

The Stanley Cup Comes to Brigantine

By The Brigantine Times Staff

It was another normal day when John Burns got a phone call that NHL player Eric Robinson was looking for a place to stay in Brigantine. Robinson wanted to host a party for his Carolina Hurricanes teammates to

celebrate their recent win of the Stanley Cup Championship. Right away, John knew the perfect place to host the event: 4 Sunset Court in Brigantine, the Burns family’s rental property. Burns stated that prepa-

rations began early, as Eric Robinson and his family spent the week at the property preparing for the celebration that would include members of the Carolina Hurricanes, local Hockey players from Princeton

University, as well as some friends, the Burns Family, and the famous Stanley Cup. Excitement grew as guests arrived in their all-white attire, the dress code for the party, and filled the poolside deck off the

house. They were wowed by the enormous Stanley Cup they could find resting on top of a piano famously owned by Frank Sinatra. The event was especially exciting for the Burns boys, **(Continued on Page 23)**



Eric Robinson is joined by his father and brother in holding the Stanley Cup during the Carolina Hurricanes team’s celebration in Brigantine last week.



Wyatt takes a beautiful swing and hits the ball into the clouds during the Brigantine Baseball and Softball Association’s Wiffle Ball Home Run Derby. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).

Join Us For Brigantine’s 9/11 Memorial Ceremony

Everyone is invited to attend Brigantine’s Annual 9/11 Memorial Ceremony on Friday, September 11th at 9:30 a.m., in front of the Firehouse at our 9/11 Memorial. This year’s ceremony will be especially significant as we mark the 25th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The ceremony will

feature prayers from Brigantine Police Sgt./Brigantine Bible Church Pastor James Powderly and Steve Sarratore from Temple Beth Shalom. After the prayers and comments from keynote speakers, a moment of silence will be held, and the Brigantine Fire Department will toll the bell to honor **(Continued on Page 50)**

Police Chief Steve Ward Sworn In

Acting Brigantine Police Chief Steve Ward was sworn in as the new Brigantine police chief at Wednesday night’s City Council meeting. Chief Ward has been a Brigantine resident for 24 years and became a Class One Special Officer, serving three summers in Brigantine before being hired as a full-time police officer with the Brigantine Police

Department in February 2007. He holds undergraduate degrees in business and criminal justice and has completed all academic requirements for a master’s degree in business, with graduation forthcoming. Throughout his career with the Brigantine Police Department, Chief Ward **(Continued on Page 8)**

North Roosevelt Blvd. Residents Get a New Speed Radar

By Tom Morgan

When the residents of the 100 block of North Roosevelt Blvd., where the speed limit is 25 mph, woke up last Monday, it was like their

prayers were answered. A new electronic speed notification sign was installed **(Continued on Page 4)**



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streets have been asking for help for years with speeding cars and trucks in their neighborhood, making it dangerous for kids who live

in the neighborhood and leaving drivers getting in and out of their cars, or pulling out of a driveway, having to

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This group of friends enjoys themselves and listens to the live music being played while they are outside at the End of Summer Party at the VFW on Saturday, August 29. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).



Local Brigantine lifeguard Luke Burns enjoys an unforgettable moment as Shayne “Ghost” Gostisbehere and Eric Robinson pour champagne into his mouth from the Stanley Cup! Also pictured in the background, leaning against the sliding glass door, is Johnny Gaudreau’s father, Guy, recognizable by his mustache. (Permission was given by Luke’s father for the special occasion.)

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The Farmers Market: A Labor of Love

By The Market Media Team

Labor Day signals the unofficial end of summer and, along with it, the official end of the Farmers Market on Saturday, September 5th. This season has brought us some spectacular Saturday mornings with lots of sunshine, music, dancing and friendly faces.

The Market Committee works hard all year round to ensure a lineup of diverse and interesting products from vendors who are committed to their sustainable production methods and business models. This year, shoppers perused specialty items from many of our long-standing vendors, including Mainstay Marketplace, a Brigantine-based collective of artists and handcrafters offering their graphic designs on T-shirts, hats, mugs and many other items. In addition, we welcomed some first-time vendors like Hestia's Homestead, beekeepers and shepherds to America's oldest breed of sheep. The homestead produces lamb, tallow lotions and honey, along

with wool fiber and yarn that is part of the "shave 'em to save 'em" initiative.

Of course, none of this happens by accident. Jeanette Kessler, chair of the Brigantine Green Team, says, "We are a diverse group of people who come together with a common goal to make it all work." To run a successful market, year after year, takes the effort of a team of volunteers who devote their time and talents — volunteers like Jimmy Gallagher, who has been showing up faithfully every Saturday since 2022. Jimmy helps set up for the market early in the morning, and then returns to help break it all down. According to Lisa Pirollo, market volunteers are all hard workers who take their jobs seriously but who leave time for laughter and fun along the way. Lisa encourages everyone to contribute to their community, and now that she is retired, she feels it is her turn to give back.

Deputy Mayor Karen Bew

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Robert Repici gets ready to swing as he competes in last Saturday's Wiffle Ball Home Run Derby. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).



The Stage Left Duo plays live music at the Annual End of Summer Party at the VFW on August 29, 2026. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).



Thank you for all your support this summer!
-Robert, Pamela & Jack



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Not to ‘be-labor’ the subject, this week’s column is the follow up to my column from a few weeks ago about ‘when is the best time to sell’. It highlighted that Fall home sales (specifically closings in October and November) can still garner slightly higher prices and

that the Fall season, not-
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Police Chief Steve Ward Sworn In

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has served in nearly every facet of the organization, including Patrol, Detectives and Administration. He has held numerous specialized assignments, including Juvenile Unit Supervisor, Training Division Instructor, Defensive Tactics and Active Shooter Instructor,

Field Training Officer, Internal Affairs Investigator, Public Information Officer, School Resource Officer and Evidence Custodian. He has also been involved in grant development, policy writing and numerous other departmental initiatives. As his career progressed,

Chief Ward assumed increasing leadership responsibilities, serving as Patrol Division Commander, Training Coordinator and Field Training Officer Coordinator. He has also been recognized throughout his career with numerous awards and commendations,

including the 2012 Chief's Award and VFW Officer of the Year, as well as commendations for Meritorious Service, Life Saves, Drug Busters, Unit Citations and Honorable Service. Chief Ward and his wife are raising their two children in Brigantine. The Brigantine Times

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The Brigantine Beach Cultural Arts Commission is proud to present Hazel Levy as our artist of the month for September! Stop by the Community Center to see her beautiful paintings!

(Married with two children — three granddaughters and one grandson.)

I've always enjoyed drawing since I was a child. My greatest influence came from my Jewish neighbor Floretta Mostovoy, who was a fashion illustrator and oil painter. I adored her.

I took classes in high school, and a few at local colleges, and eventually became an illustrator for The Spencer Gift Catalogs.

I lost interest in artwork for many years while raising my children and traveling with my husband in the military.

Now, retired, I have more time to pursue the hobby that I not only enjoy, but that has also helped me with

anxiety. I'm so grateful to find peace and tranquility in painting while listening to classical music and soft jazz. (It's my medication.)

Thanks to Sister Celeste for teaching me to understand the concept of watercolor and versatility, which has forced me to be more flexible. She is truly the best teacher I've ever had.

This year I enjoyed painting portraits, especially of children. The artwork shown here is not necessarily my best, and not necessarily my favorites, but I hope you see at least one that will make you "SMILE."

Thanks to the Brigantine Beach Cultural Arts Commission and Director Jim Mogan for their support and for allowing us to share our work with the public.

God Bless the Children



Ms. Mooch steps up to bat and attempts to win a prize from a business in Brigantine by hitting the sign with their logo on it at last Saturday's Wiffle Ball Home Run Derby. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).



The Princeton hockey team was also invited to the party at 4 Sunset Court last weekend, where they had the incredible opportunity to take a photo with the Stanley Cup.

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The Brigantine Democratic Club hosted a celebration of the 250th anniversary of America at the Brigantine VFW on August 27, 2026.



The Brigantine Polar Bear and Patricia Cosgrove cheer on the competitors at the Wiffle Ball Home Run Derby on August 29, 2026. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).

Temple News: Mah Jong, a Game of History, Friendship and Community

For generations, the click of mah jong tiles has brought people together around tables, creating friendships, encouraging conversation and providing a fun way to stay connected.

Mah jong originated in China sometime in the mid-to-late 1800s and soon spread through Asia. By the 1920s, mah jong was being played in the United States. Over time, many variations of the game developed. Here in America, the version played by the National Mah Jongg League became popular.

But mah jong has always been about more than winning a hand. The game brings people together for conversation, laughter, concentration and a shared

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Tre Kuchinsky keeps his eye on the ball while competing in the Wiffle Ball Home Run Derby hosted by the Brigantine Baseball and Softball Association last Saturday. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).



The servers at the end-of-summer barbecue stop serving food for a picture moment inside the VFW. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).

BCAS Week 11 Recap

By Tiffany Maiorano

BCAS playoffs are underway! A-league teams Riptide and Maynards took the field last week for a doubleheader, with both teams battling for a chance to advance in the playoffs. Heading into the matchup, Maynards was up 1-0 in the series and needed just one more win to move forward; however, Riptide had other plans. During game one of the night, the bats were hot for Riptide, and a handful of fielding errors from Maynards helped them take the lead early on. Maynards fought back, but not hard enough, as Riptide went on to win 18-15 and claim game two of the series. The third game of the series told a different story for both teams. Knowing

this could be the last game of the season for one team, both teams were more determined than ever to secure the win. Home runs from Nolan (2), Perkins and Taylor Jr. set the stage for Maynards in the early innings of the game. Riptide, however, bounced back just as quickly, with the teams going back and forth throughout the game. Heading into the sixth inning, the game was tied, which would eventually lead to extra innings. In the bottom of the seventh, with the season on the line, Riptide delivered when it mattered most, battling its way to a thrilling extra-inning win to knock Maynards out of the playoffs.

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MEGA News Week #19

By Joseph Mingoia

Last week was the MEGA “Red-White-Silver Tournament,” sponsored by Drew Hemerich. This tournament has all MEGA players hit from the same tees on each hole. We played the back, so we started from the 10th hole Red tees, White tees at 11, Silver at 12, then Red-White-Silver, etc. The only major issue was the rough — it was a tad high and extremely plush. My

group lost three balls in the first two holes on balls that just ran off the cart path. In A-flight, Anthony Lawler (35/35) had 3 birdies and the winning Low Net. Anthony is a terrific golfer and has had an outstanding season. Kevin A. Curau (37/35.1) continues his impressive play and takes Low Gross. Brendan Kelly (39/36.6) was 2LN. The rest of A did not

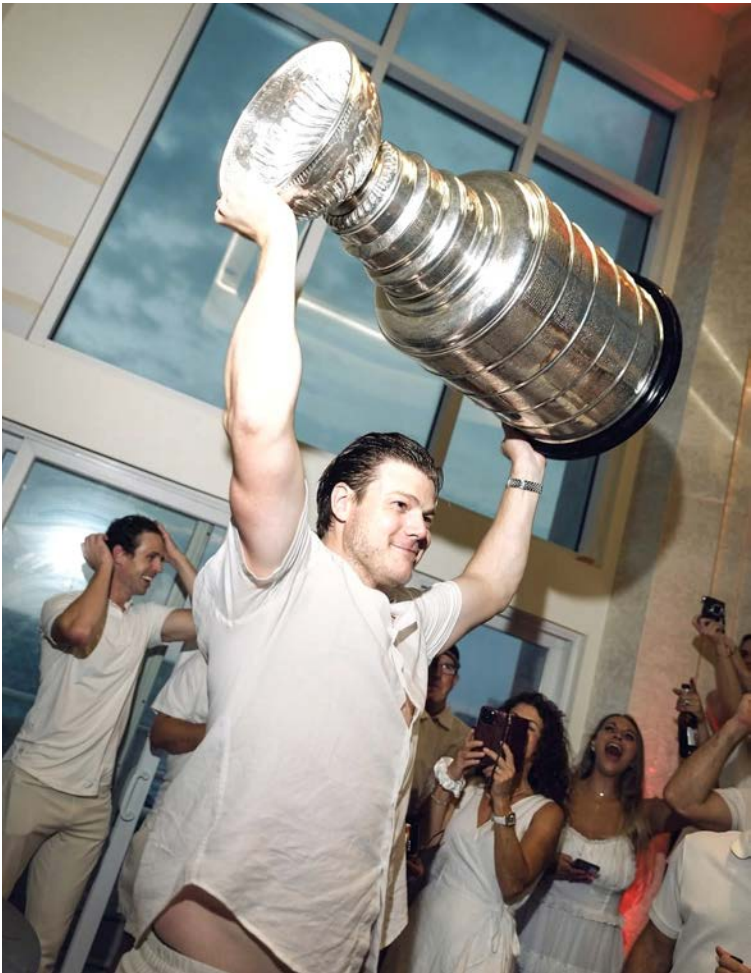
do much damage to this very short course, which was very surprising. Lawler picked up two skins, a par at 11 and a birdie at 13. Matt Cusamano birdied the 14th, Kev. A. Curau birdied the 15th, and Doc Kelly had a “ho-hum” eagle at the 16th. The CTTs were Lawler (15’ 6”) at the 12th and Doc Kelly (13’ 5”) at the 15th. In B-flight, a hot Danny

Adams (39/29.5) played a tremendous round, easily winning Low Net and almost lapping his field. Danny won by an amazing 6 shots and had the lowest Low Net in the entire league. The McHughs, Brendan (41/35.6) and Jim (41/36), shared Low Gross honors. Ron Parker (46/35.5) was 2LN. We had four skins: Brendan McHugh birdied the tenth, Tim Lahr birdied

the eleventh, John Watson birdied the thirteenth and Jason Wren had an amazing eagle at the sixteenth. Gotta love those silver tees. John Rios (23’ 6”) at the 12th and Dan Adams (24’ 3”) at the 15th won the greenies. In C-flight, we had an awesome battle between three warriors. John Burns (48/32) was cruising through
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The Stanley Cup Comes to Brigantine

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Daniel and Luke, who have been playing hockey since they were 5 years old. They both played hockey for St. Augustine Prep in high school before going on to attend college at Villanova University. The boys' connection to Robinson and the Hurricanes came through St. Augustine Prep assistant hockey coach Doug Vladick, who called John Burns after learning that Robinson needed a Brigantine location for his Stanley Cup celebration.

Burns said that one of the highlights of the event was getting to see his sons interact with the players from the Hurricanes team, and how

well they got along with each other. He loved seeing the boys joke and laugh with the team like they were old friends. Burn's Son Luke was even invited by Hurricanes player Shayne Gostisbehere, "Ghost," to drink out of the famous Stanley Cup!

20-year-old Daniel Burns described the night with exhilaration, stating, "What an experience! Hanging out with the Stanley Cup Champions, and the craziest part is, some of these guys aren't even that much older than me! Eric Robinson couldn't have been nicer to me and my family. What a genuinely great guy! Getting to hang

out with the team, celebrate with them, and then actually hold the Stanley Cup with my dad and brother is something I'll never forget.

I've been around hockey my whole life, but never in a million years did I think I'd be standing there with the Cup in my hands! Crazy night. Incredible people. A

memory I'll have forever!"

His brother, 18-year-old Luke Burns, described the night with similar passion, saying, "I've been playing hockey since I was 5 years old, and ever since I was a kid, I always thought the Stanley Cup was the ultimate trophy. So you can imagine how surreal it was

to actually have the opportunity to celebrate with the Carolina Hurricanes, thanks to Eric Robinson inviting my family to join him, his family, and the team! And then... I GOT TO DRINK OUT OF THE STANLEY CUP! After all those years of playing hockey, I never imagined

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NHL Hockey player Eric Robinson joins the Burns family gathered around the Stanley Cup, which rested on a piano owned by Frank Sinatra.



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the back nine, playing his best, but a poor finish on the last two holes opened a door. Mike Riordan (45/33.3) had an opportunity, but he also struggled on the last two holes and fell short. Then it was Sean Hershman's turn — Sean (44/31.5) finished bogey/par, made up 5 strokes and won the Low Net. Riordan won LG and Burns took 2LN. Ken Biondi had a birdie on the fourteenth hole, and it was the only skin that held up. Hershman (6' 4") at the 12th and Jeff Szeker (12' 8") won the CTPP. In Senior-A flight, Paul Rahter (40/35) took the Low Net. Sean Sharkey

(38/36.6), Ed Podgorski (38/35.7) and (38/36.1) all tied for Low Gross. Ed Podgorski also won 2LN. Paul Rahter walked off the 11th hole with a par; that par became a skin, and it was the only skin in Sr. A. Podgorski (18' 6") at the 12th and Sharkey (5' 5") at the 15th took the greenies. In Senior-B flight, Bo Mason (44/32.7) was in control all day. Bo never got into trouble, played a solid round and won Low Net. Bob Stoeckle (47/35.3) won Low Gross, and Lyle Resch (49/36.4) was 2LN. Mark Milbank started with a par at the 10th, and that became a skin. John

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Gilbert parred the 12th, and Kurt Schaetzle (24' 3") at the 12th and John Herron (13' 7") at the 15th won the greenies.



A fun and delicious time was enjoyed by the members of the Brigantine Tennis Association on Sunday night as they celebrated the end of another great season at the Brigantine Golf Links! If you are a 3.5 USTA player or higher and would like to join in on the tennis fun, text Deb at 609-828-2940!

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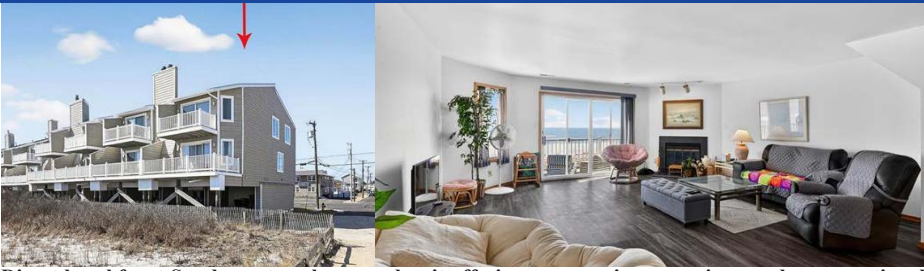
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Virtual Reception: The Automated Voice

By Phyllis Glomb

I want to go back to the Good Old Days — the days when I could pick up a phone and have it answered by a real, live, human person ... when I didn’t have to press 1 for English ... when I didn’t have to hear “If this is an emergency, please hang up and dial 9-1-1.” I know about 9-1-1. What? Am I stupid?

A call that should take five minutes now takes twenty-three. First you hear the location, fax number and hours of operation. Then you get a list of nine places you can connect with. By the time I get to nine, I forget what number I needed, so I have to repeat.

Then comes the music on a loop. It is no particular style with no particular melody. By the time you have heard it fourteen times, you are ready to pull out your hair. Some places have such an annoying sound that I truly believe they try to aggravate you on purpose so you will hang up.

Some businesses are kind enough to let you know your place in the queue. “You are the eighteenth caller.” If you’d like a call back, you can press a number and receive a return call without

losing your place in line. Well, that sounds good. So you hang up. Now what to do while you are waiting? Can’t make another call because you might not catch the callback. Must carry your phone around with you so you can get it quickly when they call. Another call rings in. Should you answer it? You may lose the call you want. If the new caller leaves you a message, the call you are waiting for will probably go to voicemail if they overlap. What to do?

Uh oh. You need to use the bathroom. Dilemma: go or wait. One sure way to get the callback is to go. Of course the phone will ring as you finish. If I flush, will they hear it?

Then you realize that it is a virtual assistant who assures you she can help. First you tell her your name, date of birth and the first name of your maid of honor at your wedding, for security reasons. She gives you a list of choices she can help with. The problem is none of them is the reason for your call. You tell her, “Customer service representative.” She

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gives you the same non-related list again. You say emphatically, “Operator.” She again gives you the same

list. So you pick one, any one, just to get to a live person. He asks your name, date of birth and the first name of

your maid of honor at your wedding, for security reasons. Unfortunately, this live person is the wrong choice,

but he will be happy to direct your call. You hear a series of clicks ... and then a dial tone! Are you kidding me?

Back to the location, fax number and hours of operation. After queuing up again, listening to the dreadful music, perhaps you finally get the right person and ask your question. You have an answer in five minutes. Unfortunately, you have just spent forty-seven minutes on the phone. Would you like to take a brief survey when you are finished?

Does any of this sound

familiar? Thank you to AI for making our lives so much easier! We could decrease the unemployment rate if businesses would hire people to answer the phone instead of using the useless automated voices that never seem to be able to help. Wouldn't it be nice to dial a number and immediately hear a real voice saying, “Good morning. How may I help you today?” Oh, yes, those were the Good Old Days! Ain't progress grand?

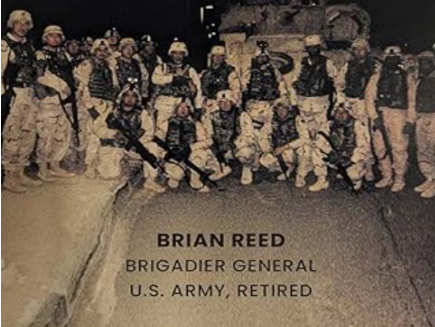


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By Roseann Smith

Ever wonder how globally recognized brands got their names? For example, why are Apple products called "Apple"? Or how did the phrase "Wall Street" become a symbol of the American stock market? Well, here goes!

Steve Jobs, creator of Apple Computers, loved eating fruit and often went on a

restrictive fruitarian diet. Jobs would often eat one particular fruit for weeks at a time. He spent several months at an Oregon-based apple orchard, which doubled as a spiritual commune. Jobs pruned trees, picked apples and collected firewood. There, he learned about his spirituality through daily meditation. Yep, his

favorite fruit was apples. In the 1970s, computer names like IBM and HP were, in Jobs' estimation, cold, technicolor names. He felt the word "Apple" sounded fun, spirited and unintimidating. "Apple" was even a cool word to say. The bite taken out of the apple was meant to distinguish it from any other fruit. Today,

the Apple logo is recognized worldwide.

Ever wonder how "Wall Street" got its name? In 1653, Dutch colonists claimed New Amsterdam, now Manhattan, as their territory. Unwilling to forfeit it to anyone, such as Native American tribes or British settlers, they built a twelve-foot defensive wooden and earthen wall.

The wall was never tested in battle, and by 1699 British authorities tore it down. What remained was a dirt path where merchants spent their days buying and selling their wares. They traded goods and services. Today, Wall Street is one of the world's most famous streets.

individuals who would abuse the cats. However, prison officials were determined to push the initiative forward. Inmates must meet a series of criteria to be considered for caring for or owning a cat. They must show long stints of good behavior, be mentally and physically healthy, and pass a psychological evaluation.

Just like their fellow inmates, research shows that most of the cats have a past of abuse and are psychologically scarred. Pairing these inmates with cats has proven to be a positive, symbiotic relationship. When prisoners are entrusted with the cats, they can build a warm, loving relationship with their feline friends. In turn, cats respond by giving their incarcerated owners lots of love and attention. Through their mutual interactions, inmates and cats grow more compassionate and empathetic.

Inmates spend their earned money on cat toys, food and treats. Working in pairs, inmates have built amazing cat habitats by hand. As one inmate put it, "Society won't forgive us for our crimes, but these cats love us unconditionally. They don't pass judgment on us."

Before you make a judgment on this story, think twice. Some prisons across the country allow inmates to become cat owners. The cats that enter the prisons are strays or feral cats who would otherwise be euthanized. As a reasonable alternative, these cats have found their forever home within prison walls. The cats are paired up with inmates, and the two become "cell mates."

Yes, there was backlash from public forums claiming that male prisoners were aggressive, dangerous



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Brigantine Garden Club

By Phyllis Glomb

HAPPY LABOR DAY! Labor Day honors the achievements and contributions of American workers and the historic labor movement that fought for fair treatment. Not everyone gets the day off though; so if you stop in a store, eat at a restaurant, or call an Uber, be sure to **THANK** your server for always being there

to serve us. Enjoy the day. Summer is not over yet. Beds will continue to bloom and still need your TLC. Phase II for designing and replacing signs in the beds is now beginning. Invitations are out for The Gathering in Sept. Check your email and RSVP with your menu selection. Volunteers for door prizes, the time is

getting near; please work on your plants. If you are a new tender and did not get a T-shirt, several will be available in assorted sizes and will be distributed at the next meeting. Nominees for the 2027 Board of Directors will be announced. Voting will be in October. Join us for our next meeting on Sept. 14 at 6:00 at the Brig-

antine Community Center. Following the meeting, Nancy Phillips will present “Winter Sowing.” Everyone is welcome to attend. Thanks to everyone who worked at any of our events,

brought snacks to the meetings, or tended a bed or pot. Thanks for all of your suggestions and ideas. Thanks to friends of the club who
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Jay Geayer, Brigantine Local, receives an award from the City of Philadelphia for his work as an entertainer.



Luke Burns soaks in a moment with the Stanley Cup during the Carolina Hurricanes’ visit to Brigantine at 4 Sunset Court in Brigantine.



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Chamber Chatter

September is here, but summer isn't over yet in Brigantine! There's still plenty happening around the island, and the Brigantine Chamber of Commerce is looking forward to another great month filled with community events, opportunities to support our local businesses, and plenty of reasons to get out and enjoy everything Brigantine has to offer.

This week, we're proud to recognize Michael James, an active member of the Brigantine community who serves on the Brigantine Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Michael lives on the island year-round and has been a well-known radio personality throughout the South Jersey region for the past 30 years. He has been involved with stations including The Shark 103.7, 100.7 WZXL, WIBG Radio and Wibbage FM 94.3.

Michael also hosts Flash-back Fridays, Fakefest, British Invasion, Deckstock and other events at the Golden Nugget in Atlantic City.

In addition to his work in radio and entertainment, Michael is the president and owner of three other local businesses: Aloha Tiki Cruises LLC, a charter boat company; Super-ScreenRental.com, a video screen company; and Disc Jockey Supply LLC, a DJ and karaoke company.

Michael's longtime involvement in South Jersey, his local businesses and his commitment to the Brigantine community make him a valued member of our Chamber Board.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Thursday Night Twilight Market throughout the summer! 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.

This Friday, Saturday and Sunday are your last three days to hop on the Beach House Shuttle Bus! The free shuttle runs from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m., with 17 convenient stops throughout Brigantine. Whether you're heading to dinner, shopping, or just enjoying everything around town, take advantage of one last weekend to let the shuttle do the driving. You can find the live shuttle tracker at BrigantineChamber.com.

This Saturday is also the final Brigantine Farmers Market of the season. Be sure to visit our members on Chamber Row and on Chamber on the Lawn, as well as other members throughout the market, and stop by the Chamber trailer for community and event information. The Chamber will also be selling tickets for our Big 50/50 raffle, so make sure to stop by for your chance to win while supporting the Brigantine Chamber of Commerce.

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 Chamber Events

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 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 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 Commerce by following us on Facebook and Instagram and visiting our website for news, events and updates throughout the year.

Summer may be winding down, but there's still plenty to look forward to in Brigantine. We thank everyone who joined us at our events and supported our local businesses throughout the summer, and we look forward to seeing you around the island throughout September and beyond!



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Natalie Cook takes her swing at the chance to win a prize from various businesses around Brigantine during the Brigantine Baseball and Softball Association’s Wiffle Ball Home Run Derby last weekend. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).



The Brigantine Democratic Club had a great party on August 27, where they celebrated the 250th anniversary of the United States of America and its democracy. Atlantic County clerk candidate Lisa Bender visited with the Brigantine Democrats at their 250th anniversary celebration at the VFW on Thursday, August 27th. Also pictured are Municipal Chair Robert Polillo, Club President Jerry Szucs, and Club Secretary Donna Di Siro

VFW News

The membership of Brigantine VFW Post 6964 wishes everyone a safe and happy Labor Day weekend. A salute to the American worker, whose efforts have made this country strong, and to the relationship with the military in designing and building the strongest military in the world.

Labor Day is a yearly tribute to the contributions of American workers, celebrating their role in building the nation’s strength, prosperity and well-being. Emerging from the late-19th-century labor movement, it took form in an era of long hours, unsafe conditions and rising union activism, symbolized by the first parade of 10,000 workers in New York City in 1882. It spread to many states before President Grover Cleveland signed it into federal law in 1894.

We are also celebrating the late summer weather with friendly cornhole competition in our newly renovated outdoor area. Join us Sunday afternoon for great fun, camaraderie and drink specials.

We have some great September activities ready for you. Line dancing will be hosted Wednesday, September 9, at the Post. A Paint

and Sip activity is scheduled for September 16. 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 college football action on Saturday and NFL action on Sunday in the Canteen.

Our weekly lineup includes: This Friday (Sept. 4), we welcome Odyssea Trio for our entertainment. Plan on dinner and fantastic entertainment!

Monday is 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!

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Leroy's Corner: Local Cat Marks One Year of Writing for the Brigantine Times



I recently made a discovery that I feel deserves some recognition. It has officially been one year since I began writing for the Brigantine Times. Now, I realize some of you may be wondering how I discovered such an important anniversary. Was there a large celebration planned in my honor? A special award presented to me for my contributions to journalism? Perhaps a statue being built somewhere in Brigantine?

No. Unfortunately, none of those things happened.

I realized it because I was thinking about my very first article. For those of you who have been loyal readers since the beginning, you may remember that my first story was about how I celebrated my favorite human's birthday. It is

now his birthday again!

Looking back, I had no idea that one article would lead to an entire year of writing for the Brigantine Times. Since then, I have had the opportunity to report on many important subjects. I have shared my opinions, offered advice, investigated serious matters, discussed holidays, treats, workouts, and many other topics that I believe deserve the attention of the public.

I have also been fortunate enough to hear from many of you. As I celebrate one year of writing this column, I want to send my appreciation to all of the cats, dogs, and other pets who have written in and shared their stories, questions, concerns, and experiences with me. It has been wonderful hearing from members of the local pet community and beyond.

Even the dogs.

And to all of the humans who have read my articles over the past year, thank you as well. I know it can be difficult to keep up with the work of an important journalist, especially one who also has a busy schedule involving naps, meals, treats,

window watching, and supervising the household.

But I do my best.

As I begin my second year with the Brigantine Times, I am very excited about all of the stories still to come. I have already shared a lot over the past year, but I have a feeling there will be plenty more important news to report.

Stay Whiskered,
Leroy

PSS. PSS.:

Dear Brody and Hooper,

I am glad to hear you kept your caregivers properly trained while your humans were away, I am very glad to hear from you both. As for the seagulls, I can confirm they were very impressed by my appearance at their level, although they tried to act like they weren't.

Dear Hunter and Minnie,

Happy belated birthday to you both, and I am glad your humans provided the appropriate birthday food and cards. I am also impressed

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Archie enjoys a nap after reading last week's Leroy's Corner column in The Brigantine Times.

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Brigantine Bible Church Hosts Pickleball Camp

These special afternoon events, held Aug. 11 and 12 at 3 p.m., were coordinated with Brigantine Pickleball Club LLC and Brigantine Bible Church. The two scheduled outings

were open to all community young people at no cost at Brigantine’s newly opened sports facility. The brand-new playing courts in this beautifully renovated indoor complex were staffed by

experienced coaches who know how to create fun for this growing sport. The kids were separated by age group into four active playing courts. First were the lessons, and then came the skills, as

each youngster learned the athletics and concepts of a team sport similar to tennis. This is BBC’s first Pickleball Camp, an outreach that grew out of last year’s successful Kickball Camp.

Earlier this year, BPC and BBC began exploring ideas based on a shared vision of healthy programs for kids. These events were a great opportunity, and this new
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VFW News

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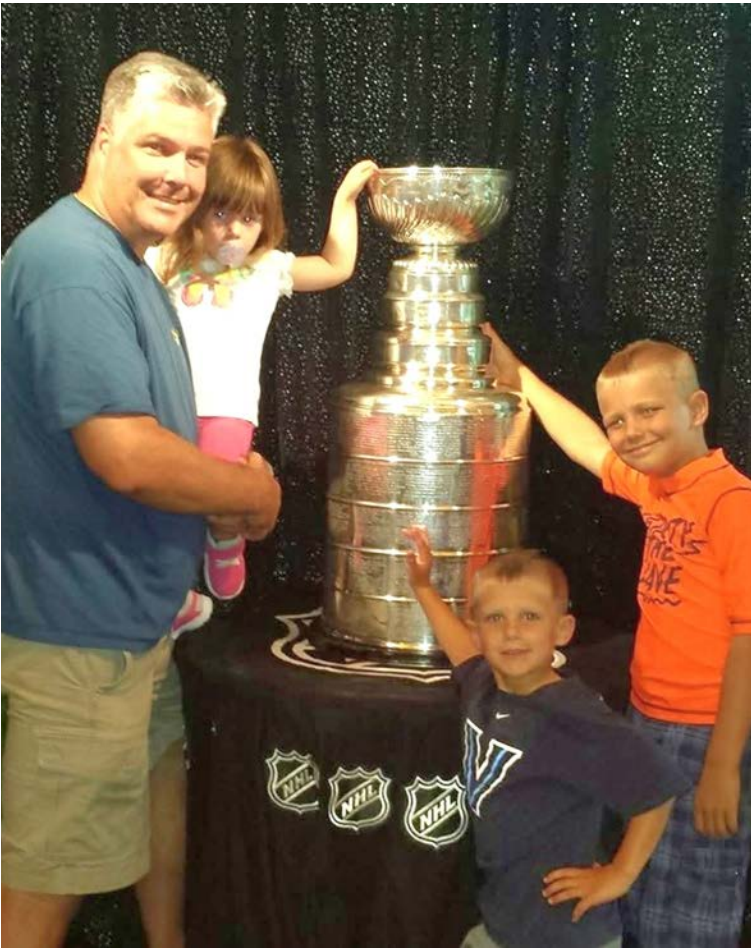
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The Stanley Cup Comes to Brigantine

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I’d actually get to drink from the Cup. Definitely a lifetime memory and one I’ll never forget! Huge thanks to Eric for including our family in such an incredible celebration. What an experience!”

For a hockey-loving family, what could be more special than getting to hold the Stanley Cup in your hands, and to see it sitting in your own house in your hometown?



John, Daniel, Luke, and Gracie Burns once visited the Stanley Cup in 2014, so it was a full-circle moment for them to see it again in Brigantine.



The Burns family property at 4 Sunset Court in Brigantine was filled with guests for the Carolina Hurricanes’ team celebration. Bottom left, the Stanley Cup can be seen delighting guests from the top of Frank Sinatra’s piano.



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Inside the VFW, guests were treated to some festive decorations and good food during the end-of-summer barbecue on August 29, 2026. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).



The VFW’s End of Summer Party featured a live band that drew people onto the dance floor. This group of people is some of the partygoers who danced the night away. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).

Brigantine Bible Church Hosts Pickleball Camp

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partnership worked out even better than expected. The Pickleball Club staff volunteered their time and led a one-hour clinic each night. Kids were divided into grade-level groups: kindergarten, 1st-2nd, 3rd-4th, and 5th-6th. The younger groups learned basic skills through fun, games and drills. The older groups played structured games and finished with scrimmages that brought out good teamwork and friendly competition.

After the clinic, Pastor Powderly shared a short Bible message each night. The first lesson focused on the passage: “press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 3:14). Emphasizing scripture verses like this encourages kids to focus on goals with faith in the Lord. The second Bible lesson was about the challenge David had with Goliath — a great reminder to everyone to trust in God for the strength needed when facing the “giants” in life.

And saving the best for

last, we wrapped up each night with pizza for the many hungry smiles. The fellowship gave families time to connect with one another and with our church volunteers.

We’re thankful for the staff of Brigantine Pickleball Club, who gave their valuable time to making this event worth every minute. We’re also thankful for the support of BBC members working behind this outreach. Meeting new families and friends in our community made this a heartwarming success, and it sparks more plans to do it again. Our prayer is for God’s blessing on all those involved in this well-organized effort. It brings together a wholesome environment and caring mentors united by a genuine commitment to the well-being of others.

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Ethan takes his swing to get on the leaderboard and win prizes at the Home Run Derby last Saturday. After getting rained out the weekend prior, the derby finally got some good weather last weekend. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).



Steve and Judy Robbins pose for a picture in front of the flags at the VFW while having a great time at the end-of-summer party. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).

Thank You From St. Thomas

The Chicken Barbecue held at St. Thomas Church was one of the best ever. The weather was perfect for an outdoor event, fair and cool, and it kept the crowds coming. Planning for this event began back in the cold, dark days of winter, and our thanks go to the many folks who operate behind the scenes to provide the perfect summer event. Jane Staunton applies for the license, writes the follow-up reports, orders all the paper goods and incidentals, and prepares the checks for the raffle winners. Mike Brindisi contacts the caterer and the vendors and oversees all aspects of the planning. The ladies of the Kitchen Crew prepare the potato salad and generally clean and maintain the indoor area. Our chicken platters

were served by many volunteers, in an assembly line, with no waiting. Our thanks to each and every one who pitched in to set up, cook the burgers and hot dogs, bake the desserts, sell the tickets and chances, oversee the kids' activities and games, and, last but not least, clean up. The 50/50 raffle provided 10 lucky winners with \$1,146 checks each! Our special thanks to all the local merchants and individuals whose generous donations made the basket raffle a tremendous success (there were 65 wonderful baskets). Our thanks to Aggie Russo and her team for putting those beautiful baskets together. And thank you to everyone who participated and enjoyed their time with us.

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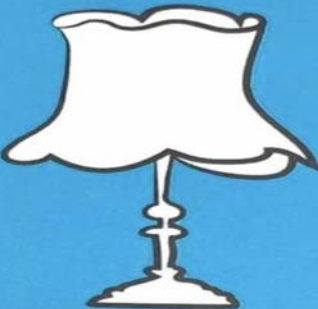
tember 19th, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Come out and meet the artists! Many pieces will be for sale. If you are looking to purchase beautiful artwork to decorate your home, created by talented local artists, look no further! This is an incredible art show that you won't want to miss!



Gavin batters up and charges his swing as he competes in Saturday’s Waffle Ball Homerun Derby. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).



Danny swings for the skies while participating in Brigantine’s home run derby last weekend. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).



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Birding Brigantine: September 2026

By Steve Sarratore

What Is That Bird?
As summer gives way to fall, I am frequently bombarded with questions. “There are hundreds of birds flying above my pool! What are they?” “What are the thousands of little birds flying above the beach entrance?” “What are the huge flocks of birds lining the utility wires?” The Brigantine Facebook pages are filled with similar inquiries. So, what is the answer? They are tree swallows! Tree swallows are small birds — only about five

inches long with a 12-inch wingspan — but their appearance is anything but ordinary. The back of an adult shows an iridescent blue-green, while the underside is bright white. The female is generally duller than the male, and juveniles have brown upperparts and gray-brown-washed breasts. The most distinctive talent of a tree swallow is flying. You can watch them swoop, dive, twist and turn through the air, catching insects on the wing. Flies, beetles, moths and other fly-

ing insects are their usual fare. They make it look effortless, although I suspect the insects would disagree. You will often see them around open areas near water. And despite their name, tree swallows aren’t particularly interested in living in trees. They are cavity nesters, often taking over abandoned woodpecker holes. They are also enthusiastic occupants of nest boxes, which is one reason you may find them around parks, wetlands and even well-placed backyard birdhouses.

By late summer, the birds begin gathering for migration. Here in Brigantine, large flocks can often be seen swirling over marshes or beaches toward evening, gradually coming together before settling down to roost for the night. Curiously, when the migrating flocks appear, they always seem to start at the southwest end of the island and work their way northeast before resuming their travels southward. I have no idea why! Multiple waves of these migrating birds usually appear throughout September and October. They spend the winter along the shores of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea. They will return in the spring to breed throughout the northern United States and Canada. Tree swallows are not the only member of their aerialist family that calls New Jersey home. You might also see: Barn swallows: Look for a deeply forked tail, steel-blue back and a rusty-orange belly. They love nesting under boat docks and pavilion roofs. Purple martins: As North America’s largest swallow, the males sport stunning, dark metallic-purple

feathers. They rely heavily on custom-built backyard birdhouses near the water. Northern rough-winged swallows: Dressed in a muted, earthy brown with a dingy throat, these solitary flyers often cruise low over our coastal rivers and ponds. Bank swallows: The smallest of the bunch, they are distinguished by a sharp brown band across a stark white breast. They nest together in tightly packed colonies dug directly into sandbanks and bluffs. Cliff swallows: Featuring a squarish tail and a bright, gourd-shaped forehead patch, these birds construct intricate mud nests under Jersey Shore bridges and highway overpasses. All these species are vital to our coastal ecosystem, keeping local mosquito and greenhead fly populations in check before they head south for the winter. But when huge flocks of swallows appear in your neighborhood, you can safely assume that the answer to the question “What bird is that?” is the tree swallow.



Guests enjoy their evening at the VFW and celebrate the end of the summer. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).

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Brigantine Hosts 9/11 Memorial Ceremony

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all of the victims and first responders who tragically lost their lives on 9/11. Brigantine Fire Chief Paul Fuller stated, “As part of the ceremony, we will also dedicate a piece of steel recovered from Ground Zero and incorporate it into our memorial as a permanent reminder of that day and the lives lost.” The approximately 1’ x 2’ piece of steel was generously donated by FDNY Fire Commissioner Robert Tucker, with the

assistance of retired FDNY Rescue 1 firefighter Carl Scheetz. The Brigantine 9/11 Memorial consists of two granite towers representing the Twin Towers and has an inscription reading, “We shall never forget September 11, 2001,” to honor the almost 2,977 people who lost their lives on that day. Two flags fly above the 9/11 Memorial, inscribed with the names of all those who perished on 9/11.

Wear Your Life Jacket!

By Alan Moose, USCG Aux.

It’s that best time of the year. The weather is hot and the water is warm. Before leaving the dock, though, please keep in mind that safety of life, limb and property is a personal responsibility we should all follow no matter what we do. While boating, wearing a life jacket is perhaps your single, most important responsibility for

both you and your passengers. According to Coast Guard statistics, about 500 boaters drown every year. Of these, almost 90% were not wearing a life jacket. Why didn’t those boaters wear their life jackets? Past reasons for not wearing a life jacket are simply not true for

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These two ladies get the party started by being the first ones to get on the dance floor at the VFW's End of Summer Party. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).



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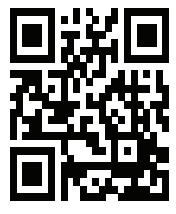
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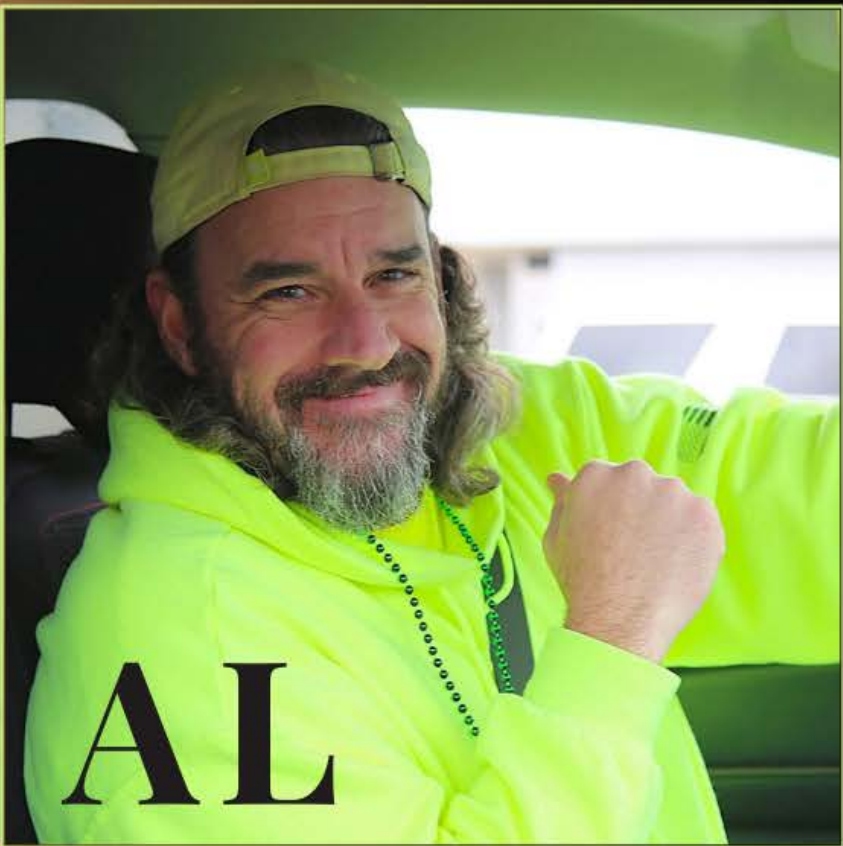


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Dr. Zimmerman’s Health Tips

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.

Sugar and artificial sweeteners are not the only bad thing in soda: That can of cola in your hand does more than deliver a sugar rush. It floods your body with inorganic phosphate, a form your system soaks up almost completely. Within minutes, that phosphate sets off a chain of hormonal shifts. It throws off your vitamin D, upsets the delicate balance of calcium your bones depend on, and puts extra strain on your kidneys. Most people worry about the sugar in soda, but this hidden ingredient may quietly cause the deeper harm.

Here’s what really happens behind the scenes. When phosphate levels spike, your body pumps out more of a hormone called FGF23. Think of FGF23 as an alarm

system that gets stuck in the “on” position. Over time, this hormone speeds up calcification, which means calcium starts hardening in places it shouldn’t, like your arteries. Your bones grow weaker as calcium gets pulled away, and your risk of a heart attack or stroke climbs. All of this can happen even when your regular lab tests look perfectly normal.

The phosphate in whole foods, like eggs, beans and meat, behaves very differently. It’s bound to proteins and plant compounds, so your body breaks it down slowly and absorbs only part of it. The phosphate additives in soda skip that natural safety check entirely. They rush straight into your bloodstream and leave your kidneys and arteries to deal

with the fallout, sip after sip, with no warning signs you’d notice on your own.

Now add high-fructose corn syrup to the mix, and soda becomes a metabolic double hit. The corn syrup goes straight to your liver, where it turns into fat, raises uric acid, and pushes your body toward insulin resistance, the same problem that fuels weight gain and diabetes. Meanwhile, the phosphate keeps scrambling your hormones and pulling minerals out of balance.

Together, these two ingredients work against your bones, your heart, and your whole body at the same time.

The good news is your body has a real ability to heal when you remove the source and support it properly.

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STATEPOINT

CROSSWORD: FICTIONAL EMMYS ACROSS

1. Cut off

6. “Be quiet!”

9. Yellowjacket

13. Brunch offering

14. Lawyers’ org.

15. Capital of Vietnam

16. Without illumination

17. Harland David Sanders’ title, abbr.

18. Abhorrence

19. * ____ Theater, Emmys venue

21. *2026 Emmy Awards host

23. Fah follower

24. Like a certain eagle

25. Grill master’s acronym

28. Aussie’s neighbor

30. Kick the bucket

35. Look angry

37. Opposite of riches

39. Holiday spirit spreader

40. Soprano’s song

41. Introduction

43. Flocculant, for short

44. Queen Elizabeth’s favorite dog breed

46. Dog command

47. * ____ show, like nominated “Jimmy Kimmel Live!”

48. Works dough

50. Highest volcano in Europe

52. “I agree”

53. Winter woe

55. Publisher’s revenue source, pl.

57. *”Euphoria” Lead Actress nominee

61. *Most nominated series for 2026 Emmys (2 words)

65. Love, in Paris

66. Don’t waste

68. Ottoman Empire VIP

69. Carried a torch

70. Biochemistry acr.

71. Scrabble pieces

72. Editor’s “let it stand”

73. “ ____ or nothing”

74. Kind of peak

DOWN

1. Fish a.k.a. porgy

2. European sea eagle

3. Velum, pl.

4. “The Iliad” and “The Odyssey,” e.g.

5. Did the test again

6. Quarterback’s downfall

7. *Network/streamer with most nominations for 2026 Emmys

8. Chinese Checkers predecessor

9. Dry riverbed

10. Type of cuckoos

11. Middle Eastern market

12. Type of cotton fiber

15. Vast multitudes

20. Bird sound

22. Matterhorn, e.g.

24. Biased

25. *Nominee Jason Bateman’s “ ____ Rabbit”

26. B on Mendeleev’s table

27. One-twentieth of a ream

29. W in VFW.

31. Huck Finn’s escape

32. Embedded design

33. Fur shawl

34. *Jean Smart’s nominated comedy

36. Sitar music

38. *Assigned spot in #19 Across

42. Myna, alt. sp.

45. Driver’s license alternative (2 words)

49. Sushi sauce

51. Experts

54. “Little House on the Prairie” protagonist

56. “The rain in ____ falls mainly on the plain”

57. Nukes

58. What exhaust pipes do

59. Opposite of all

60. Simon and Gurfunkel, e.g.

61. Bluish green

62. Robinson Crusoe’s turf

63. Short for Theodora

64. *Nominated Mark Ruffalo’s drama series

67. *Connor Stoorie’s nominated show, acr.

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2026 SEASON SCHEDULE

HOME GAMES

AWAY GAMES

SUNDAY GAMES (ALL SUNDAY GAMES HIGHLIGHTED)

BYE BYE WEEK NO GAME

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
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. 34)

Also she felt she must have seemed greedy to expect the engine as well as the sweets. So her face changed. Peter saw it. He hesitated a minute; then his face changed, too, and he said: "I mean not ALL the engine. I'll let you go halves if you like."

"You're a brick," cried Bobbie; "it's a splendid present." She said no more aloud, but to herself she said:—

"That was awfully jolly decent of Peter because I know he didn't mean to. Well, the broken half shall be my half of the engine, and I'll get it mended and give it back to Peter for his birthday."—"Yes, Mother dear, I should like to cut the cake," she added, and tea began.

It was a delightful birthday. After tea Mother played games with them—any game they liked—and of course their first choice was blindman's-buff, in the course of which Bobbie's forget-me-not wreath twisted itself crookedly over one of her ears and stayed there. Then, when it was near bed-time and time to calm down, Mother had a lovely new story to read to them.

"You won't sit up late working, will you, Mother?" Bobbie asked as they said good night.

And Mother said no, she wouldn't—she would only just write to Father and then go to bed.

But when Bobbie crept down later to bring up her presents—for she felt she really could not be separated from them all night—Mother was not writing, but leaning her head on her arms and her arms on the table. I think it was rather good of Bobbie to slip quietly away, saying over and over, "She doesn't want me to know she's unhappy, and I won't know; I won't know." But it made a sad end to the birthday.

* * * *

The very next morning Bobbie began to watch her opportunity to get Peter's engine mended secretly. And the opportunity came the very next afternoon.

Mother went by train to the nearest town to do shopping. When she went there, she always went to the Post-office. Perhaps to post her letters to Father, for

she never gave them to the children or Mrs. Viney to post, and she never went to the village herself. Peter and Phyllis went with her. Bobbie wanted an excuse not to go, but try as she would she couldn't think of a good one. And just when she felt that all was lost, her frock caught on a big nail by the kitchen door and there was a great criss-cross tear all along the front of the skirt. I assure you this was really an accident. So the others pitied her and went without her, for there was no time for her to change, because they were rather late already and had to hurry to the station to catch the train.

When they had gone, Bobbie put on her everyday frock, and went down to the railway. She did not go into the station, but she went along the line to the end of the platform where the engine is when the down train is alongside the platform—the place where there are a water tank and a long, limp, leather hose, like an elephant's trunk. She hid behind a bush on the other side of the railway. She had the toy engine done up in brown paper, and she waited patiently with it under her arm.

Then when the next train came in and stopped, Bobbie went across the metals of the up-line and stood beside the engine. She had never been so close to an engine before. It looked much larger and harder than she had expected, and it made her feel very small indeed, and, somehow, very soft—as if she could very, very easily be hurt rather badly.

"I know what silk-worms feel like now," said Bobbie to herself.

The engine-driver and fireman did not see her. They were leaning out on the other side, telling the Porter a tale about a dog and a leg of mutton.

"If you please," said Roberta—but the engine was blowing off steam and no one heard her.

"If you please, Mr. Engineer," she spoke a little louder, but the Engine happened to speak at the same moment, and of course Roberta's soft little voice hadn't a chance.

It seemed to her that the only way would be to climb

on to the engine and pull at their coats. The step was high, but she got her knee on it, and clambered into the cab; she stumbled and fell on hands and knees on the base of the great heap of coals that led up to the square opening in the tender. The engine was not above the weaknesses of its fellows; it was making a great deal more noise than there was the slightest need for. And just as Roberta fell on the coals, the engine-driver, who had turned without seeing her, started the engine, and when Bobbie had picked herself up, the train was moving—not fast, but much too fast for her to get off.

All sorts of dreadful thoughts came to her all together in one horrible flash. There were such things as express trains that went on, she supposed, for hundreds of miles without stopping. Suppose this should be one of them? How would she get home again? She had no money to pay for the return journey.

"And I've no business here. I'm an engine-burglar—that's what I am," she thought. "I shouldn't wonder if they could lock me up for this." And the train was going faster and faster.

There was something in her throat that made it impossible for her to speak. She tried twice. The men had their backs to her. They were doing something to things that looked like taps.

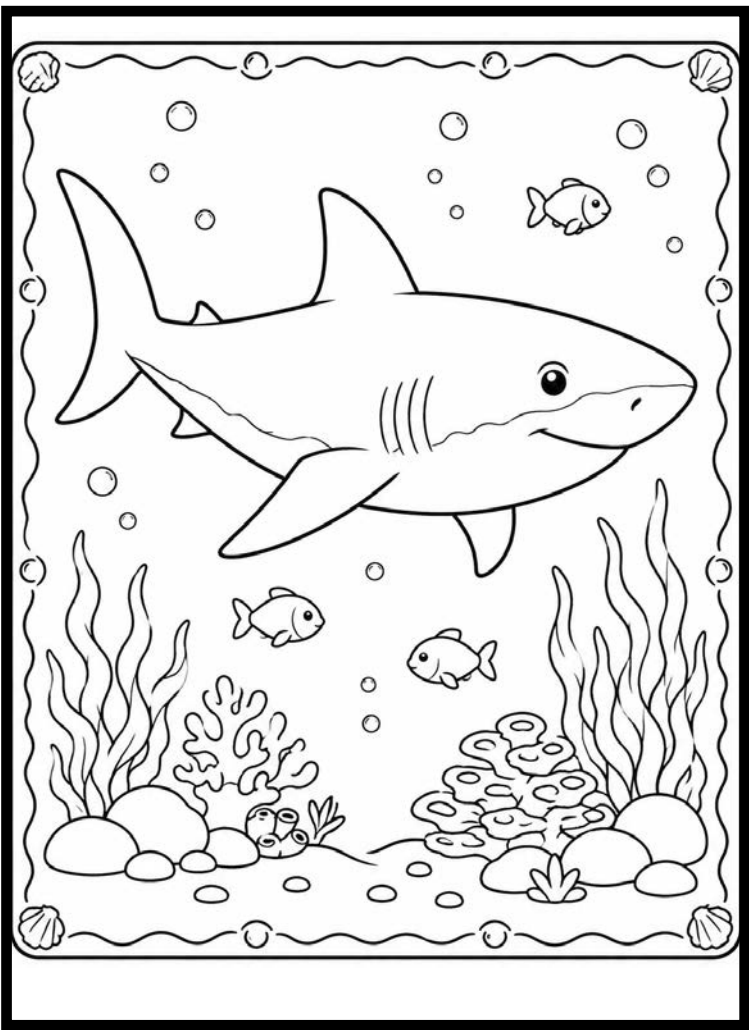
Suddenly she put out her hand and caught hold of the nearest sleeve. The man turned with a start, and he and Roberta stood for a minute looking at each other in silence. Then the silence was broken by them both.

The man said, "Here's a bloomin' go!" and Roberta burst into tears.

The other man said he was blooming well blest—or something like it—but though naturally surprised they were not exactly unkind.

"You're a naughty little gell, that's what you are," said the fireman, and the engine-driver said:—

"Daring little piece, I call her," but they made her sit down on an iron seat in the cab and told her to stop crying and tell them what she meant by it.



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

She did stop, as soon as she could. One thing that helped her was the thought that Peter would give almost his ears to be in her place—on a real engine—really going. The children had often wondered whether any engine-driver could be found noble enough to take them for a ride on an engine—and now there she was. She dried her eyes and sniffed earnestly.

"Now, then," said the fireman, "out with it. What do you mean by it, eh?"

"Oh, please," sniffed Bobbie.

"Try again," said the engine-driver, encouragingly.

Bobbie tried again.

"Please, Mr. Engineer," she said, "I did call out to you from the line, but you didn't hear me—and I just climbed up to touch you on the arm—quite gently I meant to do it—and then I fell into the coals—and I am so sorry if I frightened you. Oh, don't be cross—oh, please don't!" She sniffed again.

"We ain't so much CROSS," said the fireman, "as interested like. It ain't every day a little gell tumbles into our coal bunker

outer the sky, is it, Bill? What did you DO it for—eh?"

"That's the point," agreed the engine-driver; "what did you do it FOR?"

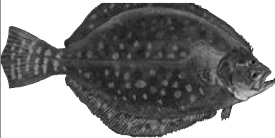
Bobbie found that she had not quite stopped crying. The engine-driver patted her on the back and said: "Here, cheer up, Mate. It ain't so bad as all that 'ere, I'll be bound."

"I wanted," said Bobbie, much cheered to find herself addressed as 'Mate'—"I only wanted to ask you if you'd be so kind as to mend this." She picked up the brown-paper parcel from among the coals and undid the string with hot, red fingers that trembled.

Her feet and legs felt the scorch of the engine fire, but her shoulders felt the wild chill rush of the air. The engine lurched and shook and rattled, and as they shot under a bridge the engine seemed to shout in her ears.

The fireman shovelled on coals.

Bobbie unrolled the brown paper and disclosed the toy engine.



Weekly Fishing Report



by Captain Andy Grossman

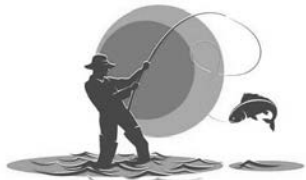
Labor Day Weekend is here, and summer is “unofficially” over, so now we can start the 2026 Fall Riptide Derby. Derby permits will go on sale this weekend, and you must have a valid Brigantine 4x4 permit to purchase a Riptide Derby permit. The derby will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 8, and run until December 18, 2026. There will be restricted driving hours on the front beach during September,

and you must be in the act of fishing when you are on the front beach. The Brigantine PD will be enforcing the restrictions, so make sure you read the rules and regulations when you sign up for the derby. The City of Brigantine allows us to do this, so please don’t spoil the opportunity we are given. The September driving schedule is as follows. No daytime driving on beaches from September

8th through September 20th. Driving will be permitted from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. from September 8th through 20th. Beginning Monday, September 21st, weekday driving can begin. On weekends in September, driving is prohibited between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday, September 28th, driving 24/7 can begin. All restrictions imposed by the NJDEP regarding driving in the conservation zone must be adhered

to until further notice. To help protect these birds and avoid disturbance to the nesting area, the state has restricted all vehicles, including derby participants, from driving on the beach between the Club Drive vehicle access road and the Sandy Lane vehicle access road. Participants should instead access and travel either north of Club Drive or south of Sandy Lane. Please remember that you must have both a Brigantine 4x4 permit and a 2026

Fall Riptide Derby permit. 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’.



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G.T. On The Beach

Little Island, Big News

By Garrett Touhill

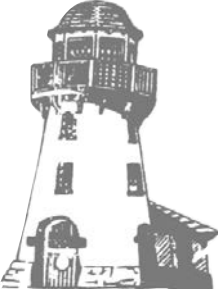
Well, here we are in Brigantine. Labor Day weekend, the final hurrah for summer 2026. Well, we are going out on a high note. There’s been plenty going on over the last weeks of summer, and I thought I’d mention a few in case you hadn’t heard. First, since you’re holding this paper, you probably know that the Stanley Cup came to Brigantine this past weekend. Local builder John Burns and his family hosted the Carolina Hurricanes at a rental home. There were many photos taken of, and many drinks taken from, the Stanley Cup that evening. The VFW also had a great event last weekend with their

end-of-summer barbecue. The event featured lively music and dancing, along with a delicious dinner. Attendance was estimated to be about two hundred and fifty people. Here’s one you may not have heard yet. According to numerous sources, a private party was held at LaScala’s Beach House last Saturday. Who has a private party at LaScala’s? Jalen Brunson and the Knicks. The exclusive party was thrown in celebration of Brunson’s 30th birthday. Besides the Knicks, there were reports of other A-list celebrities in attendance, including Kylie Jenner. The event was a private affair with no press allowed, and attendees were

unable to take photos. Some hopeful fans attempted to get close to the party to catch a look, but unfortunately “did not make the guest list.” Not your classic Brigantine news, eh? What an exciting way to close out the summer. But you know what I’m excited for? September, baby. Calmer beach and warm waters. Local’s summer has got to be my favorite time to kick back on the

beach and relax. I’ll see you out there. Happy Labor Day! And now, let’s see who’s celebrating birthdays this week! Sept. 4- Tina Staines, Mel Cortellessa, Liz Kramer, Grace Emig, Jo Jeffries Handle and Ed Mannery. 5- Jen Michalowski, Austin Blair, Andrew Kramer, and Ron Vuillermet. 6- Jim Schreffler and Jack Heil 7- Ann Wyner, Ray Hannan, Loti Walker and Chris Grube 8- Scott Evans, Stacey Byers,

Kyle Tracy, Al Price, Barb DeFeo Dimuzio, Paul Kabala, Scott McNamee and Andrea Gold. 9- Marjorie Mayer, Fran Massino, John McManus, Sr., Ed Crilley, Tim Maguire, Tom Gribbin, Alex Perri, Jane Needles and Beverly Lamarque. 10- Bobby Daniels, Jen Murray, Dawn Hughes, Toni Bibikos and Eric Carrier.



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North Roosevelt Blvd. Residents Get a New Speed Radar

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have their heads on a swivel. The Brigantine Police Department recently implemented stationary electronic speed notification signs at several locations throughout the island as part of its continued efforts to address speeding and improve roadway safety. Brigantine

Police Chief Steve Ward stated, “The decision to install these signs was based in part on concerns raised by residents regarding vehicle speeds in their neighborhoods. We take those concerns seriously. Listening to our residents and responding to legitimate quali-

ty-of-life and public-safety concerns is an important part of our responsibility as a police department.” Ward added, “The electronic signs will provide motorists with an immediate reminder of their speed and encourage them to slow down. While the signs are

primarily an educational and preventative tool, they are also part of a greater traffic-safety effort that includes patrols, traffic enforcement and community outreach. Brigantine’s roads are shared

by residents, visitors, pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists, and traffic volumes can increase substantially during the summer months. Excessive speed creates unnecessary

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Clyde takes his swing as he attempts to hit a sign and win a prize from a local business. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).



Here’s the new speed radar installed on the 100 Block of North Roosevelt Blvd.

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sary risks for everyone using our roadways. Our objective is not simply to issue summonses, but to change driver behavior and prevent crashes before they occur. Several additional stationary electronic speed notification signs will be installed at locations throughout the island in the coming weeks. We will continue to evaluate traffic patterns, enforcement data, and concerns brought forward by our residents when determining where additional traffic-safety measures may be appropriate. As a police department, we cannot address concerns that we do not know about. We encourage residents to continue bring-

ing traffic and public-safety issues to our attention so that we can evaluate them and, when appropriate, take action. Our goal is to use the resources available to us to make Brigantine’s roadways safer for the people who live here and for those who visit our community.” Speed radar signs will eventually be installed on Atlantic Brigantine Blvd., Lagoon Blvd., Harbor Beach Blvd., 15th St. and Brigantine Ave., 26th St. and Brigantine Ave., and 26th St. and Bayshore Ave.



Kids test their fishing skills at July’s Hooked on Fishing Tournament. The Brigantine Municipal Alliance would like to thank all the participants and volunteers who came out to the event and made it possible.



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In the not-good-news department: For a long time, many of us believed that a little alcohol was harmless. A glass of wine with dinner or a beer after work felt safe, and some even thought it

was good for us. But one of the largest reviews of alcohol and health ever put together tells a different story. Researchers looked at hundreds of studies and found that alcohol is linked to a higher risk of 10 different cancers, including cancers of the breast, throat, mouth, liver and colon. What surprised many people was that the risk showed up even at very low amounts, below a single standard drink per day. In other words, there does not seem to be a truly safe level. The more you drink, the higher your risk climbs, and the idea that “moderate” drinking clears you of danger simply did not hold up.

So how does alcohol lead to cancer in the first place?

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When your body breaks down alcohol, it creates a toxic substance called acetaldehyde. This chemical damages your DNA, which is like the instruction manual inside your cells. It also causes oxidative stress, a kind of wear and tear that harms healthy tissue. When this damage builds up fast-

er than your body can fix it, abnormal cells get the chance to grow and spread. The risk rises steadily as you drink more. Throat cancer, called pharyngeal cancer, showed one of the strongest links. Just under one drink a day raised the risk by about 16 percent, and heavier drinking pushed it far higher.

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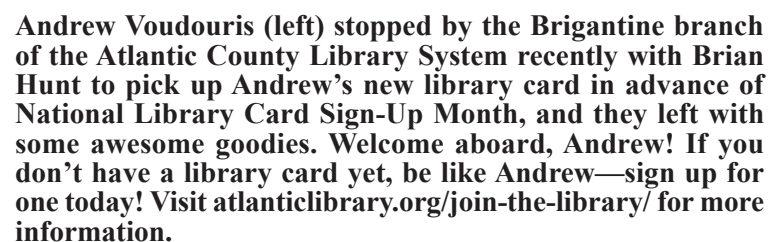
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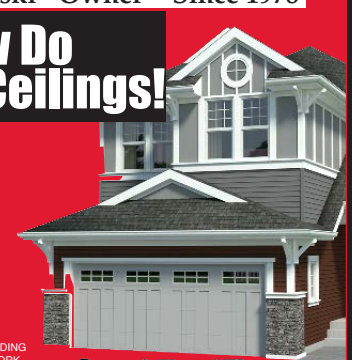
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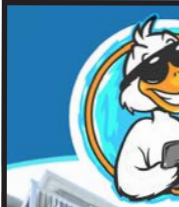
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By Rochelle, a member of Brigantine Ink

I walk under the falling rain.
I still feel the dark, friendless, empty pain.
Life lessons failed to prepare me for your death.

Standing over your body so still, grief and sorrow want to take my last breath.
There is a silent thunderstorm within.
Thunder and lightning burn herein.
My soul feels loneliness before it begins.
The wind sings to let me hear your voice again.

I bow my head and pray on

my knees.
Please come back, mother, I whisper to the breeze.

Others say time will heal the pain.
I say others have never had their own heart slain.

There is a silent thunderstorm within.
Thunder and lightning burn herein.
My soul feels loneliness before it begins.
The wind sings to let me hear your voice again.

I walk, talk, and cry in the rain.

Salty tears breathe out silent pain.

The sound of thunder makes me sleep.
In my dreams you live; grief is lifted and is my only relief.

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The wind sings to let me hear your voice again.

Ice Storms

By Catherine Walter

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The Storm I Didn't See

By Anthony Diaz

It's funny,
Everyone had seen the clouds gathering.
I was the only one who didn't know
that it was going to rain.
Looking back at the things that were right in front of me —

of the storm I didn't see.
She would put her phone face down on the stand next to the bed.
The neighbor who used to ask about her asked about the kids instead.
Her best friend changed to

using one arm around me to greet me hello. Her husband, a firm handshake — a kind fellow.
Working the weekends and late nights. Her parents quietly fading from sight.
The texts never sweet or dear anymore, just, "Where am I? What am I doing?"
Nothing more.
Little things I noticed, but never thought much about.
Until the night there was no longer any doubt.
From across the kitchen

table.
The storm came in quickly and left just as fast.
As she sat and told me that I was to be part of her past.
No arguing, no yelling, just numbness washing through.
Now I sit here in the aftermath that lays around me...
All from the storm —
The storm I didn't see...

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The raindrops no longer gentle
The wind, a mighty hand that shoves rather than holds
Heartlands left in devastation
Nations lost in the floods of

a new democracy
Communities that mask empathy with false kindness
A thunderous loss of security, hope, trust and faith
The Storm is here
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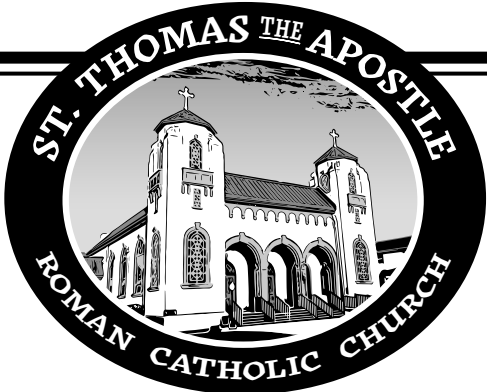
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DREAMS CAN BE NOISY! Anyone who’s spent time in Brigantine, especially over the past decade, knows that old home demolition & new home construction brings with it, noise, congestion, dust, dirt & humongous trash bins that sit somewhere close to the site - usually for a good year, or so - not to mention the porta potty (flashback to Woodstock), and construction & delivery vehicles that invade the neighborhood each day. It comes with the territory.

Besides representing the obvious, that some Doctor, Lawyer, Entrepreneur, or Corporate Executive finally took the plunge and decided to build rather than purchase an existing property on the Island You’ll Love For Life, it also speaks to the commercial & governmental expansion of economic development, and municipal tax base, which we need, as a community, to pay for keeping the lights on - so to speak.

So our reaction to the mess & inconveniences listed above, especially in the summer season when sleeping-in past 8 AM might be a nice thing to do, determines who’s in charge of our mood & perspective concerning, not just in this scenario, but in many situations & scenarios in our Life, the spill over from other people’s dreams & projects, into our psychological landscape & experience - our “space”.

We can surrender to the obvious negative aspects

of the challenges, or adjust our attitude & reaction to reflect a more palatable perspective for the sake of our equilibrium & mental health. The truth of this situation is, we Live in the land of ideas, desires, imagination & dreams come true, and dreams in the process of coming true, and sometimes those dreams can be noisy, messy & not much fun for those who are dream-adjacent to the projects.

Every building, project, purchase, or activity we see, was once some other person’s dream, desire, idea, imagination, and creative energy made whole, made real, made complete here in the commercial & material world, and if they can do it, we can do it too. We can formulate our dreams & desires for the future, and then accomplish them, by utilizing these creative principles every day.

NEVER SAY DIE! Recognizing Metaphysical (beyond the physical) Ideas & Principles in the experiences & adventures we have every day here on planet Earth, is a wise habit to develop all along the way. When we see other people, places & things unfolding & realizing their creative potential, and identify with their creative process as our creative process, we reinforce the understanding that we too have the power, potential & ability to first imagine & dream about our future projects & plans within, and then realize

those dreams come true, here on the outside, in this material & commercial world.

Now besides the abundant wildlife in my backyard, the birds, rabbits, one groundhog, squirrels, and the occasional cat, there’s an abundance of ants & anthills that I observe because they’re safely away from the house, and seem to constantly be under renovation & expansion, more often than not.

I noticed recently when I accidentally pulled a wet rug over & through one of my favorite anthills, wiping out & flattening the entire complex, that their instincts automatically kicked in, as they began to regroup & rebuild the hill without missing a beat. I wondered if there was much grumbling going on amongst the colony that day, as they certainly weren’t expecting this disaster to befall them on a sunny, summer morning in Brigantine.

MOTHER NATURE & FATHER TIME! Recently, after one of our downpours, the ones we’ve had all summer, I noticed, to my chagrin that the force of the rain & wind had leveled my ant colonies flat as a pancake. Ant hills are like icebergs, as the subterranean nest is where all the action is - and the hill provides the HVAC system for air flow & temperature regulation.

Suddenly it dawned on me (duh!) that these colonies are constantly challenged, not by the occasional wet rug debacle, but by the forc-

es of nature that happen throughout the seasons. Of course, ants work through instinct - their brains are not complex enough to overreact emotionally to these constant wipeouts - they just get busy repairing the damage & rebuilding the colony ASAP.

Certainly there’s a Metaphysical lesson here for us, Dear Reader, one that applies to our day to day survival & enjoyment of Life. When we become Tenacious Beings, Tenacious Human Beings, who constantly & consistently strive to see, appreciate, and identify with the powerful creative principles & lessons of Life, evermore abundant & successfully brought to material reality, through our focus & dedication to an Idea, we will not only survive, but we will thrive and see our wholesome dreams & desires come to fruition - time after time, after time - From Here To Eternity. (Next Week, More Thoughts)

AFFIRMATIONS! (Mental & Emotional Exercise) Today I Relate To & Identify With The Creative Process Within Inside Me, And All Around Me, Because This Fundamental Reality Is The Law Of Liberation & Success For Every Man, Woman & Child Alive Today, Here On Our Planet Earth. Today I Rejoice In This Wonderful Reality That Frees Me From The Bondage Of Commercial Doubt, Fear, Frustration & Anxiety Because I Carry With Me

The Aladdins Lamp Of Creation Divine. Today I Understand & Realize That There Is No Limit To The Successful Ideas, Ideals, Dreams, Imaginations & Plans I Can Choose To Develop Within Inside The Workshop Of My Heart, Soul & Mind, And Then Bring To Fruition Here In This Material & Commercial World, One Dream At A Time, One Idea At A Time, One Day At A Time, One Breath At A Time, Forever & A Day. ALL Is Well!

Today I Thoroughly Enjoy My Life, My Breath, My Existence Because I Know Absolutely & Forever That Life & Being Alive Is Its Own Reward. Today I Understand That Being Creative & Applying This Creative Power To Every Aspect Of My Life & Affairs Is The Key To My Successful Outcomes & Consistent Growth & Enjoyment Of This Thing Called Life, As There’s No Limit To The Demonstrations & Potential For Success In This Creative & Fun Loving Process. Today The Magic & Power Of This Creative Process Thrills Me, Fascinates Me, Uplifts Me, Secures Me & Reassures Me, That Life Itself Is Absolutely For Me, Never Ever Against Me, And This Creative Genius That Designed, Created & Brought Me Into This World Has Not & Will Never Abandon Me. AND So It Is! stpweeks@gmail.com



Is The Best Help



In Loving Memory Of.. Christopher D. Cox

Christopher D. Cox, 59, passed away peacefully at home on August 22, 2026 after a short illness.

Born and raised in Brigantine, NJ, Christopher was the son of Joanne Cipriani and Benjamin F. Cox.

Christopher spent most of his life running One Fast Ski LLC, a jet ski and boat shop

where he built a reputation for honesty and expertise. Countless customers trusted him, and many came to think of him as more than just a mechanic — he was a friend they could always count on.

Christopher is survived by his children, Christopher Cox, Sabrina Cox, Tabitha Cox, and Adriana Cox;

along with many extended family members and friends whose lives he touched.

A memorial service will be held on September 12 at 11:00 AM at Green Tree Church 125 Schoolhouse Rd, Egg Harbor Township

Brigantine Library Events

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Here’s to celebrating 100 years of school days, story times, arts & crafts, performances, fun literary events, and, of course... BOOKS! Registration is required.

Sponsored by the Atlantic County Library Foundation.

Refreshments served; please notify staff of

any food allergies.

Adult Craft
September 3 & 24 (also October 15, November 5 & 19, December 17) 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Join us for a fun evening of creativity and lively conversation.

09/03: Sunflower Canvas
09/24: Book Purse
10/15: Rubber Stamping
11/05: Snowflake Canvas
11/19: Jewelry Pendant
12/17: Antique Book Pages
Registration is required for each session.

Sponsored by the Atlantic
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County Library Foundation.

Brigantine Book Chat
September 10

(also October 8, November 12, December 10)

2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Open to adults. Join us for an afternoon of good company and lively discussion as we chat about the featured book.

09/10: The Lost and Found Bookshop, by Susan Wiggs

10/08: Before She Disappeared (Frankie Elkin #1), by Lisa Gardener

11/12: A Willing Murder, by Jude Deveraux

12/10: Santa’s Secret, by Fern Michaels

Registration is required for each session.

Medicare with Confidence

September 10
(also October 8, November 12, December 3)

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Open to adults. This seminar will educate you on Medicare basics, important terminology, enrollment periods, plan types available, and cost assistance. Medicare is not one-size fits all.

Registration is required

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The Stanley Cup comes to Brigantine for a special team celebration for the Carolina Hurricanes professional hockey team.



Alan Martin and his wife, Jackie Martin, went to Belize with Alan’s mother, Adelaide Martin, from July 22-29. While in Belize, they traveled to the island of Ambergris Caye for Alan and Jackie’s daughter Amanda’s wedding. Congratulations, Amanda and Mike Ramos, on their marriage!

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Early Fall (9/8 - 10/5) 2		
Open - 12:00 pm	\$89	\$99
12 pm - 4:00 pm	\$69	\$85
9 Holes	\$44	\$54
Fall (10/8 - 11/1) 2		
Open - 12:00 pm	\$79	\$89
12 pm - 2 pm	\$59	\$75
9 Holes only	\$39	\$49
WINTER (11/2 - 12/31) 2		
Open - 12:00 pm	\$55	\$65
12 pm - 1:30 pm	\$49	\$55
9 Holes	\$29	\$35

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Rate: Monday - Thursday (Non-Holiday)

(5/1 - 10/1) - \$69

(9-Holes) - May Book 48 hours in advance M - TH - \$49 F - Sun - \$59

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- Clams casino 1/ ea. (3 min.)
- Ricotta any style 5
- Calamari 7.5
- Garlic Cheese Spread 6
- Meatball 5

1/2 price 4 oz. Pastas*

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|---------------------------|---------------|-----|
| • Bucatini Cacio e pepe | 16 | 8 |
| • Short rib pappardelle | 26 | 13 |
| • Crab orecchiette | 24 | 12 |
| • Gemelli w/ sausage ragu | 19 | 9.5 |
| • Spicy vodka rigatoni | 18 | 9 |
| • Radiatori primavera | 16 | 8 |
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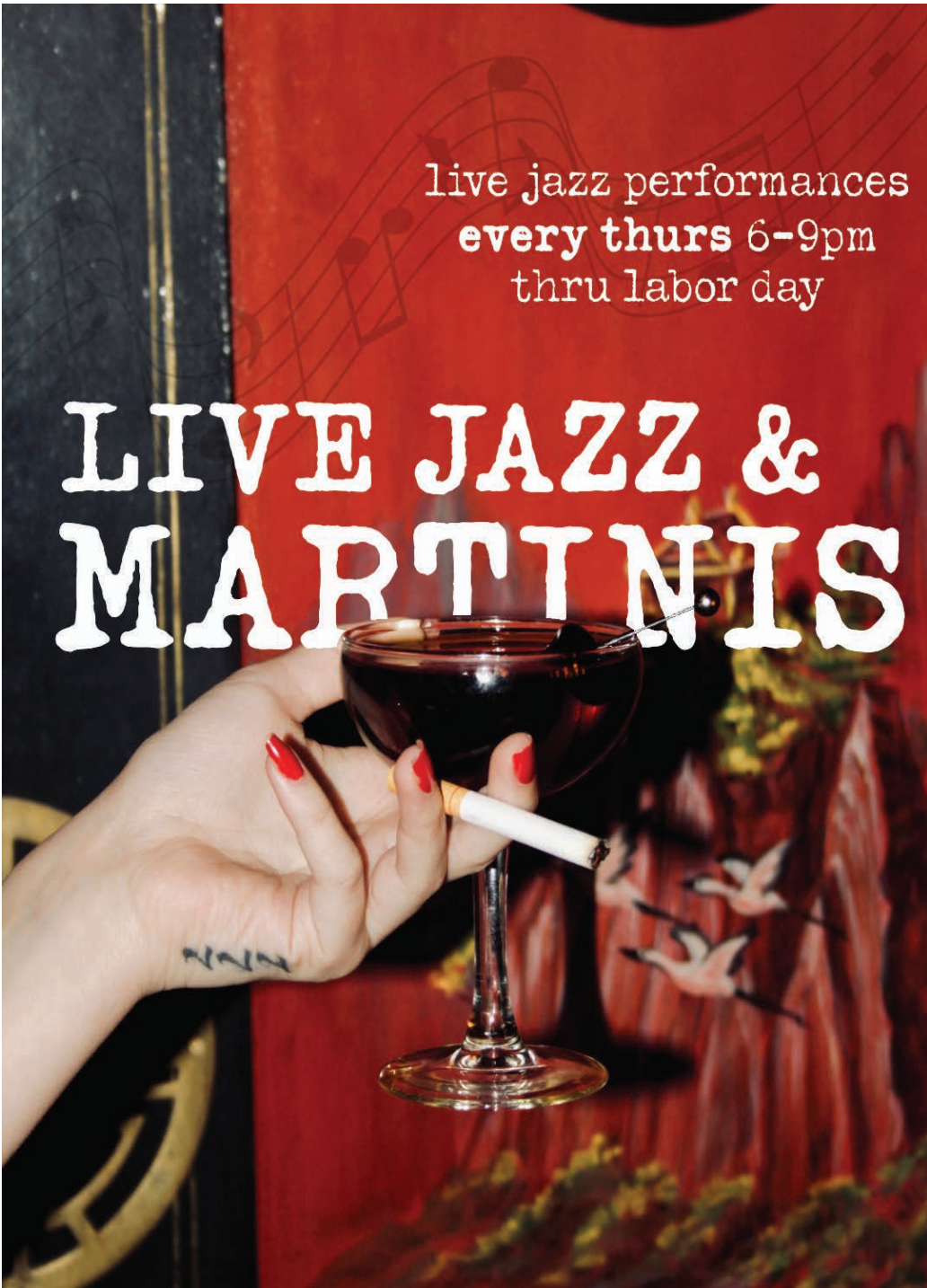
DJ 8:30pm- 'til

SUNDAYS

sid gold's piano bar
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MONDAYS

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Brigantine Library Events

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for each session. September 17

Wednesday Book Club
September 16 (also
October 21, November
18, December 16)

3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Open to adults 18
and older. Join us for a
chance to explore and dis-
cuss a variety of stories
with fellow book lovers.

09/16: All the Light
We Cannot See,
by Anthony Doerr

10/21: Beautiful
Ugly, by Alice Feeney

11/18: Don't Let
Him In, by Lisa Jewell

12/16: 100 Rules for
Living to 100: An Opti-
mist's Guide to a Happy
Life, by Dick Van Dyke

Registration is required
for each session.
Incorporating
Native Plants into a
Formal Landscape

6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Open to adults 18 and
older. Are you curious about
which plants are native to
coastal islands, and if they
would work in your gar-
den? Join Lilly Taylor from
Bayview Garden Nurser-
ies as she teaches you all
about them, and how you
can incorporate these plants
within your landscape.
Registration required.

Roll the Dice on Writing!
September 26;
also October 24

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Open to adults 18 and
over. Want to try your hand
at writing? Need inspiration
to get those creative juices
flowing? Come join us for a
fun hour of creative writing
decided by a roll of the dice.

Registration is required
for each session.

National Day of...

September 4
National Wildlife
Day
National
Macadamia Nut
Day

Newspaper Car-
rier Day

September 5
National Cheese
Pizza Day
International Day
of Charity
National Be Late
for Something
Day

September 6
National Read a
Book Day
Fight Procrasti-
nation Day
National Coffee
Ice Cream Day

September 7
National Beer
Lover's Day

National Salami
Day
International Day
of Clean Air for
Blue Skies

September 8
International Lit-
eracy Day
Star Trek Day
World Physical
Therapy Day

September 9
National Teddy
Bear Day
International Su-
doku Day
California Ad-
mission Day

September 10
National Swap
Ideas Day
World Suicide
Prevention Day
National TV
Dinner Day

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JOKE of the week



I turned down a job where I would be paid in
vegetables.

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HAPPY LABOR DAY!



DIRECT BEACHFRONT



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.

\$2,899,000 Call Colleen Bell 609-204-2935

TOWNHOME NEAR TOWN CENTER



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.

\$589,900 Call Colleen Bell 609-204-2935

A-ZONE CENTER OF TOWN



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

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

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CONDO WITH OCEAN VIEW!



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.

\$236,900 Call Colleen Bell 609-204-2935

HOME NEAR TOWN, BEACH & BAY



Experience the ultimate Brigantine beach lifestyle in this beautifully maintained **3 bedroom, 1.5 bath** home, ideally situated just 1½ blocks from the beach, two blocks from the bay, and within easy walking distance of Brigantine's shopping district.

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BAYFRONT W/ PRIVATE DOCK



Perfectly positioned along the bay with your own private dock and boat lift. Home features **5 bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms**, expansive deck, a 2 car garage, and plenty of space for outdoor living.

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