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COMPLIMENTARY

September 11, 2026

Locals' Summer Begins

By Tom Morgan

Well, another crazy, crowded summer is in the books. Most of the lifeguards are either returning to their winter jobs or going back to school, and Public Works will be removing lifeguard stands and boats

and taking down and storing mats and equipment until next year. All of that means the locals will now have wide-open beaches, plenty of parking and hopefully some great September weather to enjoy without

the crowds. The Brigantine Beach Patrol once again had a busy season. For the 2026 summer season, the Brigantine City Beach Patrol had 327 first-aid calls servicing 377 people, and 466 individuals were rescued by

BCBP. There were 98 total missing-person calls and 47 major medical calls. BCBP Chief Kip Emig stated, "I am very proud of all of the members of the 2026 Beach Patrol. It was a busy summer, and everyone from rookies

to senior guards performed their duties admirably and in a professional manner, representing Brigantine and the Brigantine Beach Patrol in keeping everybody safe. Please swim only at a beach

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Brigantine 9/11 Memorial Ceremony

Brigantine will hold its annual Sept. 11 Memorial Ceremony on Friday, Sept. 11, at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Firehouse at the city's 9/11 Memorial.

This year's ceremony carries special significance, marking the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. As part of the observance, organizers will dedicate a piece of steel recovered from Ground

Zero, permanently incorporating it into the memorial as a lasting reminder of that day and the lives lost.

The steel, approximately 1 foot by 2 feet, was donated by FDNY Fire Commissioner Robert Tucker, with the assistance of retired FDNY Rescue 1 firefighter Carl Scheetz.

The public is invited to attend.

Striper Derby Underway

The Annual Riptide Striper Derby started on Thursday, September 8th. The tournament runs until December 18, 2026, at 5 p.m. Once the derby starts, fishermen in their 4x4s will be allowed to drive on the front beaches at designated times. There will

be no daytime driving on the front beach from September 8th to September 20th. Beach driving will be permitted from 6 p.m. to 9 a.m. during that period. On weekends in September, driving on the front beach is prohibited. (Continued on Page 45)

Paper Shredding Event Next Week

The last Paper Shredding Truck event of 2026, in conjunction with the last Beach Clean Up of 2026, will take place on Saturday, September 19th, at the 16th St. Beach parking lot. Both events are sponsored by Brigantine Clean Communities and Brigantine Pub-

lic Works. Beach Clean Up registration will be at 9 a.m., and the Paper Shredding Event starts at 9 a.m. and runs until 11:30 a.m. The paper shredding truck on site is a commercial document truck for secure shredding of documents, files and papers.



A set of cousins enjoy water ice at the last famers market of the season in Brigantine on September 4th. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



Sunset brought some beautiful weather for some fishing and sailing at the Brigantine Yacht Club last Friday. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

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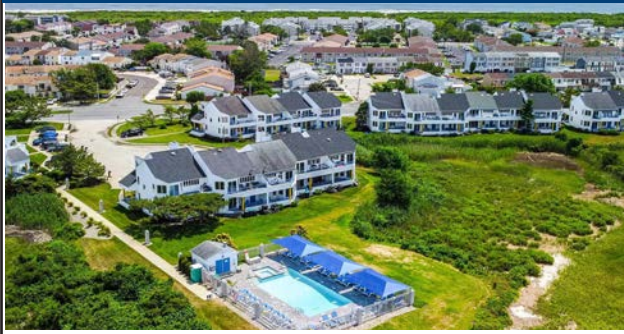


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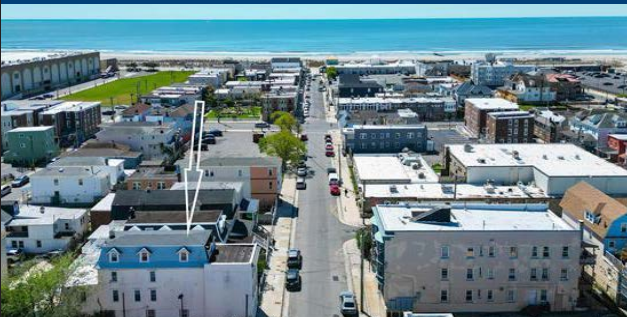


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A heartfelt thank you to all our first responders and prayers for the souls lost.
-Marie, Tommy & Keely



Locals’ Summer Begins

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with lifeguards. If the weather holds up and Brigantine sees some nice beach days after the 20th, if you see somebody in trouble in the water, call 911 immediately.”

Mayor Vince added, “Brigantine had one of the best summer seasons that I can remember. The weather was beautiful, and the Island was packed with friends, families and visitors from all over. I really want to thank our Beach Patrol, Police Department, Public Works Department, and all of our City employees and volunteers for working so hard to keep Brigantine

clean, safe and beautiful. Most importantly, thank you to everyone who came to Brigantine and helped make this such a great summer. We hope everyone enjoyed their time here and made some great summer memories.”

This weekend and next, there will be lifeguard coverage at 2nd St. North, 15th St. South, 26th St. and 34th St. Sunday, September 20th, will be the last day of lifeguard coverage.



The Zumba chics, along with Marisela Dellinger, celebrate August and September birthdays together at the Brigantine Elks.



Ms.Mooch joins student Lorelei P for a photo at the beginning of the school year.

Alan Weidner

Broker Salesperson

Bay to the Beach ... All Within Reach

11/2 BLOCKS TO BEACH OPEN HOUSE: SAT. 10-1 Built New in 2020. This 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 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	TOWNHOUSE NEAR BEACH This 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2 level townhouse is just a half block to the pristine Brigantine Beaches. The kitchen features granite counter tops. Both upstairs bathrooms have been recently updated. OFFERED AT \$689,000 - 217 3rd Street S Unit A	4 BEDROOM CAPE COD OPEN HOUSE: SAT. 1-3 This beautiful 4 Bedroom 2 Bath home is move in condition. Plenty of room for family and friends with 2 bedrooms and a full bath on each floor. First floor bath was recently remodeled with large tile shower. OFFERED AT \$749,000 - 1313 Quimet Road	4 BEDROOM NEAR BEACH Here is a 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 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 \$1,425,000 - 231 S 10th St
4 BEDROOM W/ YARD Classic charm meets modern style in this beautifully updated Dutch Colonial near the shore. The home offers four bedrooms, two-and-a-half baths, a newer roof, and a spacious yard. OFFERED AT \$479,000 - 397 Pitney Road	CONDO NEAR BEACH Beach Block 2BR/2BA Condo - Excellent Condition! Beautiful second-floor, two-bedroom, two-bath unit in excellent condition and just steps from the beach. OFFERED AT \$625,000 - 4200 W Brigantine Ave #B	4 BEDROOM RENTAL Newly renovated Single family 4 bedroom, 2 full bath 2 story home in Brigantine. 2 bedrooms and a full bath on each floor. All new bathrooms, flooring, interior doors, light fixtures, trim and paint. OFFERED AT \$2,800 /Month 526 Lafayette Blvd	COMING SOON... 4 Seasons 55 and older community 2 bedroom, 2 bath home with a garage in excellent condition.

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VFW News

As we recognize the events of 25 years ago, this message from the VFW remains fresh: Our world looks much different today. The wars that came after 9/11 are over, but the fight against terrorism remains. There are men and women entering service who weren't even alive 25 years ago. But for those of us who were in uniform, or who decided to join the military

because of the attacks, nothing strengthened our resolve to "support and defend" our Constitution, our nation and our way of life more than 9/11. Like the rest of our fellow Americans, the events of that day changed us forever. This Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance, the VFW encourages every American to pause and honor

the victims, reflect on the extraordinary courage of first responders and ordinary citizens alike, pay tribute to those who took the fight to the enemy and sacrificed to protect and defend our freedom, and never let Sept. 11, 2001, fade from our memory. Always remember. We have some great September activities ready for you. A Paint and Sip activ-

ity is scheduled for September 23. And the Post will host a blood drive Monday, September 28. You can schedule a donor appointment at redcross.org. Members and guests can always catch Saturday college football action and Sunday NFL action in the Canteen. We are also celebrating the late summer weath-

er with friendly cornhole competition in our newly renovated outdoor area. Join us Sunday afternoon for great fun, camaraderie and drink specials. Our weekly lineup includes: This Friday (Sept. 11), we welcome Doug Jennings for our entertainment, a first-time appearance for Doug at the VFW. We are **(Continued on Page 10)**



Andrew Lazure, Declan Doherty and Doug Kriebel sail on a 16-foot Hobie Cat sailboat in Brigantine on September 4th. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



Sailors hit the water for a beautiful sunset sail Friday, September 4th, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

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think, almost a third of our population wasn't even born 25 years ago! So, as we go about our daily lives, let's encourage our young people to know that 9/11 was the most devastating loss of life on American soil. Here in Brigantine, I feel like we're in a bubble, away from the noise and hectic pace of life. That's what so many of our residents, new and old, treasure about our island. New people looking to buy a home experience that feeling as they come across the bridge — "white-knuckle" driving becomes relaxed, and so do you. Just make sure you follow the speed limit! Some of the "old-timers" have seen a dramatic change as the "vintage" homes are being replaced. One of them told me that he feels like a part of his childhood is being taken away when another

home is razed and then "raised." Changes come, and even with that, I feel that the kindness of neighbors still exists. Brigantine is

a special place where memories have been made and will continue to be made. Like the saying goes, we "love where we live." Let's

respect our first responders, police and public works for keeping our "bubble" safe.



Rob Morin with his dog Frankie enjoys frisbee on Brigantine Beach. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



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The last Farmers Market of the season took place Saturday, September 5th 2026. Thanks to all the volunteers who keep this great community event running throughout the Summer! (Photo by Sean Kardon).



An Osprey flies overhead in Brigantine, NJ last Saturday. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



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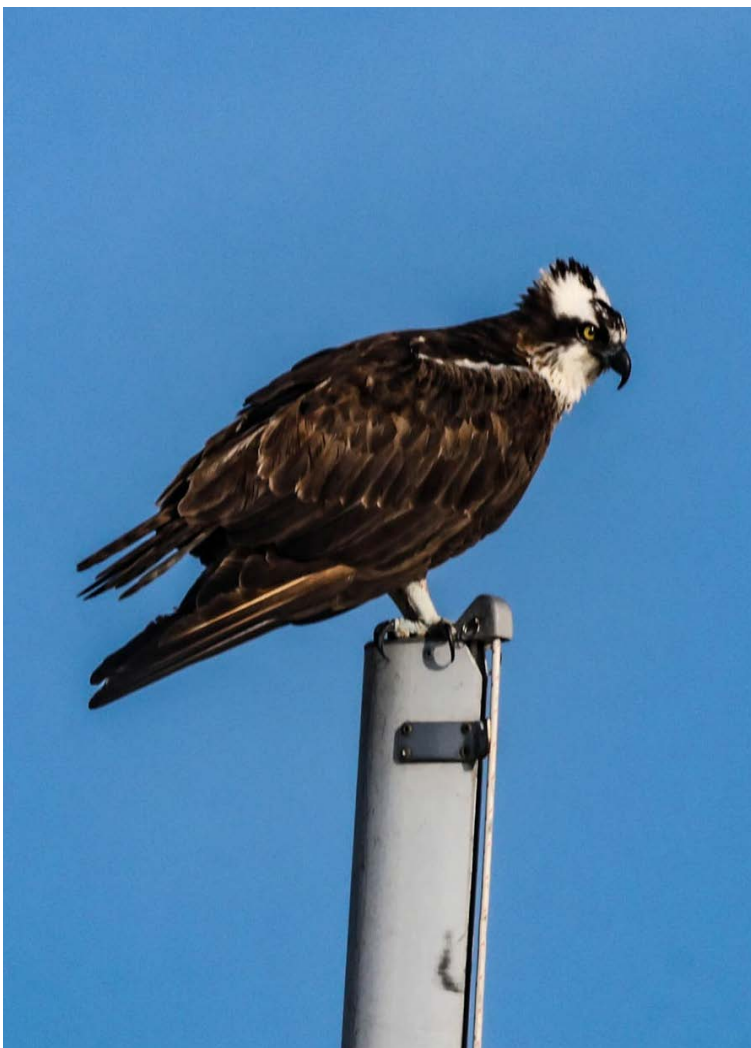
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On Osprey poses for a photo Brigantine Beach in early morning on September 5, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



This gentleman enjoys the beach before the Labor Day crowds descend on Saturday, September 5th, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



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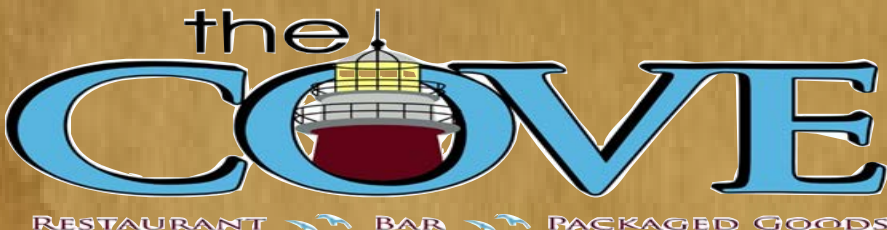
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MEGA News Week #20

By Joseph Mingoia

Last week was a regular week sponsored by our own, very generous, Drew Hemerich and all the great people at LPR Custom Remodeling. Thank you, Drew Hemerich.

Heavy rains preceded our day; it was cart-path-only and the rough was up, so conditions were tough, but some players handled it very well.

Starting in A-flight, Anthony Lawler (34/34) continued his dominance over this golf course. This was Anthony's third straight sub-par round. Anthony takes both Lows. Joe Price Jr. (38/34.6) was second Low Net with his solid round, and TJ Granahan (37/35.2) was next.

Four birdie skins in A: Lawler had two, at the 5th and the 8th. Price Jr. birdied the 6th and Granahan the 7th.

The CTTs were Price Jr. (4' 9") at the 3rd and Granahan (9' 6") at the 7th.

In B-flight, Joe Micheli (44/33.2) crashed the winner's circle, taking the Low Net title, while John Watson (41/34.5) was zoned in and won Low Gross and 2nd Low Net.

Only two skins in B: Brendan McHugh with a birdie at the 3rd and Wat-

son with a birdie at the 4th.

Eric Battisti (5' 6") at the 3rd and Mike Bartlett (7' 11") at the 7th won the greenies.

In C-flight, Jason Klein (50/34) won his first Low Net title with his steady round. John Morrell (46/37.4) won LG and Joe Milano (49/35.3) was 2LN.

Dan Driscoll got the skins started with a birdie at the 1st. Then we had five par-skin winners: Ralph Nylund at the 2nd, Milano at the 3rd, Klemm at the 5th, Pat Fannon at the 6th and Morrell at the 9th.

Milano (27' 5") at the 3rd and Joe Dougherty (19' 11") at the 7th won the greenies.

In Senior A, Kevin McCool (40/33.5) was the man; Kevin's best round of the year earned him Low Net honors. Ed Podgorski (38/36) and Joe Dillon (38/34) were LG, and Dillon was 2LN.

The skins were won by Larry Savastano with a birdie at the 2nd and Bob Coates with a birdie at the 4th.

Steve Frei (2' 6") at the 3rd and Frank Casey (4' 8") at the 7th were the CTT winners.

In Senior B, Mark Coyne

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Andrew Lazure, Declan Doherty and Doug Kriebel sail in their 6-foot Hobie Cat sailboat. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



The Last beach yoga for the season happed on September 5th, 2026 and the group posed for a photo. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



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Previously submitted applications will not be carried over and must be resubmitted for consideration.

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Pick Up Litter for a Chance to Win \$500!

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people or fewer) to remove litter from public areas throughout the two-week period. To be entered in the

contest, teams must report each cleanup, including the number of bags collected and pictures to verify, through

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(45/34.8) put together a good round of golf and came away with the Low Net title. Ernie Purdy (44/35.7) used a strong finish to win the Low Gross and 2LN. Joe Mason’s par at the 1st held up for a skin. Tim Gargan’s birdie at the 4th, followed by a par at the

5th, were winners too. John Murray (18’ 11”) took the greenie at the 3rd, and Matt Doran (4’ 4”) at the 7th was the best there. If you have qualified for the TOC but cannot make it, please let the commissioners know. Thanks.

Lieutenant J.R. to the Rescue!

Submitted by Friends of Claire

I just wanted to render a quick shoutout of appreciation to our BCBP Lieutenant George Henry Jr. (“J.R.”). J.R. was on patrol, in his ATV, on a hot day in mid-August, when he observed a local woman slowly working her way down the walkway to the beach. The woman, Claire Israel, was using a cane to steady her gait after having had knee surgery. The beach was crowded, and the sand was soft and deep. Noticing that Claire was a little unsteady on the uneven sand, and concerned for her

safety on the crowded beach, J.R. immediately stopped his ATV, disembarked, and offered his assistance. After brief introductions, Claire gladly accepted J.R.’s assistance. He offered his arm, and they began walking down the beach, toward her group of friends, already situated on the beach. As Claire approached, arm in arm with J.R., several of our group were heard to exclaim, “Oh, look at Claire with that big lifeguard! I’m bringing a cane with me

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Two paddle boarders enjoy some time on the water near the jetty. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



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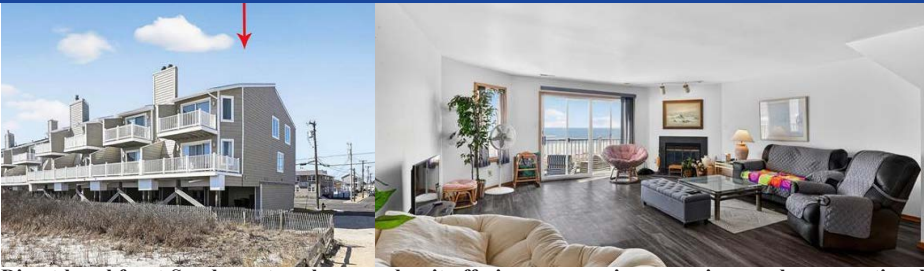
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to the beach tomorrow!” It was all said in good humor, of course, but the gesture was heartfelt, and appreciated by all of us who are friends of Claire, and admirers of our dedicated Beach Patrol. Thank you, J.R., and all the BCBP, for another great summer!



BCBP Lieutenant Jr comes to the aide of Brigantine citizen Claire to help her safely find her place on the beach this summer. Claire’s friends would like to give Lietenant Jr a special shout-out for his help!



The rebuilt ramp at the north end of the Brigantine is open and gets a blow-dry from Brigantine Public Works on September 4th, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



Ms. Mooch poses with her new class of 4th graders.



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Dr. Zimmerman’s Health Tips

By. Dr. J. Zimmerman

Dr. Zimmerman is a Brigantine chiropractor. The health tips in this column are his personal opinions, advice, and commentary, and are not a substitute for professional medical advice.

Consult your doctor with any health questions or concerns.

Advice for Low Back Pain: Chronic low back pain does more than hurt. It slowly wears away at how well you move, limits what you feel safe doing, and shapes your whole day. You might notice stiffness, soreness that keeps coming back, and a growing worry that bending, lifting, or twisting will set off another flare. When this pain goes unaddressed, it often turns into a frustrating loop. Poor sleep leads to less activity, and less activity leads to stiff, guarded movements that put even more strain on your spine. Many people believe their only choices are rest or short bursts of treatment when things get bad. But here’s what often gets missed: your everyday movement habits play a huge role in how your

pain plays out over time. Your body adapts to whatever you repeat, whether that’s long hours of sitting or stiff, protective motions. The good news is that simple, movement-based approaches can break this cycle. One study looked at a 12-week program that retrained basic movement patterns like rolling, crawling, and squatting. People who took part felt far less afraid to move, improved their balance, and saw real gains in pain and daily function. They loved that the pace felt doable and that each movement had easier and harder versions. Best of all, the techniques became habits they used at home, like rolling out of bed more smoothly or engaging their core when lifting.

On a deeper level, retraining these movements helps your nervous system fire your muscles in the right order. That spreads the load more evenly across your body, which means fewer flare-ups and more control. Walking turned out to be another powerful tool. A study found that a gradual, guided walking program nearly doubled the time people stayed pain-free after recovering from a flare. Those who walked reached about 208 days before pain returned, compared to just 112 days for those who didn’t. Walking improved their ability to bend, lift, and stand, and it got them moving more overall. Reducing sitting time helped too. Another study showed that

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8. Bro or sis
11. Thomas the Engine’s warning
12. *Sun, e.g.
13. Twist and distort
15. Carpenter’s groove
16. *Jupiter’s inner “ring”
17. MC Hammer’s “2 _____ 2 Quit”
18. *It makes up the majority of Jupiter’s mass
20. Narrative poem
21. “When _____ Cry” by Prince
22. Louisville Slugger
23. Chase
26. Puffy cloud
30. Nurses’ org.
31. Frozen drink
34. Ricci of fashion
35. Same as climate
37. Buddy Holly’s “Peggy _____”
38. Knight’s breastplate
39. Flying toy
40. a.k.a. pennant
42. Possesses
43. Appetizer
45. Like certain pine
47. Large edible mushroom
48. _____Arts, or fine arts
50. Disparaging remark
52. *The largest moon in the Solar System
55. *Jupiter’s Great Red Spot
56. Up it in poker
57. Exclamation of disgust
59. Famous diarist Samuel _____
60. Like decorated cake
61. Reply from a tunnel
62. Tarzan’s adoptive dad
63. Neither here _____ there
64. Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence, acr.

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2. Master of ark
3. Buffalo Bill’s last name
4. In conflict (2 words)
5. Coach-and-four
6. Type of leaf cabbage, pl.
7. *Reason for Mars’ red-ness
8. Kind of palm
9. Author Murdoch
10. Sandwich with acronym name
12. Snow mover
13. Flash of light
14. *Farthest planet from sun in our Solar System
19. Make awake
22. Opposite of vend
23. Gets ready for a trip
24. Dark
25. Indian restaurant yogurt staple
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27. *The Solar System spans roughly 1.6 _____-years
28. Uniate church member
29. Impudent
32. _____-friendly
33. *Center of the Solar System
36. *The smallest planet
38. Per _____, or yearly
40. Vigor
41. Approved
44. 4 years for a U.S. President, pl.
46. Daisies
48. Bench in Mexico
49. Larger key on the right
50. Pas in ballet
51. Between trot and gallop
52. Effect of pain?
53. Mussolini, with Il
54. Not counterfeit
55. Relaxation location
58. Ornamental pond dweller

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1	Sat. Sept. 5	ATCO	HOME
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
8	Sun. Oct. 25	LINWOOD	AWAY
9	Sat. Oct. 31	VENTNOR	HOME

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Brigantine Times Kids Corner

The Railway Children

By E. Nesbit

Chapter IV

(Continued from Vol. 57 No. 35)

"I thought," she said wistfully, "that perhaps you'd mend this for me — because you're an engineer, you know."

The engine-driver said he was blown if he wasn't blest.

"I'm blest if I ain't blown," remarked the fireman.

But the engine-driver took the little engine and looked at it — and the fireman ceased for an instant to shovel coal, and looked, too.

"It's like your precious cheek," said the engine-driver — "whatever made you think we'd be bothered tinkering penny toys?"

"I didn't mean it for precious cheek," said Bobbie; "only everybody that has anything to do with railways is so kind and good, I didn't think you'd mind. You don't really — do you?" she added, for she had seen a not unkindly wink pass between the two.

"My trade's driving of an engine, not mending her, especially such a hout-size in engines as this 'ere," said Bill. "An' 'ow are we a-goin' to get you back to your sorrowing friends and relations, and all be forgiven and forgotten?"

"If you'll put me down next time you stop," said Bobbie, firmly, though her heart beat fiercely against her arm as she clasped her hands, "and lend me the money for a third-class ticket, I'll pay you back — honour bright. I'm not a confidence trick like in the newspapers — really, I'm not."

"You're a little lady, every inch," said Bill, relenting suddenly and completely. "We'll see you gets home safe. An' about this engine — Jim — ain't you got ne'er a pal as can use a soldering iron? Seems to me that's about all the little bounder wants doing to it."

"That's what Father said," Bobbie explained eagerly. "What's that for?" She pointed to a little brass wheel that he had turned as he spoke.

"That's the injector."

"In — what?"

"Injector to fill up the boiler."

"Oh," said Bobbie, mentally registering the fact to tell the others; "that IS interesting."

"This 'ere's the automatic brake," Bill went on, flattered by her enthusiasm. "You just move this 'ere little handle — do it with one finger, you can — and the train jolly soon stops. That's what they call the Power of Science in the newspapers."

He showed her two little dials, like clock faces, and told her how one showed how much steam was going, and the other showed if the brake was working properly.

By the time she had seen him shut off steam with a big shining steel handle, Bobbie knew more about the inside working of an engine than she had ever thought there was to know, and Jim had promised that his second cousin's wife's brother should solder the toy engine, or Jim would know

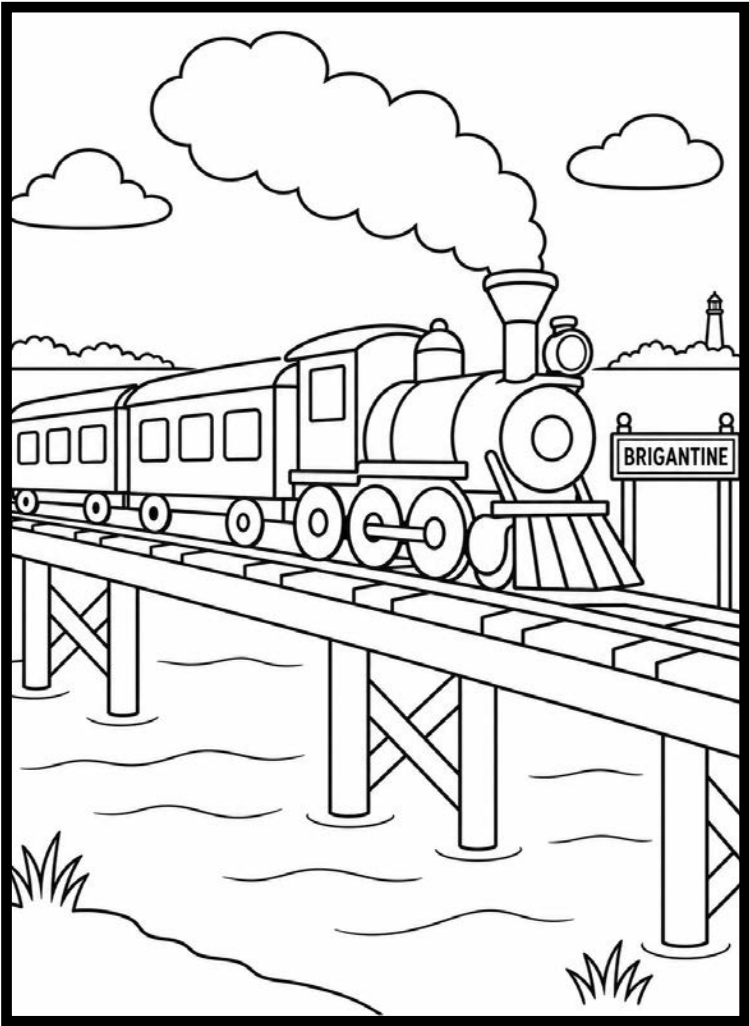
the reason why. Besides all the knowledge she had gained, Bobbie felt that she and Bill and Jim were now friends for life, and that they had wholly and forever forgiven her for stumbling uninvited among the sacred coals of their tender.

At Stacklepoole Junction she parted from them with warm expressions of mutual regard. They handed her over to the guard of a returning train — a friend of theirs — and she had the joy of knowing what guards do in their secret fastnesses, and understood how, when you pull the communication cord in railway carriages, a wheel goes round under the guard's nose and a loud bell rings in his ears. She asked the guard why his van smelt so fishy, and learned that he had to carry a lot of fish every day, and that the wetness in the hollows of the corrugated floor had all drained out of boxes full of plaice and cod and mackerel and soles and smelts.

Bobbie got home in time for tea, and she felt as though her mind would burst with all that had been put into it since she parted from the others. How she blessed the nail that had torn her frock!

"Where have you been?" asked the others.

"To the station, of course," said Roberta. But she would not tell a word of her adventures till the day appointed, when she mysteriously led them to the station at the hour of the 3.19's tran-



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sit, and proudly introduced them to her friends, Bill and Jim. Jim's second cousin's wife's brother had not been unworthy of the sacred trust reposed in him. The toy engine was, literally, as good as new.

"Good-bye — oh, good-bye," said Bobbie, just before the engine screamed its good-bye. "I shall always, always love you

— and Jim's second cousin's wife's brother as well!"

And as the three children went home up the hill, Peter hugging the engine, now quite its own self again, Bobbie told, with joyous leaps of the heart, the story of how she had been an Engine-burglar.

Chamber Chatter

There's plenty happening in Brigantine as we head into another exciting September weekend! The Brigantine Chamber of Commerce has two of our most anticipated fall events right around the corner, beginning with our Goodbye Summer Bonfire on the Beach this Saturday, Sept. 12, followed by our first Eagles Tailgate on the Beach on Sunday, Sept. 20.

Join us this Saturday for the Goodbye Summer Bonfire on the Beach as we gather together for one more celebration of another great summer in Brigantine. It's always a great night on the beach and a wonderful way to bring residents, visitors, and our com-

munity together as the summer season comes to a close.

Then get ready to cheer on the Birds! Our first Eagles Tailgate on the Beach is Sept. 20. Tickets are limited, so if you're planning to join us, don't wait. Visit BrigantineChamber.com for more information and to purchase your tickets.

Each week, we're highlighting one of the dedicated individuals who helps make the Brigantine Chamber of Commerce what it is. This week, we're pleased to recognize Board member Helen Ann Meehan.

Helen Ann Meehan, owner of Fit4LifewithHelenAnn, has a wealth of experience as a Nutrition, Fitness, and

Mindset Coach. With over 20 years of connection to Brigantine, she brings a deep sense of community to her role on the Board, ready to contribute her expertise and passion to promoting local prosperity.

"I help people transform their lives through nutrition, fitness, and mindset. I am passionately committed to helping others, specializing in helping post-menopausal women adopt a healthier lifestyle so they look and feel their very best every day. I am a Certified Nutrition Coach, Certified Personal Trainer, Certified Functional Nutrition Coach, and Certified Health and Mindset Coach. My coaching is available both online and in person."

As summer comes to a close, we'd like to thank everyone again who supported our Thursday Night Twilight Market throughout the season. Whether you visited participating businesses around the island, followed our 7-foot market flags, or simply made an effort to shop and dine local on Thursday nights, your support helped make this summer's Twilight Market another success. We also thank all of the Chamber businesses that participated throughout the season, and we hope Twilight Thursdays will become a continued tradition here in Brigantine.

We'd also like to thank everyone who supported our

members at the Brigantine Farmers Market this season. From visiting our members on Chamber Row and Chamber on the Lawn to stopping by the Chamber trailer, shopping with local businesses, and supporting our BIG 50/50 raffle, your participation helped make another Farmers Market season a great one for our community.

Another exciting event on the horizon is the Brigantine Lighthouse 100th Anniversary Celebration, hosted by the City of Brigantine, on Oct. 10. This special milestone will celebrate one of our community's most recognizable landmarks and promises to be a memorable occasion for

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Weekly Fishing Report

by Captain Andy Grossman



Got real quiet real quick in Brigantine, N.J., as Memorial Day to Labor Day passed us in a flash. Kids are back to school, and the Rock is as peaceful as it gets. I really do enjoy this time, as it gives me time to get ready for the fall fishing run that will be

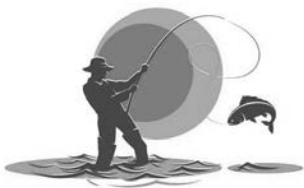
here before you know it. We still have the summer fishing participants in the water, as kingfish, spot and flounder are still hanging out along with sheepshead and tog by the jetty. We are putting our orders in, prepping for the fall striper run as they make

their journey back down south. Rumors that the mullet are starting to move in some places are starting to come in, and I will post up when we start to see them in our local waters. The Fall Riptide Derby is now underway, and you can stop by the

shop to sign up and get all the information on the derby.

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

Thanks and keep on fishin'.



Some fantastic flounder and mahi catches in Brigantine this week!

Dr. Zimmerman's Health Tips

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cutting sitting by roughly 40 minutes a day kept back pain from getting worse, while people who stayed seated saw their pain climb. Small, steady changes made the difference, proving you don't need extreme workouts to protect your back.

So how do you put this into action? Start with basic movement patterns. Practicing short sessions of rolling, crawling, kneeling, and squatting throughout your day helps reset your nervous system and reminds your body that movement is

safe. Next, build a consistent walking routine. If you've been mostly still, begin with just 10 minutes and add more over time. Your spine loves rhythmic movement, and walking gives it exactly that, with no gym and no equipment needed. Third, break

up long sitting periods. Stand every 30 to 45 minutes, take a two-minute walk between tasks, or simply shift your position more often to stop strain from building up.

The final two steps round

out your plan. Pay attention to nutrition and weight control, since extra weight loads your spine like a heavy backpack, making every step and bend harder. Focus on

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Oh, Baby

By McKayla Touhill

As many of you certainly know by now, Garrett and I are expecting our first baby this fall. Luckily, up until this point it has been a very uneventful and relatively easy pregnancy. However, this week, we have come up against some medical complications that will ultimately lead to us meeting our baby much earlier than planned. The baby, originally due October 28th, could come pretty much anytime

between now and the first week of October. Talk about moving up our schedule! As many of you also know, Garrett and I are currently the only two official staff members at the Brigantine Times (we have a whole host of contributors and volunteers who generously contribute their time and talents to the paper, but as far as the staff goes, it is just Garrett and me). We were expecting to have another 4 weeks before I was

set to go on maternity leave, so bear with us as we greatly accelerate our timeline on that. In the next couple of weeks, we are paring down to the basics. The goal is to still put a paper out each week, so that will be our priority. We hope to bring back things like the football pool this fall, and we will try to get back to other questions as well. Please send your thoughts and prayers for Baby Touhill and me. Before

too long, I'm sure you will hear an announcement. In the coming weeks, my column may be replaced with short stories or poems, so for the time being, cheers! Now, let's celebrate this week's Birthdays: September 11- Paula Raneiri, Bob Szatkowski, John Eyde and John Egan. 12- Mike Dooner, Ray Herman, Mike Handle, Marie Hovsepian, John Harm, Shane Jost and Adam Mauger. 13- Donna O'Keefe,

Amy Keys and Mike Stinson 14- Beth Aliantro, Charles Guenther, Donna Zeller and Karen Flickenger. 15- Jimmy Petrocelli, Mary Crane, Marie Madamba, Jaci Potts, Raina Moyer, Allen Ruley, Barb Daily and Bob Danenhower. 16- Dan Mong, Tina DiIanni, Bob Schneider, John Frugoli and Jeff Turner. 17- Vickie Kershner and Natalie Ross.

Chamber Chatter

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residents and visitors alike. Upcoming Chamber Events • Oct. 18 — Don't miss our second Eagles Tailgate on the Beach. As we mark Sept. 11, we pause to remember and honor all those whose lives were lost and forever changed on that day. We will never forget.

As always, we encourage everyone to shop local, dine local, and support the businesses that make Brigantine such a vibrant community. Your support helps our local businesses thrive and keeps Brigantine the special community we all love. Stay connected with the Brigantine Chamber of Com-

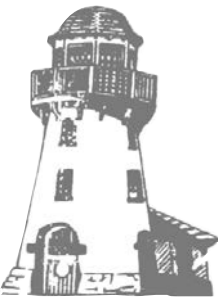
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This circa 1939 photo shows a partial aerial view of Brigantine. Note Bayshore Avenue ended at 40th Street and 38th Street was the first lateral street intersection to the Boulevard. The 1940 Census shows only 395 city residents. It was not until after WW2 that new home construction accelerated in Brigantine. Stop by the Brigantine Historical Museum to see more photos like this.



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I'm kind of a shoobie-cat. My human family and I live on the Gulf Coast of Florida and come to Brigantine for the summer. My human mom and dad tell me they fell in love with Brigantine many summers ago and have been

shoobies themselves since "the 90s" — whenever that was. They read The Brigantine Times online all year long, even when we're back in Florida. That's how they introduced me to your column. I think you are very insightful and cer-

tainly live an interesting life. I enjoyed hearing about your big trip to the casino hotel a few weeks ago. I also have experienced hotel life when we stop overnight on our drive to and from Brigantine. Like you, I was not consulted about driving over 1,000 miles and living in a new place for three months. And I'm not ashamed to say that I was scared the

first time in the hotel room. But, like you, I'm inquisitive and resilient. It's in our feline genes! I investigated and sniffed around a bit, then quickly settled in and took charge of the remote. I eventually let my humans choose the TV show of their choice. The beds were comfortable. I approve of two queen-size beds in the same room and

have been trying to lobby my humans for such a setup in our house. No luck yet! We leave for the season next week, but I will be keeping up with your adventures in the Brigantine Times online. Stay whiskered, and I will see you next summer!

— C a s s i e



Cassie inspects her hotel room during her family's travels to Brigantine from Florida.

BBCAC 18th Annual Fine Arts Festival

The Brigantine Beach Cultural Arts Commission is proud to present its 18th Annual Fine Arts Festival. It will run from September 21st through September 30th at the Brigantine Community Center. The show will be open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Center is closed on Sundays. Our "Meet the Artists Reception"

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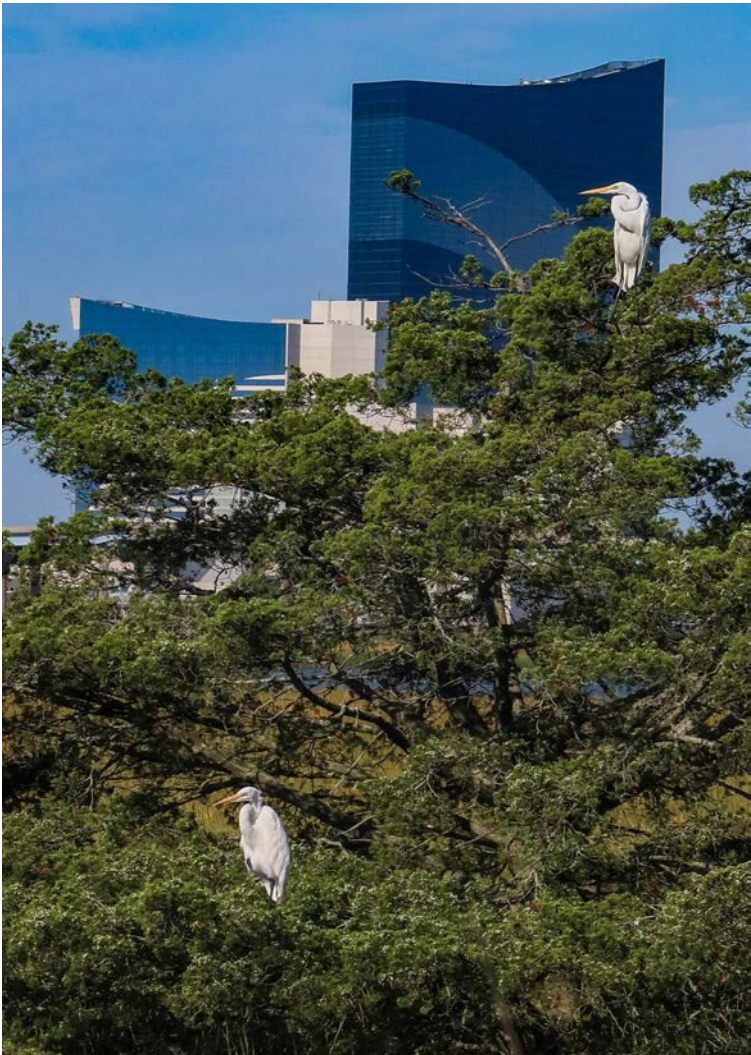
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through pain, learn to adjust so you don’t aggravate your spine. Together, these small and steady actions retrain your body, strengthen the systems that protect your back, and help you feel confident moving again.

Fake Sweeteners Aren’t Just Bad — They’re Dangerous: Artificial sweeteners get a lot of love as a “smart swap” for sugar. But that love may be misplaced. What

feels like a harmless choice in your morning coffee or afternoon soda can actually work against your brain. These sweeteners hide in flavored drinks, protein shakes, yogurts, and “diet” desserts. The common ones include aspartame, sucralose, saccharin, erythritol, acesulfame-K, sorbitol, xylitol, and tagatose. Once you notice how often they show up,

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Two White Egrets take a rest in the trees on the south end of the Island. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



This Shoobie came to Brigantine Legion’s Shoobie Party held September 8th prepared—giant sunglasses, umbrella hat, and apparently Seagull Snacks! Now THAT is how you Shoobie!



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When in Doubt, Call 911

By Roseann Smith

Last Sunday evening, I hosted my family at my home for our Labor Day BBQ. We spent the afternoon at Roosevelt Beach enjoying a nice, leisurely time. My family was due to arrive at my house by 5:30. I was hungry and could think of only two things: a cheeseburger and the ribs my sister-in-law, Cindy, always makes for our BBQs. I was excited and surprisingly stress-free. My older brother was the evening's "grill master" extraordinaire, and I could always count on my husband, Steve, to help out and make cleanup easier. What could go wrong?

As the grill heated up, I handed my brother the first batch of hamburgers to be cooked. I started setting out the potato and macaroni salad, pickles and condiments. I noticed my mouth watering at the aroma of the hamburgers as they began to sizzle. I called to my husband and asked him to tell my brother how he wanted his burger cooked. "Well done," he said. Little did he know then that he would get his wish.

As the hamburgers cooked, I noticed flames shooting

up from the grill. I know my grill. The flames were way too high. I lowered the burners for my brother, but it didn't help. The flames were rising rapidly. Things got out of control quickly. I went into a panic. Yes, I had two fire blankets tucked under my kitchen sink, but I didn't think that would work. Yes, I once owned a fire extinguisher, but it was outdated, so last year I took it down to the firehouse, and they disposed of it. The grill's heat rose to 600 degrees and kept climbing. My brother was still committed to putting out the now-burning grill fire; I grabbed my phone and called 911. I was no longer in doubt. We needed help.

It was one of two times in my life that I called 911. But there I was: talking to a dispatcher, telling her my street address and my dilemma. Help was on the way.

It felt like a lifetime until the police and the fire trucks finally arrived. Several of my neighbors were outside asking if I needed any help. I was grateful for the good, caring neighbors that I have.

Within minutes, the police had secured the area, and the firefighters had everything under control. The fire was out; the burgers were toast. The firefighters carefully explained that although I was conscientious about keeping the top of my grill clean,

I hadn't cleaned the bottom inside. Years of built-up grease sparked the fire. One of the firefighters took the grill apart and showed me how to clean the inside — something I never thought about.

So, guess what we had for dinner? Pizza! What else! I am

incredibly thankful and indebted to our Brigantine Police and Fire Department. Their quick response saved my home and my deck from being engulfed in flames. Overall, nobody's fault. But when in doubt, call 911. I was glad I did!



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From Beach Bash to Chair Dedication: The Story of the Legacy Lounge

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raise money for good causes. The proceeds were used in two ways. A portion went to BrigVet Surf Camp, supporting its work with veterans. Another portion was used to support the local VFW Post. That support helped launch the Legacy Lounge. The VFW Auxiliary used

funds raised through the Beach Bash to make an initial investment in transforming an underused outdoor area at the Post into a more comfortable place for people to gather. The idea was to create a space where veterans, members, friends and guests could sit, relax

and spend time together. The outdoor area is already beginning to be used for more than just relaxing. It has hosted cornhole gatherings and a Cigar & Social Night, giving members and guests another reason to spend time together and enjoy the new space. The Sponsor a Chair program was part of the Legacy Lounge idea from the beginning. Individuals, families and community

members were invited to sponsor chairs for the new space. Each sponsored chair can include a personal dedication honoring a veteran, service member or someone whose life and story are connected to military service. The response was immediate, and the original Sponsor a Chair goal was reached in less than a month. With the first goal already met, the Auxiliary is now looking
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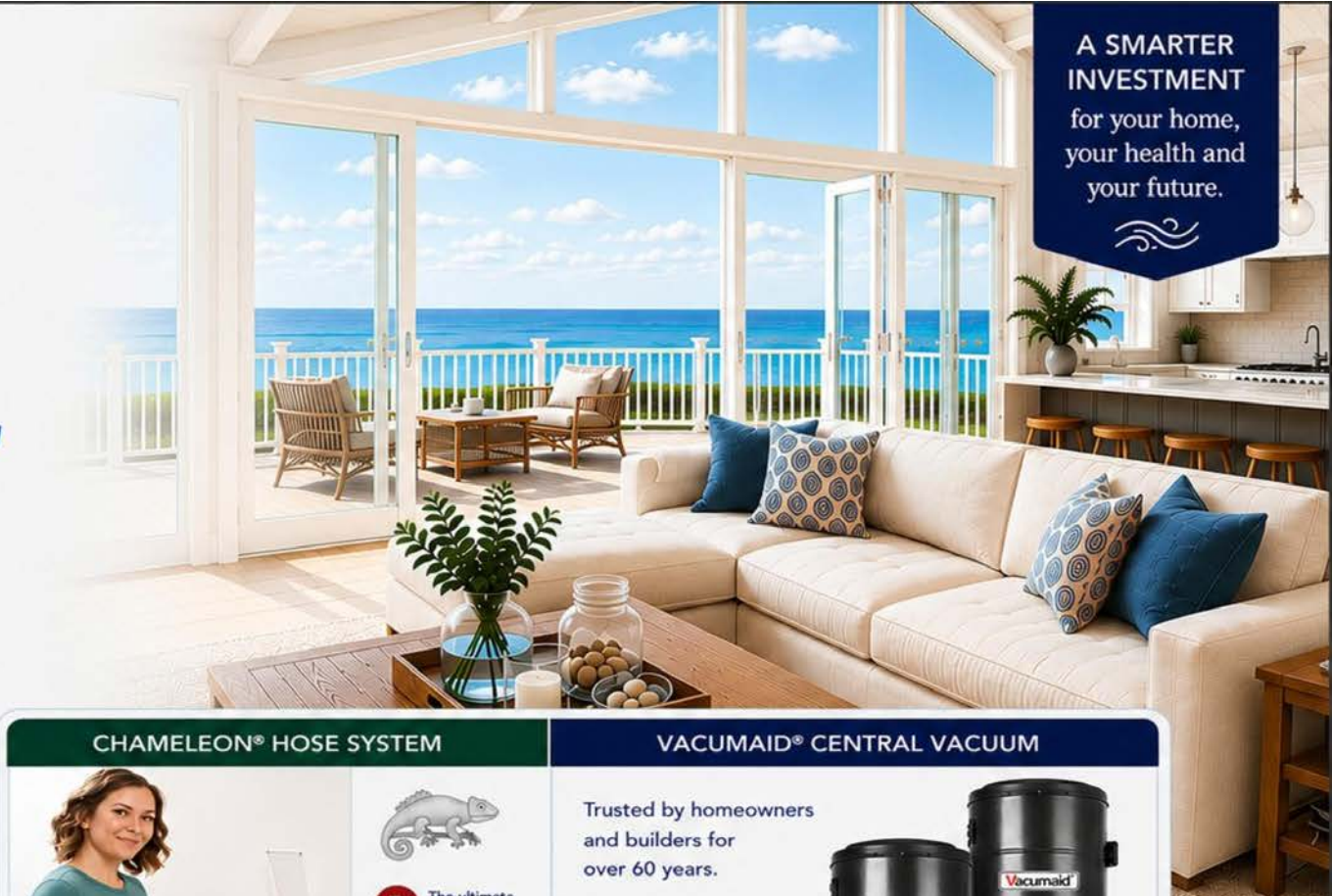
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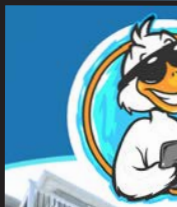
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Brigantine Garden Club

By Phyllis Glomb

Welcome to Locals' Summer. We still have some lovely summer weather ahead of us, so enjoy the less crowded streets, beaches and restaurants. Keep tending your beds through the end of Oct. before you put them to sleep for the winter. See you at the end of the year celebration for all volunteers, which we call The Gathering. Check

your email for your invitation and RSVP your menu selection back to Fran. The final beach clean up will be held on Sept. 19. Thank you in advance for helping the City beaches and the Garden Club by signing up and then returning your form on time. We depend on your work for a stipend which

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Cheers

By Kelly Leyman

Cheers to the worker who gets up at dawn, to ensure that the coffee for others is hot and strong.

arrives at work early to make sure the scrambled eggs are curly.

scenes and here's to all who give their best.

Be proud and celebrate Labor Day!

Cheers to the workers we don't see. The ones behind the

Cheers to the cook who

Ode to the Worker

By Anthony Diaz

When tomorrow morning comes
And the world appears to be new,
Just remember it is in that state
Because someone worked the night through.

That take us near and far —
Someone keeps them running,
And someone fixes our cars.

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Someone made sure the lights turn on,
Even before you open your eyes.
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Someone baked the bread
That is the sandwich upon your plate.
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Take a moment for the workers
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The trains and buses we ride

September 11

By Kelly Leyman

Let's take a breath and calm down.
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Let's pause and remember the firefighters and first responders who worked to

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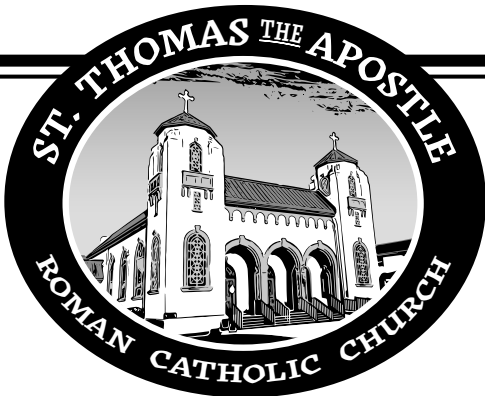
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Our Human Nature is rather astonishing, in myriad ways & examples, but the growth & plasticity of our Brain & Language skills, again, especially when we were very young, is enough to convince the most die-hard atheist that, This Thing Called Life is, for lack of better words, a miracle divine.

What molecular & cellular genius, what celestial intelligence, what great architect could design & create a magnificent & precious little Human Being, one whose awareness is so perfect that it starts to mimic, talk & communicate with its counterparts, automatically, simply by living with & around other Human Beings? And right away, Trial & Error comes into play, as the child tries talking, walking, expressing emotions, and forming familiar attachments with the special people in their Life.

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great value in looking a little deeper, and striving to understand more about yourself, your human being, your human nature, and all the bells & whistles that come with this great human body, mind & spirit - all the miracles that come with this great Human Life.

The lack of curiosity about the full depth & breadth of our Human-Being & Human Existence - especially our own - is not just a western phenomenon, as this lack of existential enthusiasm for real insight & understanding about these core issues is found all over the globe. As it turns out, Ignorance is not bliss.

Much of people’s boredom, lack of energy, lack of interest, and lack of inspiration & motivation, especially in later Life, is due to a lack of fascination about This Thing Called Life, and all the epic background & history of humanity, and the natural world of which we are all inseparable.

We share in, and are an integral part of this grand experiment called Human Life - here on this Planet Earth, and if we’re not actively being in touch & in tune with this fundamental & mind-blowing reality we are missing out on the most renewable, natural resources we can find - enthusiasm, inspiration, awe & wonder.

AGELESS & TIMELESS! If we are in awe of this

grand journey & adventure, and identify ourselves with all that came before us, all that’s happening now, and all that is to come, we will have found the Fountain of Youth, the Promised Land, the Garden of Eden, our Pot of Gold, and the Mana From Heaven that so many legends & scriptures speak of - it’s not about history - it’s allegory, psychology & the internal magic of consciousness & awareness which lives, breathes, and has its being within inside every Human Being alive today.

Everyday Life, every mundane morning, afternoon & evening is far more important & spine tingling than any spiritual superstition, or religious cradle story we grew up with - yet people, even seasoned adults, cling to these security blankets of hearsay & superstition rather than make the effort to consider more practical & fundamental perspectives on their Life, Liberty & The Pursuit of Happiness.

Your Human Being, your Instrument Divine comes fully loaded, like a top of the line Porsche, or Mercedes, delivered straight from the factory to your place of birth, duty free. Many of these special features, unless discovered by the owner (that would be you, Dear Reader), may go unnoticed & undiscovered unless & until we are fortunate enough to find a mentor,

teacher, or friend who’s kind enough to introduce us to these undiscovered options, interior & exterior alike.

We cordially invite you to return each week to the Times and enjoy a light-hearted, fun loving look at, what should be the most important person in your Life - once again, that would be you, Dear Reader - because you have undiscovered powers & options to consider going forward, one day at a time, one Breath at a time, one moment at a time - morning, afternoon & evening - From Here, To Eternity. (Next Week, More Thoughts)

AFFIRMATIONS! (Mental & Emotional Exercise) Today My Life & Being Alive Is The Most Important Issue On My To Do List, Because I Have Taken This Simple Reality For Granted, For Too Many Years In My Experience & Adventures Here On This Planet Earth. Today I Remember & Remind Myself That Being Alive & Having This Beautiful Life Is, Absolutely & Forever, Its Own & Finest Reward. Today I Remember That My Human Body, My Human Being, My Human Instrument, And My Human Nature Is A Feeling Machine Extraordinaire, Designed & Created To Feel & Express Love, Kindness, Joy, Generosity, Sincerity, Tranquility, Serenity, Dignity, Intuition, Insight, Understanding & Peace, With Every Breath &



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Thoughts Are Things

Ya Think?

By Stephen T. Weeks

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it becomes clear how easy it is to expose your brain to them every single day.

A large study out of Brazil put these concerns to the test. Researchers followed 12,772 adults for about eight years. Everyone was 35 or older at the start, and the average age was 52. People who consumed the most sweeteners showed a much faster decline in thinking and memory than those who consumed the least. That drop was equal to about 1.6 years of extra brain aging. Even moderate users saw the equivalent of 1.3 years. The effect was strongest in people younger than 60, which means midlife may be a risky time to lean on these products. People living with diabetes were hit even harder, which is troubling since they are often told to use sweeteners instead of sugar. Most of the sweeten-

ers studied were tied to faster decline, though tagatose did not show a clear link.

So why does this happen? Several sweeteners, like aspartame and saccharin, appear to affect neurotransmitters. Those are your brain’s chemical messengers, and they help control memory and speech. When they get thrown off, thinking skills suffer. There is also a metabolic side to the story. These sweeteners can disrupt your body’s insulin response and change how cells use energy. That raises oxidative stress and puts strain on your neurons. Aspartame also harms the good bacteria in your gut. Those bacteria normally make protective compounds that keep your brain and immune system strong. When their numbers drop, harmful microbes take over, and your body loses some of its natural defenses.

Here is the big takeaway. What you eat and drink each day is not a small thing. Those choices shape how well your memory, focus, and language skills hold up as you age. The Brazilian study made the effect clear, lasting, and stronger for people who are already vulnerable. The good news is that you have options. Reaching for natural sweeteners lets you enjoy a little sweetness while sidestepping the brain-aging effects tied to their artificial cousins. Small swaps today can help protect a sharper, healthier brain for years to come.

Vitamin D, Your Anti-Cancer Vitamin: Colorectal cancer is one of the most common cancers today, but new research points to a simple way to lower your risk. A large review published in 2025 looked at 50 studies with more than 1.3

million people. The findings were clear: people with higher levels of vitamin D in their blood had a much lower chance of getting colon cancer. In fact, one landmark study found that women with the most vitamin D had a 58% lower risk than women with the least. That is a huge difference for something so easy to fix.

Here is the problem. Most people do not have enough vitamin D. Studies show that about 80% of adults are either deficient or don’t have quite enough of this important nutrient. That matters because low vitamin D levels are linked to a higher risk of colon cancer over time. Older adults, people who don’t get much sun, those with darker skin, and people with chronic health issues are especially likely to run low. The good news is that this is one of the few risk fac-

tors you can actually change.

So how does vitamin D protect you? It works in a few key ways. Vitamin D attaches to special spots on your cells, including the cells in your colon. Once it connects, it sends signals that slow the growth of abnormal cells and help unhealthy cells die off before they turn into tumors. Vitamin D also supports your gut lining and keeps the good bacteria in your digestive system in balance. On top of that, it helps calm inflammation. Since inflammation and cell damage can lead to cancer, these effects all work together to keep your colon healthier.

The best part is that raising your vitamin D is simple and low-cost. Safe sun exposure is the most natural way, since your skin makes vitamin D when sunlight hits it. Just watch your skin and

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Legacy Lounge

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for additional funding and sponsorships to add several more chairs and continue expanding the lounge.

Recently, the Legacy Lounge reached another milestone with its first personal chair dedication. The chair was dedicated in honor of Ross Craigie, a Vietnam veteran who served in Vietnam from 1966 to 1968.

Ross, who was visiting Brigantine from Kansas City to spend time with family, was able to be there to share the moment with them. What began as a casual gathering around the new dedication developed naturally into a meaningful occasion.

During the gathering, Charles Gill, himself a veteran who served in Afghanistan and Iraq, stepped forward to offer a personal

tribute to Ross. His remarks reflected on their shared experiences of military service and the bond that connection created.

Family and friends shared the moment together, making the first personal dedication in the Legacy Lounge especially meaningful.

The Legacy Lounge started as a way to improve an outdoor area and create a better place for people to gather. The first dedication also showed how the space can become a place where veterans and those connected to military service are recognized and remembered. The Legacy Lounge continues to grow, with plans for additional chairs and, hopefully, many more dedications in the years ahead.



Ross Craigie and his wife, Linda enjoy the VFW legacy lounge.



Kathy Byrnes and Rick Roy take The Brigantine Times with them on the Royal Caribbean Cruise Ship “Harmony of the Seas” to St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Striper Derby Underway

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ited from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Beginning Monday, September 21st, weekdays only, driving on the front beach can begin. On Monday, September 28th, driving 24/7 on the front beach begins. All fish entered must be caught on the Island of Brigantine and accessible to all. Cash prizes will be awarded to the first three entries in each division. Capt. Andy Grossman from Riptide added,

“We have five divisions in the derby this year: stripers, bluefish, tog, kingfish and black drum. You must have a valid Brigantine 4x4 permit along with a Riptide 2025 Fall Derby permit to drive the front beach of Brigantine and be in the act of fishing. You also must abide by all Brigantine 4x4 rules and regulations. The Brigantine Police Department will be monitoring the

beaches, so please play by the rules so we don’t lose the privilege to enjoy what the Island has to offer us.” For more info on the 2026 Riptide Striper Derby, go to facebook.com/CaptAndy911, or stop by the shop at 1201 W. Brigantine Avenue.



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get out of the sun before it turns pink or red. If you live somewhere with little sun, or during the darker months, a vitamin D3 supplement is a smart choice. Take it with a meal that has some healthy fat so your body can absorb it. The most important step

is getting your levels tested, ideally twice a year. Aim for a blood level between 60 and 80 ng/mL for the best protection. Once you know your number, adjust your sun time or supplement, then retest in three to four months to make sure you are on track.

Brigantine Garden Club

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program after the meeting by Nancy Phillips. Everyone is invited to attend. Thank you for a radiant summer alive with vibrant blossoms. Your efforts have been appreciated by locals and visitors alike. Seen on a garden sign: The garden is a soft place to land when the world feels heavy.

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

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September 11	September 15
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National Hot	Cheeseburger
Cross Bun Day	Day
	National
September 12	Linguine Day
National	
Chocolate	
Milkshake Day	
National Day of	September 16
Encouragement	National
	Play-Doh Day
September 13	National
National	Guacamole Day
Grandparents	
Day	
National Peanut	
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