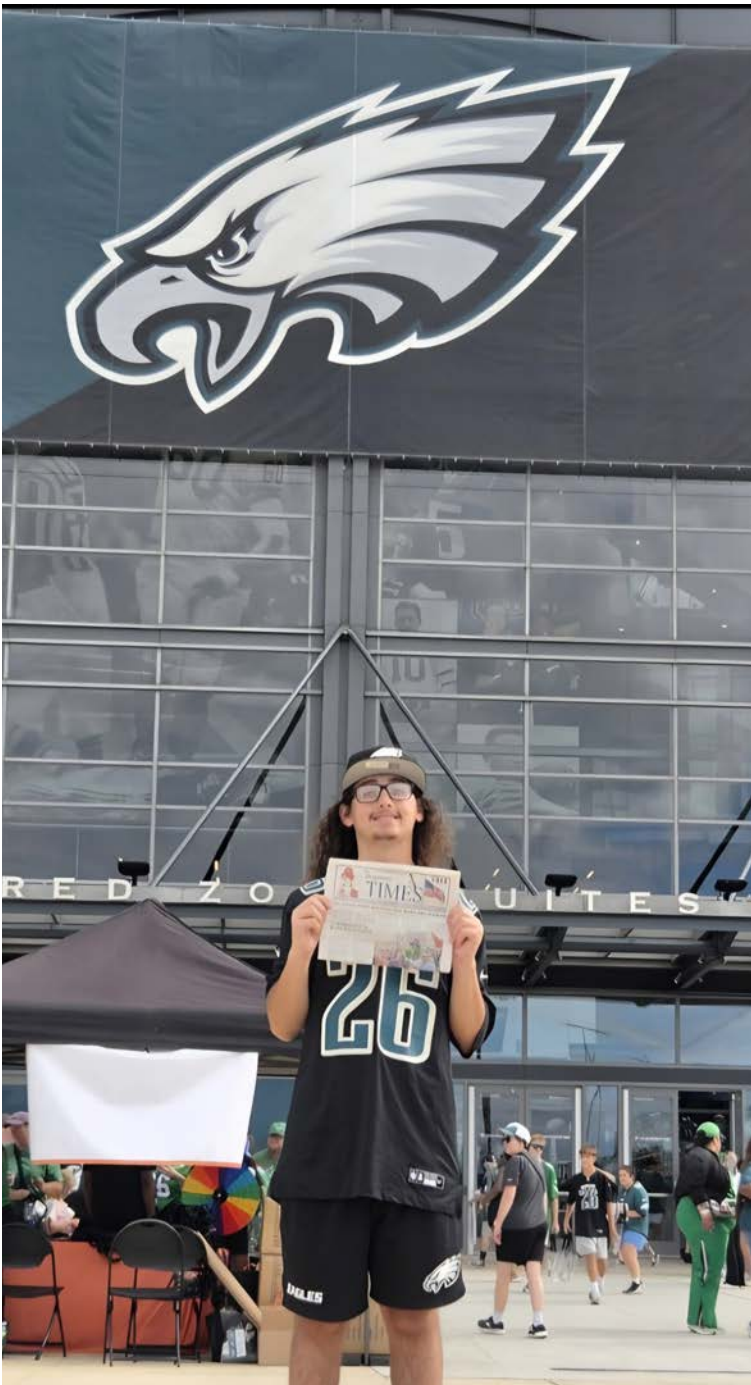
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Leroy's Corner: Local Cat Outraged After Receiving New Name



I really did not want to write about this. I tried to ignore it. I tried to pretend I did not hear it. I even considered simply walking away and refusing to acknowledge the situation altogether. But after careful consideration, I have decided that my readers deserve to know what has been happening. I have been given a new name. Sticky Toffee Pudding.

Yes. Unfortunately, that is not a typo. According to sources inside my own home, I am now sometimes being referred to as Sticky Toffee Pudding. I would like to make it very clear that I did not approve this name, I was not consulted about this name, and I have no plans to respond to it. This is especially frustrating for longtime readers of Leroy's Corner, who may recall that I have experienced several name changes and nicknames over the years. Apparently, being named Leroy was not enough. My humans have repeatedly decided that I needed additional names, despite there being absolutely nothing wrong with the original. I have tolerated many

of these names with the patience and dignity expected of a sophisticated cat. But Sticky Toffee Pudding is where I draw the line. I am a distinguished cat. I spend my days supervising my humans, protecting the household from suspicious noises, conducting extensive treat inspections, and maintaining a rigorous napping schedule. None

of these responsibilities suggest that I should be named after a dessert. I would also like to reassure my loyal readers that despite this unfortunate development, Leroy's Corner will remain Leroy's Corner. I will continue reporting on the important issues facing cats everywhere, including treats, naps, human behavior, household inconvenienc-

es, and the ongoing struggle for feline independence. Stay Whiskered, Leroy
Dear Leroy, we were very excited to hear about your adventure to a hotel. It sounded meowsome. I wonder, did
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Hunter (Tab) and Minnie lounge on the hood of a car, dreaming of all their adventures they will write Leroy (a Brigantine cat and Times Columnist) about.



ats Hunter (Tab) and Minnie peek outside their windows in California, where they write Leroy a Brigantine Cat from. Sometimes they see Kyotes outside!



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A large, multi-story house with a prominent front porch and a two-car garage. The house features a mix of white and brown siding, multiple levels of balconies with glass railings, and a large arched window on the second floor. The front porch has a white railing and a small set of steps. The two-car garage has a dark red door. The house is set on a green lawn with some landscaping in the foreground. In the background, other houses and a utility pole are visible under a blue sky with scattered clouds.

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From Under The Hat

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local agents on the island, can put you in touch with local contractors to assist you from ‘stuff to sold’! with the transaction and get

of these situations, and it’s quite an eye-opener. Some of the older houses were affected by storms and flooding, unknown to the homeowner. Only a pre-inspection before going to market revealed the extent of the damage. If the property had become active and an offer was accepted, imagine the headaches for the new buyers and seller, especially if the repairs reached into the thousands. Interior property can also become problematic when one or two family members want the same item. Who helps get rid of the ‘stuff’? Estate sale? Dumpster removal? The LePera Team, as your



Rain spatters the vendors and shoppers during last weekend’s farmers market. There are only two farmers markets left this season, so make sure you stop by this weekend and the next! (Photo by Sean Kardon).



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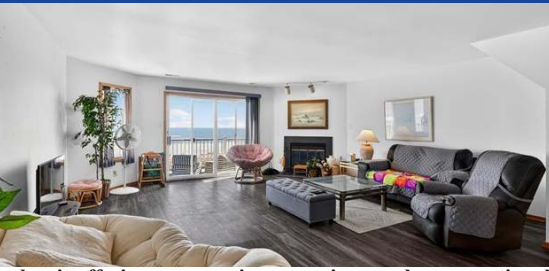
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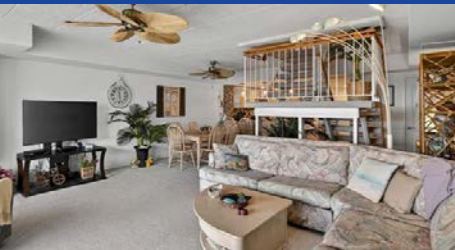
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By Dr. Karen Geller

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the beautiful square where Brigantine holds the Presentation of the Wreaths for the very moving Memo-

rial Day service in May and also the Veterans Day service in November. You are invited to pur-

chase a 4” x 8” brick paver that will have 3 lines to honor your veteran. There is
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A parent enjoys a game of ring toss with her son at the St. Thomas chicken barbecue on August 21st. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

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Leroy's Corner

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the seagulls get scared when they saw you at their level? Sorry we haven't been writing to you, but our humans were away and we had a series of cat sitters. Unfortunately, they didn't know the importance of reading your column to us. Guess Mom forgot that on her list of care instructions. While you were enjoying the best window

view of the world, we were charming our caregivers. It's really pretty easy, since we could just do the basic things and they were all impressed. Getting extra treats and brushings were on the top of the list since they wanted to report to Mom that we were happy. We can't wait to hear about your next adventure. Your buds,

Brody and Hooper
Dear Leroy,
We are glad you were able to adjust to your surroundings in the hotel. Minnie and I would have been terrified; we've always been at ground level. Scariest thing we've ever seen is a Wily coyote outside our window,

including last week. Our humans have only driven us ten miles to the veterinarian; that was not a vacation for us. We celebrated our fifth birthdays last week. Our humans bought us cards and wonderful food. We still hope to visit Brigantine sometime soon in person.

I, Hunter (Tab), have been perfecting my drawer investigation skills, and we have been keeping tabs (get it) on our human's Beemer and the human bride's workspace. Stay whiskered, Hunter (Tab) and Minnie
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Goggles on and ready, this young girl takes the plunge down the water slide at St. Thomas Parish's Annual Chicken BBQ last Friday. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

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Dr. Zimmerman’s Health Tip

If you have ever felt like your body just would not cooperate on game day, I get it. Over the years, I have watched countless athletes push through nagging tightness and stiff joints, convinced that discomfort was simply part of the deal. It is not. One of the biggest benefits chiropractic care offers athletes is improved range of motion. When your spine and joints are properly aligned, your body moves the way it was designed to move. That freedom translates into a smoother golf swing, a more powerful sprint, and a deeper squat. Chiropractors work on something called

vertebral subluxations, which are spots where the joints of your spine get stuck and lose their proper alignment. Once those restrictions are gently corrected, you often feel looser, lighter, and more in tune with your own movement. The real magic happens beneath the surface, in the connection between your spine, your nervous system, and your muscles. Your nervous system is the communication highway that tells your muscles when to fire and how hard to work. When misalignments interfere with that signal, muscle function suffers, and small imbalanc-

es can snowball into strains and injuries. Regular chiropractic adjustments help keep that highway clear, so your muscles respond faster and coordinate better. Many athletes I have worked with tell me they not only feel stronger but recover more quickly after tough training sessions. That faster recovery matters, because the sooner you bounce back from a hard workout or a minor injury, the sooner you can get back to doing what you love. Safe, drug-free, and hands-on, this approach complements the training you are already doing

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CROSSWORD: FICTIONAL DETECTIVES ACROSS

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- Workout unit
- Prohibit
- Affirmative response
- Type of lure, pl.
- Small silvery fish
- Seed covering
- Gumbo vegetable
- Like Siberian winters
- *"Murder, She Wrote" amateur sleuth
- Descartes’s “therefore”
- *Apparition investigated in a Scooby-Doo cartoon
- ____ Air in L.A.
- *Arthur Conan Doyle’s detective
- Deposit, in Paris
- “Wheel of Fortune” purchase (2 words)
- Always, in Rome
- “She ____ blue velvet...”
- From then on
- Am is to I as ____ is to we
- Prison-related
- International Civil Aviation Organization
- Window-shop
- “He ____ and drank the precious words...”
- Announce
- *Agatha Christie’s Hercule
- Ryder Cup participant
- Fern leaf
- Charitable contribution
- *"The Pink Panther" Inspector
- Diver’s breathing device
- Vietnam neighbor
- Bald eagle’s home
- Bother
- Highland tongue
- Get checkmated

- Cribbage piece
- Like certain nurse
- Ginger cookie
- DOWN
- Shag rug
- Lord’s worker
- Colorado skiing destination
- Mucus in lungs
- Adherents of Sikhism
- Wading bird
- Russia’s 1917 abdicator
- Titanic’s inanimate foe
- “The Sun is ____ a Star”
- Unknown power
- Humorous
- Blind followers
- *Raymond Chandler’s hardboiled detective
- Not those
- Quilting gathering
- Orthodox Judaism adherent
- Chilled (2 words)
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- Navigational aid
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- Fowl perch
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2	Sat. Sept. 12	OC	HOME
3	Sun. Sept. 20	ABSECON	AWAY
4	BYE WEEK - NO GAME		BYE
5	Sat. Oct. 3	EHT	AWAY
6	Sun. Oct. 11	HAMILTON	HOME
7	Sat. Oct. 17	BUENA	AWAY
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Brigantine Times Kids Corner

The Railway Children

By E. Nesbit

Chapter IV

(Continued from Vol. 57 No. 33)

“Tinkle, tinkle,” said the little bell, and Bobbie went into the dining-room, feeling rather shy. Directly she opened the door she found herself, as it seemed, in a new world of light and flowers and singing. Mother and Peter and Phyllis were standing in a row at the end of the table. The shutters were shut and there were twelve candles on the table, one for each of Roberta’s years. The table was covered with a sort of pattern of flowers, and at Roberta’s place was a thick wreath of forget-me-nots and several most interesting little packages. And Mother and Phyllis and Peter were singing—to the first part of the tune of St. Patrick’s Day. Roberta knew that Mother had written the words on purpose for her birthday. It was a little way of Mother’s on birthdays. It had begun on Bobbie’s fourth birthday when Phyllis was a baby. Bobbie remembered learning the verses to say to Father ‘for a surprise.’ She wondered if Mother had remembered, too. The four-year-old verse had been:—

*Daddy dear, I’m only four
And I’d rather not be more.
Four’s the nicest age to be,
Two and two
and one and three.
What I love is two and two,
Mother, Peter,
Phil, and you.
What you love
is one and three,*

*Mother, Peter,
Phil, and me.
Give your little girl a kiss
Because she
learned and told you this.
The song the others were
singing now went like this:—*

*Our darling Roberta,
No sorrow shall hurt her
If we can prevent it
Her whole life long.
Her birthday’s our fete day,
We’ll make it our great day,
And give her our presents
And sing her our song.
May pleasures attend her
And may the Fates send her
The happiest journey
Along her life’s way.
With skies bright above her
And dear ones to love her!
Dear Bob! Many happy
Returns of the day!*

When they had finished singing they cried, “Three cheers for our Bobbie!” and gave them very loudly. Bobbie felt exactly as though she were going to cry—you know that odd feeling in the bridge of your nose and the pricking in your eyelids? But before she had time to begin they were all kissing and hugging her. “Now,” said Mother, “look at your presents.”

They were very nice presents. There was a green and red needle-book that Phyllis had made herself in secret moments. There was a darling little silver brooch of Mother’s shaped like a buttercup, which Bobbie

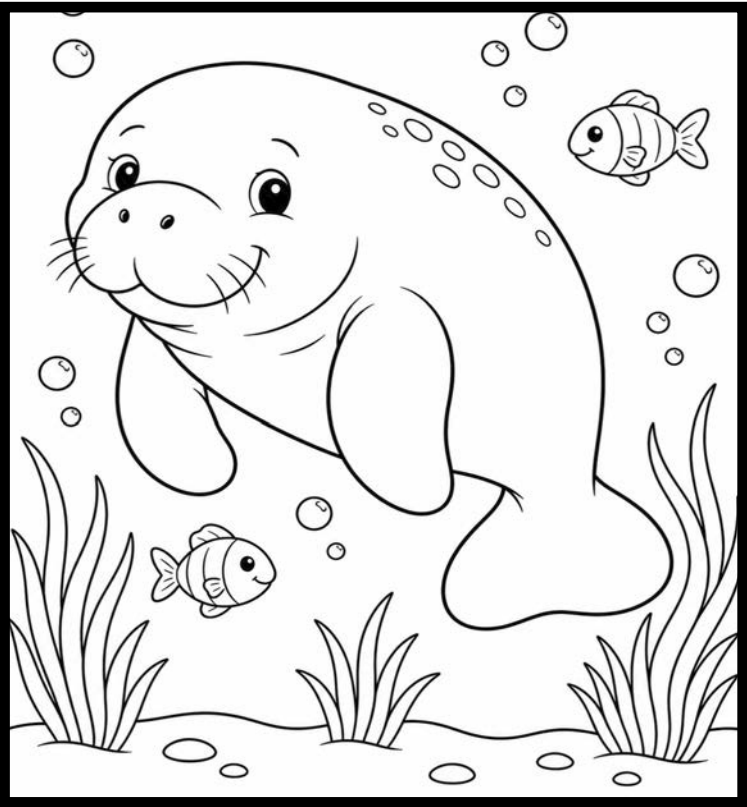
had known and loved for years, but which she had never, never thought would come to be her very own. There was also a pair of blue glass vases from Mrs. Viney. Roberta had seen and admired them in the village shop. And there were three birthday cards with pretty pictures and wishes.

Mother fitted the forget-me-not crown on Bobbie’s brown head.

“And now look at the table,” she said.

There was a cake on the table covered with white sugar, with ‘Dear Bobbie’ on it in pink sweets, and there were buns and jam; but the nicest thing was that the big table was almost covered with flowers—wallflowers were laid all round the tea-tray—there was a ring of forget-me-nots round each plate. The cake had a wreath of white lilac round it, and in the middle was something that looked like a pattern all done with single blooms of lilac or wallflower or laburnum.

“It’s a map—a map of the railway!” cried Peter. “Look—those lilac lines are the metals—and there’s the station done in brown wallflowers. The laburnum is the train, and there are the signal-boxes, and the road up to here—and those fat red daisies are us three waving to the old gentleman—that’s him, the pansy



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in the laburnum train.”

“And there’s ‘Three Chimneys’ done in the purple primroses,” said Phyllis. “And that little tiny rosebud is Mother looking out for us when we’re late for tea. Peter invented it all, and we got all the flowers from the station. We thought you’d like it better.”

“That’s my present,” said Peter, suddenly dumping down his adored steam-engine on the table in front of her. Its tender had been lined with fresh white paper,

and was full of sweets.

“Oh, Peter!” cried Bobbie, quite overcome by this munificence, “not your own dear little engine that you’re so fond of?”

“Oh, no,” said Peter, very promptly, “not the engine. Only the sweets.”

Bobbie couldn’t help her face changing a little—not so much because she was disappointed at not getting the engine, as because she had thought it so very noble of Peter, and now she felt she had been silly to think it. too.

Hypothermia in the Summertime?

Submitted by Alan Moose, USCG Aux.

Hypothermia is not just a winter danger — it’s a summertime danger, too. With air temperatures well into the 80s, hardly anyone gives a thought to hypothermia while cruising the back bay or heading out on a day trip to the deeper waters of the Atlantic.

But the fact is, water temperatures could be well below the air temperature, and an unexpected dunking as a result of a boating accident could have disastrous results — particularly if you are alone.

For example, if you are boating in Miami’s Biscayne Bay in mid-July, the water temperature will be in the mid-to-high 80s, and

you can spend many hours immersed before the symptoms of hypothermia set in — plenty of time for a rescue. But boating in our area, it’s an entirely different story. With summertime water temperatures from 70–80 degrees, which are quite normal for our Brigantine area, exhaustion or unconsciousness can set in within 3–12 hours; lower temps in the 60–70 degree range, 2–7 hours; and in water from 50–60 degrees, you could be unconscious in 1–2 hours.

Once your core body temperature drops from the normal 98.6 degrees to 95 degrees, your extremities are numbered to the point of uselessness — trying to fas-

ten the straps of a life jacket or cling to an overturned boat becomes nearly impossible. Panic and shock set in, and total disorientation can occur. Cold water robs the body of heat considerably faster than cold air.

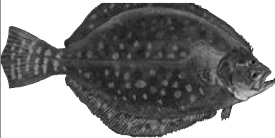
To guard against the potential for succumbing to hypothermia as a result of a summertime boating accident, the Coast Guard Auxiliary suggests: 1. Know the weather conditions before you set out — don’t leave your port or dock if the weather may turn rough. 2. File a float plan to tell your friends and family where you are going and when you plan to return. 3. Always wear a life jacket while boat-

ing. 4. If you wind up in the water, try not to panic, as it can increase heat loss from your body and shorten your survival time — remain in a curled-up, heat-retaining position. 5. Stick with your capsized boat and try to get as much of your body out of the water as possible. 6. Avoid consuming alcoholic beverages while boating — they allow heat to escape from the body more quickly because alcohol dilates blood vessels.

Want to help promote boating safety? The Coast Guard Auxiliary is actively seeking volunteers interested in serving their country and their community. For anyone looking for a meaningful

volunteer position, you may find a perfect fit in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Retired, or have some spare time? Consider volunteering in the Auxiliary.

Brigantine Flotilla 85 is celebrating its 55th anniversary and welcomes new members. Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Brigantine Beach Community Center, 265 42nd St., at 7:00 p.m. Come join us at our next meeting, Tuesday, August 18, and see what the Auxiliary is all about. For more information, email boatsafelyinnj@gmail.com. And remember: boating safety is no accident!



Weekly Fishing Report



by Captain Andy Grossman

The Summer fishing continues to give us what we are expecting with kings , spot , croakers , and flounder in the surf. We have also found schools of small bluefish being caught in the surf. The jetty has been giving up some nice flounder on

either teaser rigs or SP minnows. In the back bays you still have to sort through a ton of short flounder to find dinner but they are out there. If you want to increase your chances of a meal then you have to head out front to the reefs and wrecks. Mahi-mahi

hi have been showing up out there also and the anglers have been having fun with them. We are waiting to get approvals for the Fall Riptide Derby that hopefully will be starting on Sept 8th but I'm still waiting to hear. As soon as I hear I will post it up.

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

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Today's Puzzle Answers

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Locals' Summer

By McKayla Touhill

Next weekend is Labor Day weekend, and it's hard to believe that another busy summer season is already drawing to a close. It feels like yesterday that Garrett and I finished up our very first summer with the Times and had a picnic on the beach with burgers and milkshakes to celebrate.

The sun was glistening. A faded pinkish-orange sky reflected off the shimmering blue-green ocean water. We were on top of the world. After taking over the Times in October of 2024, summer 2025 was our first big opportunity to see if we had what it took to run a newspaper through our biggest, busiest season. Now, 50 papers later, we are almost at that point again for the second year.

I'm sure it will feel like we blink and ten summers will have gone by. Hopefully then, we'll still be celebrating with a burger picnic on the beach. As the busiest summer season wraps up, we are entering what is often called locals' summer.

Many Brigantine residents

don't just live on the island, but work here too, and when lots of people are visiting Brigantine on their summer vacations, locals are working overtime as businesses boom with the vigor of all of our summer guests. After Labor Day, when a lot of the hustle and bustle calms down, locals find themselves with a little more time on their hands and a chance to finally get those beach chairs out on the beach on the weekends.

So, in honor of Labor Day, thank you to all the workers who keep our island running through the summer, and all year round. Thank you to all the city workers, to the workers who man the storefronts of local businesses, to the business owners who put in countless hours to keep the wheels of their small businesses turning, and to our local Chamber of Commerce for supporting those businesses. And thank you to all our summer visitors who boost our local economy in Brigantine every summer.

Hopefully, in the com-

ing weeks, all of those who have been working so hard all summer will have a little bit of time to rest and relax.

Although the busy season is coming to an end, some of the best beach weather is still ahead of us. In September, the sun starts baking you a little less, leaving you with warm, sunny beaches and a cool breeze. Many times, September also brings warmer ocean water, as the Atlantic finally seems to have absorbed all of July and August's blaz-

ing heat. So, if you work in Brigantine, or have a business here, try and take an afternoon or two in September to get out on the beach and enjoy 'locals' summer.' Cheers!

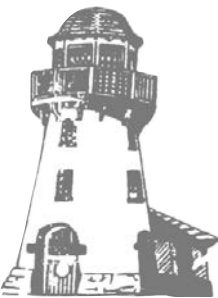
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30 — Kathy Fox, Daria Ricchini, Tom Morgan, Mary Alice DeChristopher, and Dawn Mecca.
31 — Maria Simeonova, Melanie Kuharik, Tyler Hannan, and Tom Nyman Jr.

September 1 — Bill Connor, Jim DeCecco, Marie Parks, Donna Bell, Jim Bell, and Susan Mooney.
2 — Chris Henry, Catie Biggins, Abby Gallagher, and Bob Langner.
3 — Michael Milhous, Michael Ross, Barbara Wiener Schaeffer, and Tom 'Turk' Reynolds.



This circa 1927 photo shows the Brigantine Golf Course Club House that was located at the end of Roosevelt Boulevard and the back bay. The facility included men's and lady's locker rooms, lounge, dining room, kitchen, pro-shop, and offices. Stop by the Brigantine Historical Museum to see more photos like this.



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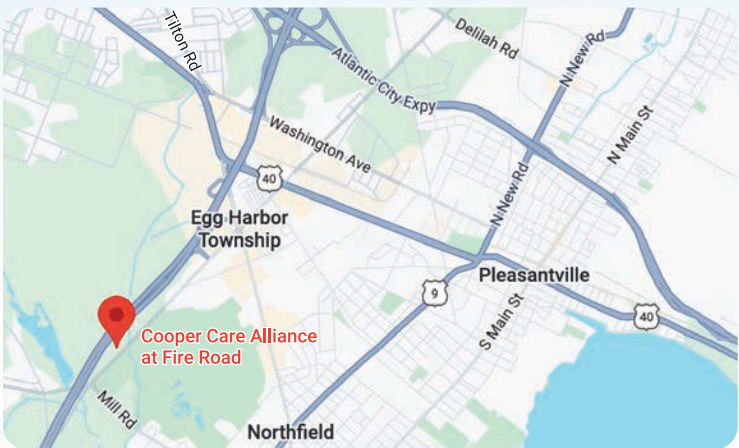


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Garden Club News

By Phyllis Glomb

THEY'RE BACK! The Spotted Lantern Flies I mean. Yes, we have been seeing them again. We were infested a few years back, and then they almost disappeared. Seems they are visiting again. If you don't know, a spotted lantern fly is an invasive and very destructive insect that has invaded the East Coast. Native to Asia, the SLF damages crops, trees, and plants by feeding on plant sap and excreting a sticky waste called honeydew. A nymph is about 1/2 inch long with a bright red body marked with bold black stripes and white spots. An adult is about one inch long and 1/2 wide. It has grayish-tan wings with black spots. When it opens its wings, it has bright red back wings with a distinct black-and-white band. It has

a black head and wings. Its yellow abdomen has a black band. Don't let the pretty colors fool you. The United States Department of Agriculture, state agriculture departments, and university extension programs such as Penn State recommend killing spotted lantern flies by squishing or stomping on them. If you see brownish, mud-like masses on trees, vehicles, or outdoor furniture, these are egg masses. Scrape them off with a plastic card and drop them into rubbing alcohol. Many local birds, insects, and small animals eat spotted lantern flies, though local wildlife took time to recognize them as food. Predators include native birds, bats, squirrels, and beneficial bugs like praying mantises and spiders. Spotted lantern flies

will also die if they eat milkweed. (And yet another good reason to plant milkweed!) Help keep Brigantine's trees safe by actively destroying these invaders. Thanks. Join us for our next meeting on Sept. 14 at 6:00 at the Brigantine Community Center. Following the meeting,

Nancy Phillips will present "Winter Sowing." Everyone is welcome to attend. Thank you for preserving Brigantine's charm by enhancing our island. Your work is appreciated. Seen on a garden sign: Water me and tell me I'm pretty. 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.



Last Friday, St. Thomas had its annual chicken barbeque event. The event featured hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken platters, and much more, as well as face painting and games for kids. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



A brave teenager helps her young friend feel safe during their ride down the water slide together during last Friday's St. Thomas Parish Chicken BBQ. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



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A Hidden Gem — What’s Happening on Vardon Circle?

By Laurel Leigh

Have you walked or cycled around the North End and run across a large garden on Vardon Circle but wondered what was going on? Well, a once-empty piece of land adjacent to the golf course’s 18th fairway has been undergoing a restoration after years of sitting vacant. Public Works originally approached the Brigantine Garden Club in an effort to secure volunteer help in restoring this piece of property, but the size and scope of the project was too large for the Garden Club, as their

priority is to pair the current garden beds with volunteers. Laurel Leigh, a Garden Club member, offered to take on the project to fulfill the requirements for the Rutgers Environmental Stewardship Certification Program, in which she had enrolled. This environmental restoration is an effort to restore an open public area along Vardon Circle. A small public park is being created with gardens demonstrating how native plants can help restore and sustain the environment by attracting butterflies and

hummingbirds, among other helpful pollinators. Information explaining the value of using native plants in gardening will be available through planned public presentations and signage so visitors will have access to the information supporting this effort. The project is fully intended to include the community in many ways. Work began on restoring the soil so plants could survive in the spring of 2025 and continues today. The scope of work includes three garden beds planted with

native plants that are suitable for planting in Brigantine, as well as benches and picnic tables for the public. The gardens were

planted in June 2025 and bloomed well into the fall. Given the poor conditions that existed when we start-

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The Western bed in the vaerdon Circle Gardens features native perennials and shrubs native to NJ.



Here are some of the beautiful flowers growing in the center Bed of the Vardon Circle Area – 8 plants native to the NJ barrier island ecoregion

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Keeping the Rod & Reel Alive

By Roseann Smith

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ing, casual manner. Looking much younger than his years, Crilley took the time to explain the backstory of The Cove’s Rod & Reel Room. “The bar you see running along the back wall is the original wooden bar from the Rod & Reel Tavern. We took it right out of the bar and brought it here to be refurbished.” Crilley’s face lights up as he runs his hands along the smooth, polished grain of the wood. “We all like a little nostalgia.”

Born and raised in Brigantine, Crilley viewed restoring the bar as a task worth undertaking. “The hardest thing about cleaning up the bar was the thousands of pieces of chewing gum embedded in the wood. We had to scrape each piece out, and then sand it down. Then there were many

burnt marks in the wood from cigarettes. We had to sand them down too.”

As Crilley retells the story, he’s filled with pride. “There were also a lot of people who carved their names into the bar.” He goes on to say that he left many of the names etched in the bar. “If you look closely, you can make out some of the names. It’s a good talking point.”

The Rod & Reel Tavern opened its doors in 1936, shortly after the repeal of Prohibition. Tucked away on the far north side of the island, the unpretentious dive bar was built for the locals: the fishermen, laborers, and islanders who were sculpting out a piece of heaven on earth. It was a place where you could dine on “all you can eat” crabs, have a Bloody Mary

at 4:00 a.m. with breakfast, and, if you lived close by, be lulled asleep by the music.

For the countless faithful patrons of The Rod & Reel Tavern, it’s comforting to know there’s a special place in present-day Brigantine culture where the iconic

watering hole still lives on. Thanks to custodians of history, keepers of the flame like Joe Crilley, a bridge connects Brigantine’s storied past with its vibrant future.

Next time you’re invited to a special event at The Rod & Reel Room in the Cove

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A Hidden Gem

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ed, there was concern some plants would not survive the winter. To our delight, the plants not only survived but they have thrived.

The plan for the gardens and the park is to provide a public space where community members can sit and enjoy the gardens and all of the beneficial pollinators that are feeding and supporting the plants. In addition to enjoying the gardens, community activities are planned to share information with the public about the benefits of planting native plants, including nature crafts and other activities for children and adults.

At this time, the gardens are thriving, a mulch walkway has been laid down, and four native trees have been planted. Next steps include adding benches, a sign, storage, and raised beds to provide more planting space. The gardens are maintained by a dedicated group of volunteers and are supported by Public Works and membership in the Brigantine Green Team.

Although we have a group of volunteers, we are actively seeking more volunteers, especially anyone with good tech skills for helping us to

better communicate with the public through social media, graphic arts, and writing experience. Volunteer opportunities also include construction and garden maintenance work, help with refreshments at planned events, and other miscellaneous tasks. No offer will be discouraged!

Since the gardens grow according to their own schedule, we find ourselves finally ready to complete the construction of the raised beds, storage, and trellises that will help our programs take off. Before the first frost is a good time to make these changes so the gardens can get off to a stable start in the spring. At this late date, at the end of the fiscal year, we find ourselves in need of donations to purchase the materials necessary to construct the raised beds and trellises.

Anyone interested in volunteering or donating, please contact Laurel via email at Beach6Runner2@gmail.com for information.

To that end, we are offering several sponsorship options. The materials to construct one 6-ft-L x 2-ft-W x 2-ft-H raised bed cost \$300.

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tioned auditorium and will start at 7:30pm. This concert wraps up the CER’s Summer Concert Series. Thanks to all who have attended the concerts so far and all of the fantastic musicians who brought soothing sounds to our summer!



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Thank You to the Volunteers Who Made This Market Season Shine!

By The Market Media Team

With just two Market days left in the season, we'd like to thank the volunteers who make the Brigantine Farmers Market possible every Saturday. The Market depends entirely on people who show up week after week to set up tents, greet vendors, and keep the event running smoothly. Green Team President Jeanette Kessler calls them "the best volunteers in the world," and it's easy to see why.

Take Aggie Russo, who arrives every Saturday at 7:30 a.m. as part of the safety check team, making sure each vendor's tent is properly weighted before the crowds arrive. She grew up on a farm and says the produce vendors bring back childhood memories, and she cherishes the friendships she's built by volunteering.

You can't miss Sharon Levinson, with her signature bullhorn each week.

She says she gets so much joy keeping the energy high and greeting shoppers, contributing to the infectious fun and playful spirit that characterizes the Market.

Donna Piekarski, the Green Team's treasurer, found her own sense of purpose through volunteerism. She loves dancing in the school lot to Jack Fahey's music and getting to know the vendors each year.

Fellow volunteer Lynn Heligman, who has been there since the Market began, says she treasures seeing old friends and making new ones every Saturday. "It's not summer without the Farmers Market," Lynn proclaims. We agree!

We thank local artist and environmental activist Eduardo Jimenez, who leads rain barrel workshops at the Market and hands out toys collected during his morn-

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A group of young men use an inflatable backyard pool as a giant makeshift floatie and have some fun in the ocean. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



Brigantine resident Juanny Kosta poses with over 300 lbs of linens bound for Venezuela. Through the generosity of the congregation of St. Thomas church, friends, family, and island residents, Juanny was able to collect the items to support earthquake victims in her native Venezuela. Many people lost everything, with some still living in tents and shelters where supplies are very limited

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smile greeted visitors for over a decade. The Green Team hopes to honor her memory with a memorial bench. She gave so much of her time and talent to the Green Team over the years.

These are just a few of the faces that make the Mar-

ket happen. Market Manager Fran Paulin, recruited by Shirley herself, sums it up best: “No volunteers means no market.” Fran says she was thrilled to see new faces join the effort this year, but more hands are always needed, especially

for setup and breakdown.

As summer sadly dwindles, come to savor the last Market days of the season, and show your appreciation for the abundance the Farmers Market provides by paying it forward with a food donation and a grateful word.

ing beach cleanups. He specializes in turning trash into art in order to educate people about plastic pollution.

And then there’s the Market’s youngest helper, eight-year-old Madison, who has been coming since she was in a stroller. She loves walking the grounds with “Miss Donna” and helping her mom set up the tents. She hangs signs and sets up trash cans, but she says her favorite part is sometimes scoring “free stuff!”

Madison is not the only

kid pitching in. The Young Entrepreneurs each give 10% of their profits to True Spirit Food Pantry at the Brigantine Presbyterian Church, and you can help, too! Volunteers are collecting non-perishable and monetary donations to benefit the True Spirit Food Pantry these last few weeks.

This season also brought loss. The Market said goodbye to Shirley Morgan, a Farmers Market matriarch since its founding in 2013, whose warm



Cannon Ball! A guest at the St. Thomas Barbeque curls into a tight tuck on his way down the water slide during last Friday’s chicken BBQ at St. Thomas Parish. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



Sally Turkavage was recently honored on her 70th Birthday with a surprise Birthday Party at the Brigantine Golf Course Clubhouse with about 70 guests by her husband Bob and daughter Sarah. A great time was enjoyed by all.

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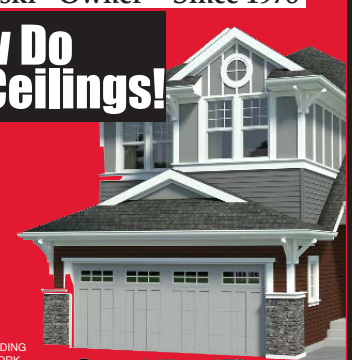
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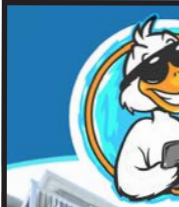
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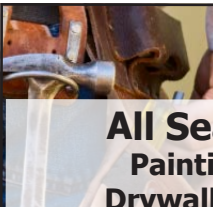
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Marion was formerly employed as a tax examiner for the Internal Revenue Service in Philadelphia.

Marion was very religious. She was formerly a parishioner and attended Mass at St. Joseph R.C. Church in Warminster, PA. When she was younger, she enjoyed roller skating and horseback riding. She loved to travel with her late husband in their travel trailer and spending summers in

Cape May. Most importantly, she cherished spending time with her family.

Marion was the beloved wife of 74 years to the late Angelo "Pat" Patras. She is survived by her son, John Patras (Janet), and her daughter, Donna Ford (Dick); her grandchildren Jack, Lisa, Jeana, Tricia, Michelle, Cheryl, Sean, and Kaelyn; and her great-grandchildren Devon, Taylor, Logan, Maxamillian, Nicholas, Leo, Brooke, Tyler, Dylan, Kaylee, Addison, Ella, Aubrey, Emerson, Archer, Wesley, and Austin. She is also survived by her sister, Joan Murphy, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her par-

ents and husband, she was predeceased by her granddaughter, Lindsey.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Life Celebration visitation for Marion on Friday, August 28, 2026, from 10 to 10:50 a.m. at St. Thomas Church, 331 8th Street South, Brigantine. A Memorial Mass will follow at 11 a.m. Inurnment will be at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be sent to Father Edward Flanagan's Boys Town at www.boystown.org.

Family services by Keates-Plum Funeral Home, Brigantine.

BCAS Week 10 Recap

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from DJ Devon Parker, delicious burgers and hot dogs fresh off the grill courtesy of Craig Henkes, and outstanding photography by Francis Setash, all while some of BCAS's top talent put on a show on the field.

The evening began with the men's and women's Home Run Derby, where sluggers from both the A and B Leagues stepped into the spotlight. Fifteen men and five women battled for a cash prize, the derby title, and, most importantly, bragging rights. While the evening provided perfect weather for fans, a steady breeze made clearing the fence a challenge for even the league's biggest hitters. When the dust settled, Liam Nolan claimed the men's

Home Run Derby crown, while Maria Isgro powered her way to the women's title.

Next up was the women's all-star game, featuring Team Brandy vs. Team Jen. Team Jen came out swinging, scoring seven runs in the first inning to take the lead early. They kept the pressure on throughout the next two innings, gaining a 15-run lead after three innings. Despite Team Brandy's determination and several strong offensive efforts, they were unable to break through Team Jen's dominant pitching and exceptional defense. Team Jen continued to excel for the remainder of the game, ultimately cruising to a 21-0 victory.

The final event of the evening was the co-ed all-

star game, featuring Team Shawn/Juan against Team Craig/Tori. Both teams started strong, trading hits and runs through the first two innings in what looked to be a tightly contested matchup. However, the game shifted in the third inning when Team Shawn/Juan erupted for eight runs, fueled by key hits from Matthis, Diaz, Vangroder, and Coppola, along with a home run from Nolan. With the momentum firmly on their side, Team Shawn/Juan continued to string together quality at-bats and timely hits over the next few innings. Their offense proved too much to overcome, as they secured a 19-5 victory.

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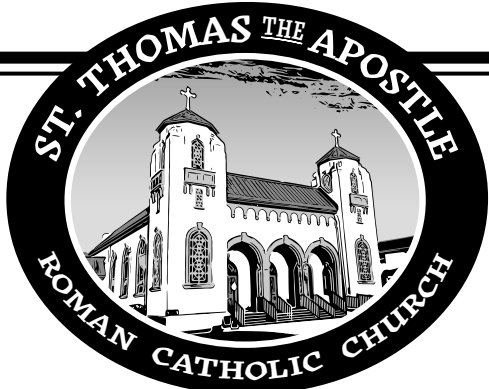
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Harry of course is well known from his Spinal Tap movies & his SNL run back in the early 80's. Le Show is on every Sunday broadcasting from New Orleans, or Santa Monica, and this summer from London. It's really worth a listen if you like comedy, parody & current events reporting about everything - especially the environment, crypto scams, politics, oligarchs & organized religions' lawsuits happening all around the globe, but just under the radar. It's a cerebral fun fest, with Harry's original songs & satire intermingled with great music (like Easier Said Than Done) happening fresh every Sunday. You can catch every episode anytime at harryshearer.com.

WISHING MAKES IT SO! My friend, mentor & personal manager Buster Newman (1910 - 1997) used to say - Wishing Makes It So - and I always remember how whimsical his expression was when he said it. Obviously he knew that wishing was a form of visualization & emotional imagination which, when

coupled with an appetite for consistent effort & spirited practice & rehearsal, would one day bring great success & reward to anyone who had a dream worth fighting for, and a Wish worth coming true. So there's great value in Wishing, especially when we latch onto an idea, or a dream that really turns us on (inspires us) - as we used to say, back in the day.

In the song Easier Said Than Done, the singer is reflecting upon & reminiscing about his place in the world, and his contribution to the greater good, and his own success, or failure in making his dreams come true. He's also wondering if he might have had other dreams that never occurred to him until now, and what if those ideas might still be viable going forward. This is my interpretation of the lyric & the meaning of Steve Conn's beautiful ballad, no doubt your understanding & feel for the message might be quite different, or nuanced Dear Reader - feel free to let me know.

THE FIELD OF DREAMS! So here, each week, we suggest & advise ideas & principles that speak to increasing our percentage of successful dreams come true, be they simple, or complex, simply by applying mental & emotional exercises to our already active, creative energies & aspirations, so we become good at bringing our important imaginations & visualizations from internal design & construction into external form & function out here in the material & commercial world.

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standings been presented to us as young adults, or even when we were in grammar school, we would have taken to them like ducks to water, because the younger we are, the closer we are to our imaginary powers, and the concept that those internal dreams & desires are the precursors to the actual creation of our Life's experiences & adventures here on the outside, where dreams take shape & come true, as a matter of fact, for those who become aware of, and follow through consciously, with this creative process.

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EASY DOES IT! Here in this Life, in our Lifetime, there's a hard way, and/or an easy way to go, and once we accept & receive some fundamental ideas & principles pertaining to our innate, creative powers, and our Emotional Intelligence, without which everyday Life becomes mundane & repetitive, we can set about to imagine & dream about our future with great clarity, motivation, inspiration & passion which is in itself an enjoyable & fascinating exercise in Self-Expression, and Fulfillment

the likes of which great saints & seers have written about for millennia.

We can have such a Life, filled with the organic & fundamental clarity, sanity, satisfaction & peace that being fully Human brings to the table, Life's bountiful banquet table, overflowing with all of the good & great things that our heart of hearts desires, with the added bonus of feeling wonderful & at ease, simply because we exist, because we're alive, and we are one with the intelligence divine that brought us here, and has never abandoned us, since we took our very first Breath, so many years ago.

We are the creative children of the Great Architect of this entire terrestrial nature & celestial cosmos, the intelligence divine that apparently designed, created, and sustains us, and every person, place & thing we see, without lifting a finger. This legacy, this lineage, this reality suggests & maintains the idea that we are this Almighty power & intelligence, living & breathing only by the presence & grace of Life Itself, living within inside us, as us, right here & right now, Forever & A Day. (Next Week, More Thoughts)

AFFIRMATIONS! (Mental & Emotional Exercise) Today I Remind Myself That Whatever Good Things I Desire, Whatever Plans & Dreams I Have For My Successful Future, Whatever Ideas & Aspirations I Have For Myself And My Loved Ones, They All Begin Today, Right Here & Right Now, Right Where I Am, Because These Dreams & Desires Must Be



Is The Best Help

Contemplated, Imagined, Sussed Out, Reflected Upon & Lived With First & Foremost Here In The Workshop Of My Heart, Soul & Mind, Where This Creative Power & Genius Called The Almighty, Lives, Breathes & Has Its Being, Within Inside Me, As Me, With Every Breath I Take. Today This Insight & Understanding Is Alive & Well In Everything I Do, Hope To Do, Want To Do, And Long To Do, And I Accept This Responsibility To Be The Chief Content Officer (CCO) Of My Life & Affairs, With Every Breath I Take, From Here, To Eternity. ALL Is Well!

Today I Learn To Fully & Freely Enjoy This Creative Process, Which Allows Me To Utilize All Of My Most Precious Gifts Of Visualization, Imagination, Intuition, Inspiration, Motivation, Aspiration, Emotional Intelligence, Wholesome Desire & Longing For Fulfillment, And Feelings Of Great Success, Accomplishment, Creativity & Fascination With Everything I Think, Feel, Do & Say, Whilst I Am Alive & Well, Living Here, In This Human Body, On This Incredible Planet Earth, Morning, Afternoon & Evening, One Breath At A Time, One Heartbeat At A Time, One Moment At A Time, One Idea, And One Feeling At A Time, With Energy, Vitality, Security, Sanity, Clarity, Dignity & Peace Forever & A Day. AND So It Is!
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Thoughts Are Things

EASIER SAID THAN DONE

By Stephen T. Weeks

Chamber Chatter

There's always something happening in Brigantine, and the final days of August are no exception. From supporting our local businesses to enjoying community events and everything our island has to offer, the Brigantine Chamber of Commerce is proud to be a part of what makes this such a special place to live, work, and visit.

Throughout the summer, many families enjoyed our Movies on the Beach series, made even more memorable by the characters provided by Dreams Come True Entertainment. This week, we're pleased to recognize the Chamber Board member behind those special appearances, Christine Nese.

Christine is a professional makeup artist and creative lead whose work can be found at ChristineNese.com. She is also the owner of Dreams Come True Entertainment, which brings fun and excitement to parties and events with everything from characters and mascots to DJs.

When she's not busy creating memorable experiences or lending her talents to Chamber events, Christine spends much of her time with her rescue dogs.

There's still time to enjoy our Thursday Night Twilight Market, held every Thursday from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. through September 3. Businesses from around

the island are participating, and our 7-foot market flags make it easy to spot participating locations. It's a great opportunity to shop local, enjoy special promotions, discover new businesses, and spend a beautiful summer evening around town.

Looking for an easy way to get around? Hop on the Beach House Shuttle Bus! The free shuttle runs Thursday through Sunday from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m., with 17 convenient stops throughout Brigantine. Whether you're heading to dinner, shopping, or enjoying the Twilight Market, the shuttle makes exploring Brigantine easier than ever. You can find the live shuttle tracker

at BrigantineChamber.com.

Don't forget to visit our members on Chamber Row at the Brigantine Farmers Market every Saturday, as well as other Chamber members throughout the market. Stop by the Chamber trailer for community information and learn more about our local businesses. It's another great way to connect with our community and support local businesses.

Another exciting event on the horizon is the Brigantine Lighthouse 100th Anniversary Celebration, hosted by the City of Brigantine, on October 10. This special milestone will celebrate one of our community's most recognizable

landmarks and promises to be a memorable occasion for residents and visitors alike.

U p c o m i n g
C h a m b e r E v e n t s

September 12 - Join us for our Goodbye Summer Bonfire on the Beach as we celebrate another great summer in Brigantine.

September 20 - Cheer on the Eagles at our first Eagles Tailgate on the Beach. Tickets went on sale this week and are limited, so don't wait! Visit BrigantineChamber.com for more information and to purchase your tickets.

October 18 - Don't miss our second Eagles Tailgate on the Beach.

As always, we encourage
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- Tuesday, Sept. 8th
- Tuesday, Sept. 15th
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- Tuesday, Sept. 29th

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- Monday, Oct. 5th
- Tuesday, Oct. 13th
- Tuesday, Oct. 20th
- Tuesday, Oct. 27th

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|---------------------------|---------------|-----|
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| • Short rib pappardelle | 26 | 13 |
| • Crab orecchiette | 24 | 12 |
| • Gemelli w/ sausage ragu | 19 | 9.5 |
| • Spicy vodka rigatoni | 18 | 9 |
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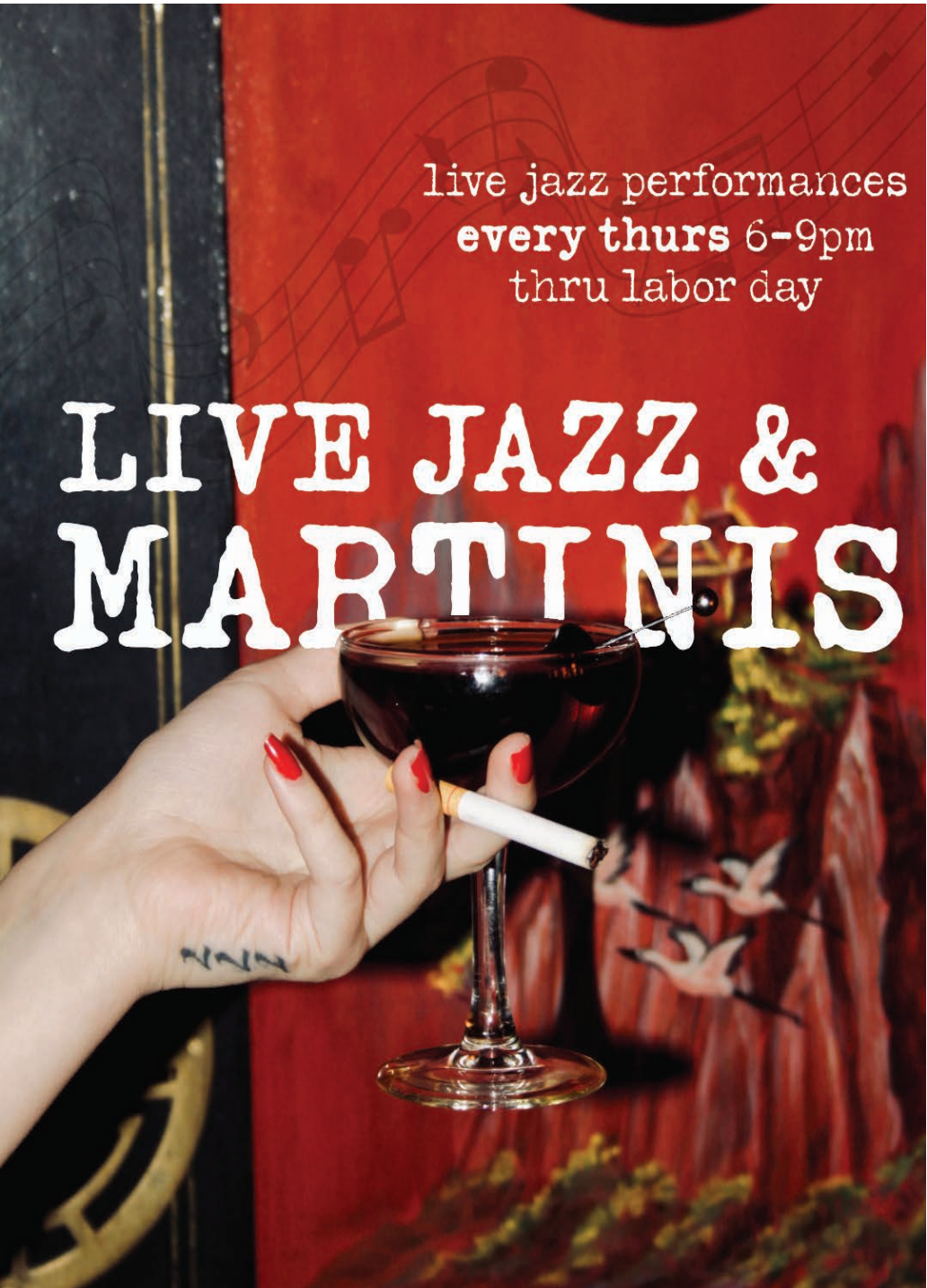
DJ 8:30pm- 'til

SUNDAYS

sid gold's piano bar
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MONDAYS

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Dr. Zimmerman’s Health Tip

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rather than replacing it. Perhaps the most under-rated benefit of all is injury prevention. Think of chiropractic care as regular maintenance for a high-performance machine. You would not run a race car for years without a tune-up, and your body deserves the same attention. By keeping your spine aligned and your joints moving freely, you reduce the wear and tear that leads to breakdowns down the road. A personalized care

plan, built around your sport, your body, and your goals, can help you stay in the game longer and perform at your peak. Whether you are a weekend warrior or a serious competitor, taking care of your foundation gives you an edge that is hard to match. If you are ready to move better, recover faster, and protect your body for the long haul, chiropractic care might just be the missing piece in your training.

National Day of...

August 28	Mix Day
National Red Wine Day	National South Carolina Day
National Cherry Turnover Day	September 1
National Crackers Over the Keyboard Day	World Letter Writing Day
	National Chicken Boy Day
August 29	National No Rhyme (Nor Reason) Day
More Herbs, Less Salt Day	September 2
National Chop Suey Day	World Coconut Day
International Day Against Nuclear Tests	National Blueberry Popsicle Day
August 30	National V-J Day
National Toasted Marshmallow Day	September 3
National Beach Day	National Sky-scraper Day
Frankenstein Day	National Welsh Rarebit Day
	National Bowling League Day
August 31	
National Eat Outside Day	
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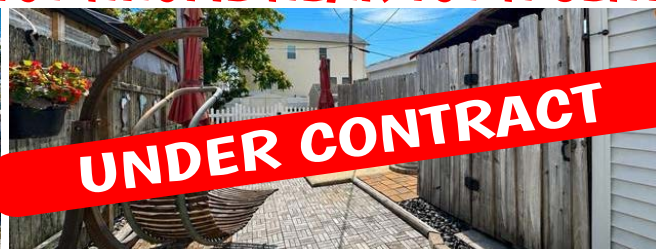


SOLD!

Wake up to the sound of the waves and savor your morning coffee from the deck as the sun rises over the Atlantic Ocean. Raised and thoughtfully renovated in 2016, this exceptional **4 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom** beachfront residence is perfectly positioned on a corner lot with direct beach access and sweeping views of the ocean, inlet, bay, and the Atlantic City skyline. The second floor primary suite offers a private retreat with a walk in closet, en-suite bath, and sliding doors leading to an oversized deck overlooking the beach and shoreline. Complete with a two car garage, this remarkable property captures the essence of coastal beachfront living at the South Jersey Shore.

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TOWNHOME NEAR TOWN CENTER



UNDER CONTRACT

Experience the best of Brigantine beach living in this immaculate single family townhome, ideally located just 1.5 blocks from the beach and a easy stroll to restaurants, shops, and the center of town. Designed with family living in mind, the home offers **two spacious bedrooms and 1.5 bathrooms**, providing comfortable accommodations for family and guests alike.

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Perfectly positioned in the coveted A-Zone just 1.5 blocks to the beach, this beautiful custom home built by Allison Paul offers the ideal coastal lifestyle. Situated on an oversized 80 x 90 lot, the sprawling two-story residence features expansive wraparound and rear decks designed for outdoor entertaining and relaxing after the beach. Inside, enjoy 9-foot ceilings, an open floor plan, and a stunning double sided fireplace that anchors the main living spaces. The second floor offers generously sized bedrooms, while ample rear parking and garage access provide added convenience. Ideally located within walking distance to the beach, bay, restaurants, and shopping. Boasting **3 bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms**, this home captures the very best of shore living.

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Home features **3 bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms**, and a private boat slip!

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Discover your own slice of coastal paradise with this beautifully updated second floor **studio condo**, an inviting retreat where ocean views greet you both inside and from your private outdoor space. Wake up to the sound of the waves and stepping outside to feel the ocean breeze. Featuring tile flooring, fresh paint, and a modern upgraded kitchen equipped with a full size refrigerator, cooktop, microwave, and ample cabinetry with custom hardware. The clean, well maintained **full bathroom** includes a tub and shower combination.

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