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Visit the Brant Beach Gardens

By Tom Morgan

One of Brigantine's hidden secrets is the vibrant 6,000-square-foot Brant Ave. beach entrance garden, featuring hundreds and hundreds of exotic plants, perennials, annuals, ivies,

trees, and shrubs. The massive garden, which attracts visitors who simply stop by to admire the plants, is also the pride of the neighboring condo complexes adjacent to it. The Brant garden was

started in 2006 by Master Gardener John Bacca, who lives next to the garden. That year, Bacca was talking with Brant residents Larry and Janie Murphy and his wife, Beth, about volunteering

to tend one of the existing garden plots on Harbor Beach Blvd., when somebody suggested they look into the unkempt vacant plot of dirt at the Brant Ave. beach entrance, right in their

own backyard. Once they agreed it was a great idea, John contacted Ernie Purdy to seek permission from Public Works to start a gar-

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Open Water Swimming Race Takes Place August 9

Swimmers, mark your calendars for Sunday, August 9th. This is the 71st year of one of the oldest Open Water events on the East Coast, and Brigantine swimmers keep coming back year after year! The race will begin, as it always has, at the Brigantine Yacht Club (an original sponsor) and will finish at the City Dock. The event is free, and to qualify, you must be a

resident (either full-time or seasonal), a City employee, a former BCBP lifeguard, or enrolled in one of the Lifeguard training programs.

Applications for this event may be obtained at the following locations: BCBP Headquarters (17th Street and beach), City Dock (26th Street and Bayshore Ave.),

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Brigantine Promenade Update

By Mayor Vince Sera

I'm pleased to share some positive news regarding the Brigantine Promenade. Tonight, Councilman Mike Riordan, Councilman Paul Lettieri, and I attended the Atlantic County Commissioners Meeting to speak with the Commissioners and County Administration about the unresolved issues

concerning the Promenade.

During the meeting, the Commissioners and County Administration made three important commitments that will help move this project forward: the County will complete the remaining repairs to the Promenade;

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Family Bingo Bonding at Temple Beth Shalom

By Rachel Litner

More than three dozen children holding bright orange markers sit on the edge of their seats at long white tables inside Temple

Beth Shalom. Their eyes bounce between the callers at the front and the grid of

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Kieran Sheehan (Sail 220481) and Cole Onesti (Sail 226662) from Brigantine sail Laser sailboats during the Mid-Atlantic Yacht Racing Association regatta at the Brigantine Yacht Club on July 23, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



John Bacca and his dog Cassie take a break from weeding the Brant Garden in Brigantine, NJ.

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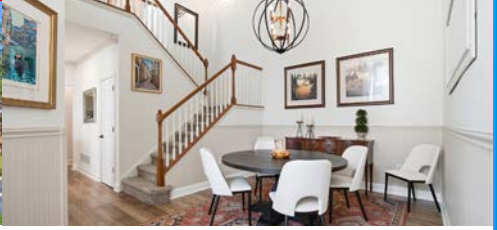




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den. Once they got the OK, Public Works brought in a backhoe, cleared the plot, and moved in much-needed soil. John then went to a

wholesale floral convention in Atlantic City, purchased a booth, and somehow got most of the plants on display donated for free. Home

Depot then provided a van at no cost, delivering three vanloads of plants to Brigantine. Volunteers from Bram-

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We had another successful beach clean-up event last weekend. Members of Brigantine organizations, including the Garden Club, Lion’s Club, Blue Star Mothers, ACIT Soccer Team, Abesgami Basketball Team, and many others, all came out to volunteer and keep Brigantine’s Beaches clean. (Photo by Tricia Cosgrove).



A Brigantine resident proudly sports her “Print is Not Dead” Brigantine Times Shirt at the Brigantine Farmers Market. (Times Photo).

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ble Dr., Brant Ave., and the Cloisters spent days planting, creating what is now, 20 years later, a fantastic floral display. Over the years, benches were added along with a small boat and various decorations, and Brigantine Public Works installed an irrigation system, adding new plants each year.

Now, after 20 years of tending the Brant garden, the time has come to an end for John and Beth, who are leaving Brigantine. That raised a question: what happens to the garden after John leaves? Who will weed, prune, plant, and water it? The good

news is that a solution was reached to keep the Brant garden alive as a community effort — the new owners of the Bacca home will oversee the garden, and residents from Brant and the Cloisters who have enjoyed it over the last 20 years have banded together to raise money for its upkeep.

Bacca said, “The garden has been a labor of love for over 20 years. The garden wouldn’t have been possible if not for the volunteers who helped start it all — Larry and Janice Murphy and Nancy Murphy and Ross Diaz, who have donated

numerous exotic plants over the years. I’d like to give a thank you to all of the Brant and Cloister residents and friends who are stepping up to keep my dream garden alive. I’m honored. Also, a thank you to John Doring and Brigantine Public Works, who have provided mulch,

soil, and irrigation since the start, helping the garden continue to thrive and grow.”

If you haven’t visited John Bacca’s Brant Garden, it’s on both sides of the Brant beach entrance. Neighbors who enjoy its beauty daily are sad to see John and Beth leave the island. Nancy Shanker,

a neighbor volunteering to keep the garden alive, said, “John has maintained a beautiful garden for all of us to enjoy over the years. We will miss Beth and John and wish them much success. The volunteers hope to maintain the garden that John created for years to come.”



Chase K. said the kingfish bite is on at 12th St. surf.



Chase K. got a bite from a nice kingfish on 12th Street this week.

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Following up on the columns on the Front Porch & Front Doors, let's see where new Buyers are waiting to get the keys to their very own Front Door. Currently, 39 properties are Under Contract in Brigantine. Here's the breakdown by the numbers: 9 are condominiums selling under \$500,000; 5 of 9 properties are condominiums selling between \$600,000 and

\$800,000; in the \$800,000-1 million range, 3 are residential, 1 is multi-unit, 1 condo, and 1 townhouse; Approaching the \$1-2 million dollar mark, there are 8 properties- most are residential housing, with only 1 townhouse. Lastly, 6 of the properties are in the \$2-3.5 million dollar range, 5 are new/under construction. From January 1st to the present, we welcomed 84 Buyers who got their keys to start 'Livin' the Dream in Brigantine'. So, why does this matter? It seems first-time homebuyers will need to look elsewhere unless they want to buy a condo, since only 1 townhouse is available for under \$500,000. If you are sitting on the fence, you're not going to get your 'feet wet'. So, hop off,

get in touch with your lender and see if you can get a key to your own Front Door, sit on your Front Porch

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Helping Hands Highlight Community Spirit at the Market

By Linda McAllister

There's a reason so many people plan their Saturday mornings around the Brigantine Farmers Market. It isn't just artisan crafts or fresh produce — it's that small-town feeling you get as you enter the Brigantine School parking lot. For a couple of hours, the Market becomes what a town square used to be: a place to greet neighbors, catch up with friends, or volunteer to help the community. That hometown spirit was on display recently when the Market community rallied to help a vendor in need.

On June 6th, as the Market closed for the day, Michael McAleer of Just Delicious KettleCorn was loading up his van when he suffered a serious head laceration. Betty Castaldo, Michael's friend and business partner,

remembers that the other vendors immediately rushed to help. Zina, a former nurse and owner of Pottery Therapy, was right there to render first aid, while Seatox Lemonade provided ice. "I was so grateful our vendor friends called the ambulance and took care of both of us, as I may have been initially in shock from finding Michael bleeding," Betty recalled. The Brigantine Fire Department arrived quickly and transported Michael to Atlantic City Hospital, while Dominic and his crew from D's Cheesesteaks stepped in to clean up the site and pack up equipment. Thankfully, Michael has fully recovered and is back to making delicious KettleCorn.

Seeing the vendors come together that day speaks to the bond they've built over the years. "Vendors may come and go, but the camaraderie and respect for each other remains," said Chelsea of Seatox Lemonade. Those working relationships have turned into real friendships. "That day reminded us that the Brigantine Farmers Market is far more than a place to do business," Betty said. "It's a community where people genuinely care for one another." That small-

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Helping Hands Highlight Community Spirit at the Market

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town feel extends to the shoppers too — vendors often tell Fran how genuinely friendly the island’s customers are, and how that warmth makes Brigantine special. In truth, the Market represents the spirit of Brigantine itself, a place where residents and visitors are often connected through a friend, a relative, or a house of worship. At the hospital, Betty remembers a family member of a vendor recognizing them as “our KettleCorn friends from the Market.” That

connection and compassion on such a stressful day is something Michael and Betty will never forget. So next Saturday, when you visit the Market, take a moment to notice the relationships among the vendors, the friendly shoppers who make it a point to say hello, and the volunteers who make it all possible every week. After all, the most important products at the Brigantine Farmers Market are the welcoming smiles of your neighbors.

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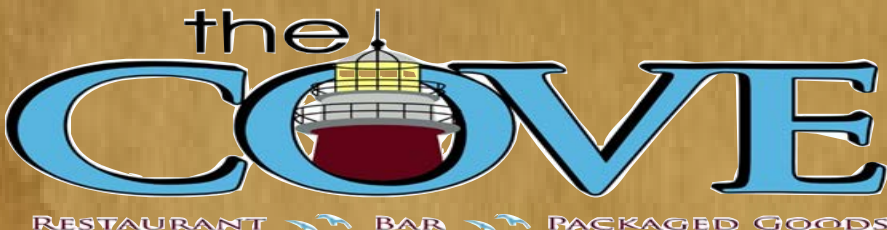
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Upgrade Side:

Jumbo Hot Dog * \$6
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Oven Roasted Turkey or Hickory Smoked Ham, Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato & Mayo, on White or Wheat.

Ham & Cheddar Panini \$14
Hickory Smoked Ham, Cheddar, Mayo, & Tomato on a Pressed Ciabatta Roll.

Cheesesteak \$15
Beef or Chicken +\$1, Fried Onions, & American, Provolone, Swiss, or Cheddar.

Chicken Pesto Panini \$15
Grilled Chicken Breast, Provolone, Pesto Mayo, & Roasted Red Peppers on a Pressed Ciabatta Roll.

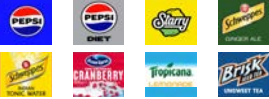
Chipotle Chicken Sandwich \$15
Grilled Chicken Breast, Avocado, Red Onion, Cheddar, & Chipotle Mayo on a Brioche Bun.

Meatball Parm Sub \$15
Beef & Pork Meatballs in House-Made Marinara on a 9" Sub Roll topped with Melted Provolone. Garnished with Oregano & Parmesan.

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BBQ Pulled Pork topped with Cheddar Cheese on a Brioche Bun.

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Sides

House-Made Chips \$2

Fries \$5

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Onion Rings \$7
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Jordan (left) and Owen Fox study their bingo cards intently at TBS Children's Bingo, July 27.



The Fox Family (Left to Right) at TBS Children's Bingo on July 27: Jamie (Mike's wife), Jordan, Mike, and Owen. They spend their summers at their house in Brigantine and reside in Philadelphia during the off-season.

black numbers on their cards. Happy chatter and laughter fill the air as altogether 60-plus community members — including enthusiastic parents, grandparents, and volunteers — gather for this cherished summer Monday night tradition in town: free Kids Bingo.

In the corner of the room, an 11-year-old girl and her 13-year-old brother huddle at their table, intently studying the bingo cards as their parents look on, smiling.

Moments like this are precisely what the late Shirley Schreiber envisioned when she founded Bingo at Temple Beth Shalom 34 years ago. Created to foster fun activities for kids and build a strong sense of community across the island, Schreiber's vision lives on today — not only through her own great-grandchildren sitting at those very tables, but through generations of Brigantine families.

Decade after decade, families return to TBS Bingo to experience the simple joy of community. Some are parents bringing their own children to share in the magic. Others are former participants who return as adult volunteers, drawn by nos-

talgia and Brigantine pride. Below is part one of a three-part series highlighting the personal stories, fondest memories, and generational bonds forged around the Bingo tables at Temple Beth Shalom.

Then & Now: Generational Perspectives

TBS Bingo holds a special place in the hearts of the Fox family, whose deep roots trace back to program founder Shirley Schreiber. For Mike Fox, Shirley's grandson, Monday night Bingo was a big part of his young adulthood. Today, that legacy comes full circle as his own children, 11-year-old Jordan and 13-year-old Owen, carry on the family tradition from the players' side of the table.

Mike Fox (grandson) recalls starting at age 16 in 1992, when his grandmother launched the program, and volunteering for 14 years until 2006, when she stepped down. His favorite memory is when she received an official city proclamation from Brigantine's Mayor in 2006 for her dedication to the community and her creation of the

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Matty Gardner celebrated his 40th surprise birthday party at the Links Clubhouse last week and received a proclamation from the city and Mayor Sera for all his charity work! Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Matty.



Here's the crew behind the feast—Brigantine Legion's Annual Clambake Fundraiser held July 25th.

Family Bingo

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children's bingo program. "She loved bringing people together. It was an amazing celebration! Our whole family was there," he said.

Jordan (11) and Owen (13) Fox, Shirley's great-grandchildren, both started coming to Bingo in 2019, when Owen was 7, and Jordan was 4. Jordan's favorite memory is winning a unicorn stuffed animal on her very first visit — "I was so excited that I screamed at the top of my lungs!" Owen remembers winning three prizes in one night, including a stuffed animal and a green toy soldier, during one of his first times there. Jordan recently won a giant plush puppy, but says her favorite part is that everyone gets a prize at Bingo, no matter what — "Even if you don't officially win 'Bingo!' you leave with something." The two haven't made new friends at Bingo yet, but they bring friends along whenever they come to visit.

There are only two Bingo sessions remaining for the summer: August 3 and August 10, from 7–8 p.m. Open to children in grades 1–6 and the entire Brigantine community, admission is free with prizes awarded

every week. A consent form is required for participation and covers all sessions for the season; forms are available from the TBS Office or at www.seashul.org. For more information, call the TBS Office at (609) 266-0403.

Temple Beth Shalom Events Schedule Mondays, Aug. 3 and 10: In-person free Children's Bingo, 7–8 p.m., grades 1–6, at Temple Beth Shalom.

Wednesdays: Canasta from 11 a.m.–1 p.m.; Mah Jong from 1–3 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 9: Rabbi Lance Sussman presents "1776: A Revolution in Jewish History," part of the community's celebration of America's 250th anniversary, exploring the lives and importance of American Jews during the Revolutionary period.

Wednesday, Aug. 12: The Brigantine Holocaust Remembrance Program, Brigantine Library, 4:00 p.m. Temple Beth Shalom, the Sara & Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center of Stockton University, and the City of Brigantine host the revival of the Holocaust Program in Brigantine, fea-

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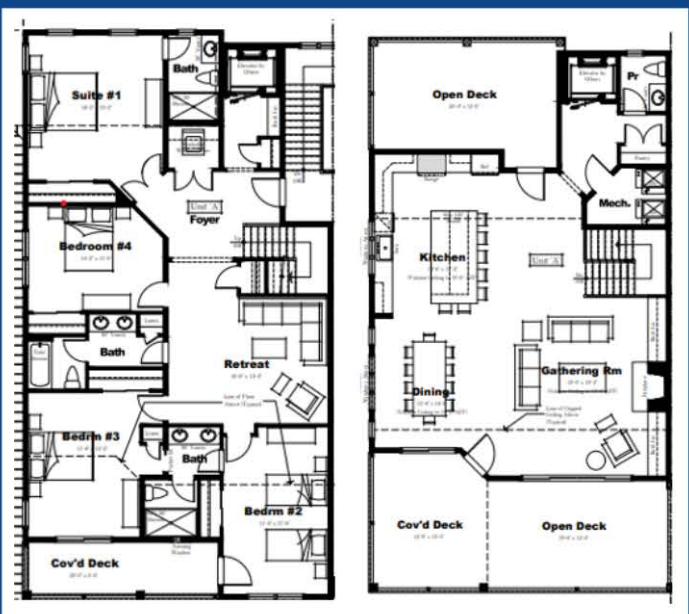


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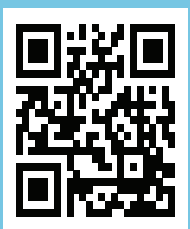
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The Brant Beach garden is truly spectacular. Stop by the Brant Beach entrance and spend some time in the gardens.

Family Bingo

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turing a short history of the Holocaust Memorial Statue with remarks from the City of Brigantine, TBS's Rabbi Stephanie Breitsman, Irvin Moreno-Rodriguez of Stockton University, and a Holocaust survivor. Capacity is limited to 50 guests; please RSVP to (609) 266-0403. Refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, Aug. 19: Seth Kibel, North School, 7 p.m., in partnership with the Brigantine Commu-

nity Center. Seth Kibel, one of the Mid-Atlantic's premier woodwind specialists, performs klezmer, jazz, swing, and more.

Tuesday, Aug. 25: TBS presents the film Ethan Bloom, a comedy-drama about a thirteen-year-old preparing for his bar mitzvah while secretly drawn to his town's Catholic church. 7 p.m., \$10, RSVP to (609) 266-0403.

BYC Plans August Youth "Sail for a Day" Event

By the BYC Sailing Instructors

As sailing instructors here at the Brigantine Yacht Club, there is nothing quite like watching a young sailor catch the wind for the very first time. Our June Open House was a huge success, so we've decided to host a second one.

On Saturday, August 15th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the BYC will host another Open House designed for future sailors aged 7 to 15.

Our Junior Program is about building lifelong confidence on the water, forg-

ing friendships, making memories, and helping kids understand the environment and explore our local bay. The day includes fun introductory games in the club, a tour of a beginner-friendly Opti sailboat in the yard, a hands-on trial sail on the water with certified staff, and a parent Q&A about the junior sailing program and BYC membership.

Details: Saturday, August 15th, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.,

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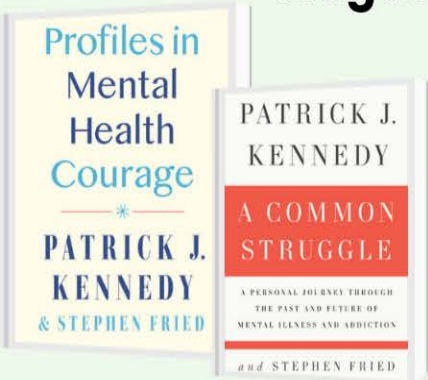
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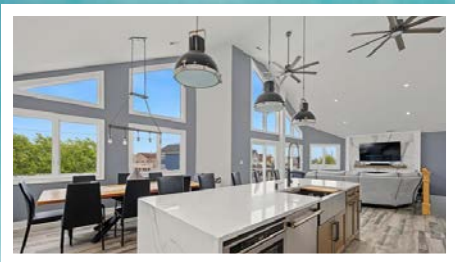
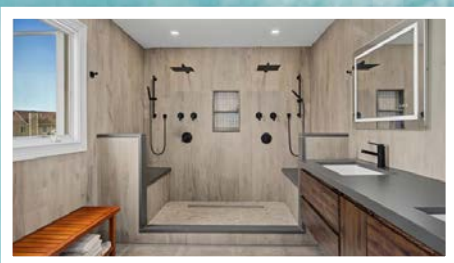
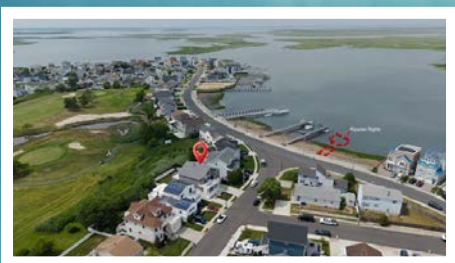
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Dear Leroy, From Hunter (Tab) and Minnie Submitted by Anne Marla Miller

Dear Leroy,

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MEGA News, Week #14

By Joseph Mingoia

Last week was another amazing week for MEGA, with the golf course blossoming and MEGA membership at an all-time high, and all flights delivering exciting races and great fun. Starting in ‘A’ flight, TJ Granahan (37/35.4) eagled the first hole en route to the Low Net win, edging out

Cameron Sweeney (36/36). Cameron, the hottest MEGASTAR lately, takes Low Gross. James Wilkinson (41/36.2) and Kevin A. Curau (39/36.3) were just a putt away. Besides Granahan’s eagle at 1, Sweeney won a skin with a birdie at the 6th, and Wilkinson’s birdie at the 7th was good.

The cttp went to Drew Noecker at the 3rd (19’7”) and Wilkinson (10’11”) at 7. In ‘B’, Eric Battisti (41/30.9) played his best to capture the Low Net, just beating out another hot golfer, Kevin M. Curau (36/31.3). Kevin finished birdie/birdie, shot even par, and won LG. Tyler Erick-

son (42/34.3) was next. Three birdie skins in ‘B’ went to Battisti at the 1st, Fred Soos at the 4th, and Curau at the 9th. Brendan McHugh (12’10”) at the 3rd and Mike Kogut (6’6”) at the 7th won the greenies. In ‘C’ flight, Joe Crosson (41/31.5) continues his good run, winning both Lows and earning a promotion to ‘B’ flight. Pat Fannon (44/32.7) was 2LN and Denver Lange (43/33.1) was

next. The skins went to KJ DiMuzio with pars at 2 and 8, Pat Fannon’s birdie at 3, John Burns’ par at 5, and Joe Crosson’s birdie at the 6th. Peter Cortellessa (15’2”) at the 3rd was the only greenie. In ‘Senior A’, Joe Dillon (37/32) had his finest day of the season, winning Low Net honors and sharing Low Gross with Mario Gillio (37/34), who opened birdie/birdie for another magnif-
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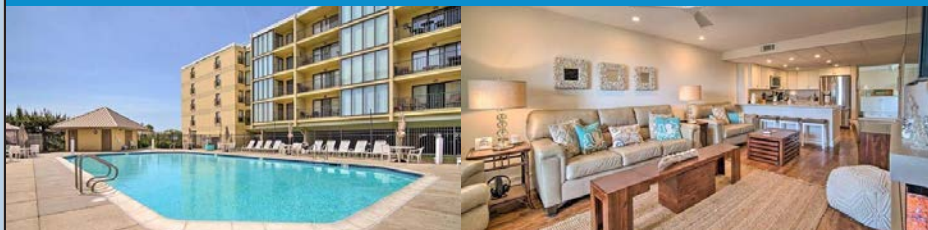
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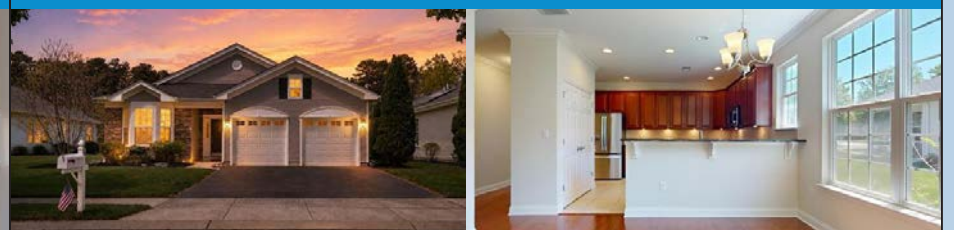
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A “Shore-ly” Unforgettable Wedding

By Jordan Budney

Picture this: you are three days out from marrying your high-school sweetheart, and your gallbladder bursts. What your doctor first thought was “pre-wedding nerves” turned into an unpredictable weekend, a slightly woozy wedding, and a lifelong marriage. Although one might think of postponing the ceremony, my resilient mom, Kim Ballay-Budney, decided to proceed with plans to marry my dad, Rich Budney Jr., right here in the heart of Brigantine at St. Thomas Roman Catholic Church.

It was Wednesday, July 29, 1998, and my mom and godmother were on their way to the shore to drop off wedding favors and have

dinner. Jitters and queasiness are expected for a bride 72 hours out from her wedding, but waking around 2 a.m. Thursday with excruciating abdominal pain was not part of the plan. That morning, at the hospital, doctors began testing to determine whether this “intense stomach ache” was actually a ruptured gallbladder. If the surgery couldn’t be done laparoscopically, she would need to stay in the hospital. Meanwhile, family and relatives slowly trickled in to celebrate my parents, with my mom’s status still uncertain.

My dad, of course, was there to give her endless support and keep her calm — but the show had to go on. On Friday night, he con-

tinued with the schedule and hosted the rehearsal dinner at Andre’s Wine Bar & Grill, a Brigantine favorite since he was a child; his parents, Rich Budney Sr. and Jeanne Budney, bought a house on the island in August 1970, and he’d first brought my mom to Andre’s when they

were dating. The dinner went smoothly despite guests questioning my mom’s health, though my dad was surely starting to worry too. Luckily, the surgery went smoothly, but my mom was stuck at the hospital through Friday night. With under 24 hours until the

wedding, a panic-stricken mind, a prescription for pain medication, and an annoying fever, she still had to get up Saturday morning, August 1st, 1998, to get back to the shore. Slightly “out of it,” as she likes to describe it, she endured

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Kim and Rich Budney get married at Saint Thomas Roman Catholic Church on August 1st, 1998.



Kim and Rich Budney pose for wedding photos on Brigantine Beach on August 1st, 1998.



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the pain for pre-wedding photos on the beach and made it through the ceremony without passing out. That night, my parents hosted their reception at the Ram’s Head Inn in Galloway, which has since closed. Though she couldn’t enjoy much of the food, friends and family still

describe it as one of their favorite weddings ever. Now, 28 years later, my parents still visit the shore frequently, eat their favorite meals at Andre’s, and attend Mass at St. Thomas. Mom and Dad — I am endlessly grateful for the love and support you’ve given me. Thank you for bringing me

to Brigantine since I was a baby, and for always encouraging me to be strong, brave,

and courageous. Besides, look at the bright side: you only have one gallbladder.

Happy 28th Anniversary, Rich and Kim Budney.

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icent round. Joe Price Sr. (39/33.3), Tom Donahue (40/34.3), and Larry Savastano (39/34.5) all played great. Five birdie skins in ‘Sr A’ went to Mario at the 2nd, Price Sr. at the 3rd, Todd Frost at the 5th, Larry Savastano at the 8th, and Andy Newell at the 9th. Gordy Bew (3’8”) at the 3rd and Steve Frei (12’2”) at the 7th won the cttp. In ‘Senior B’, Joe Min-

goia (46/35.8) snapped a three-year drought to win a Low Net title. Joe Mason (44/36.3) took the Low Gross and 2LN, while Bob Stoeckle (49/37) had his chances. Mike Pagoulatos won the only skin in ‘Sr B’ with a birdie at the 2nd. The cttp went to Mingoia (10’10”) at the tough 3rd hole and Larry Hess (6’1”) at the 7th. — M i n g o

BCAS Week 6 Recap

By Tiffany Maiorano

Week 6 brought another round of fun games for the Brigantine Coed Adult Softball League. Concept Icons and Garden State Brewery squared off for the third time this season, with Concept Icons entering the matchup determined to avenge two tough losses earlier in the year. Both offenses came out firing,

trading runs in the opening inning before Concept Icons took complete control. The turning point came in the third, when Concept Icons erupted for 14 runs. Home runs from Vangorder, Vega, and Mancinelli highlighted the explosive inning and put the game well out of reach. From there, Concept Icons

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Brigantine Police Sgt. Jim Powderly, left, stood with fellow Brigantine Police Department officers and students from the Brigantine Public School District who participated in L.E.A.D’s drug and violence prevention program. (Photo by L.E.A.D)



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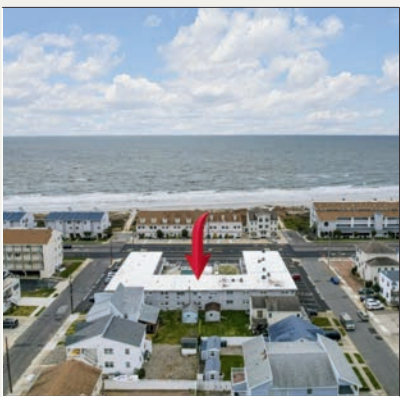
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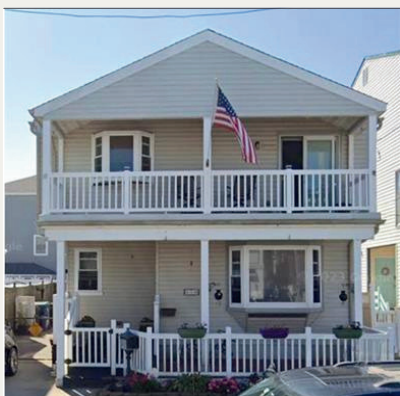
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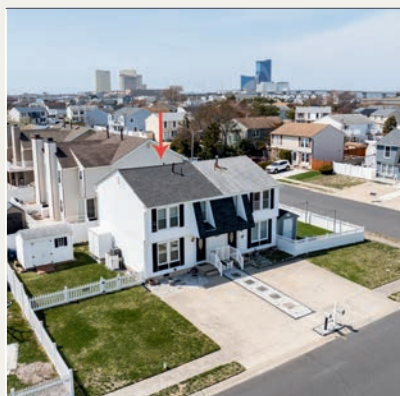
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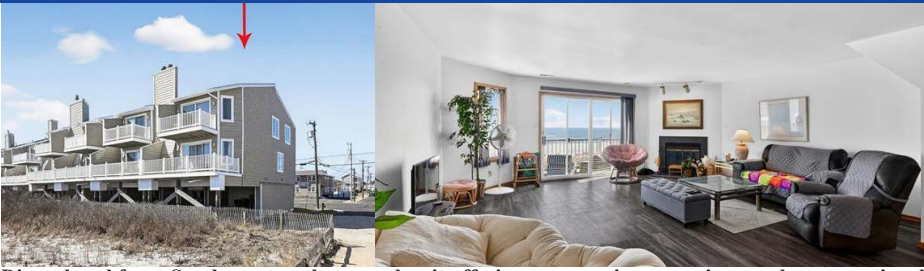
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Leroy's Corner

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good. Sometimes we call her Beauty Cat or Mini.

We live on the Left Coast, a half hour south of San Francisco on the Peninsula, where our new adopted human moved part-time from Brigantine so she could marry our other human. They were college sweethearts, they explained to us. Whatever. We have been with him the last four and a half years and are getting used to having a woman in the house.

We welcomed our new human bride over her first two months with special wedding gifts of lizards we caught from the garage. We delight in her screams upon finding them. For some reason, she has decided to catch and release the live ones outdoors.

My new human bride calls me Tab sometimes; she says for the actor Tab Hunter, but I don't get it. We enjoyed jumping on and examining all the wedding presents that our humans received

and thoughtfully displayed on top of the piano for our easy reach. I have been enthusiastically exploring the bag of handmade soaps and loofahs this morning. I also helped the human bride while she was writing wedding thank you cards, jumping into and examining the stationery box, then burrowed behind her while she sat on the couch, taking so long to write her notes.

We are looking forward to visiting Brigantine soon. In the meantime, we are happy we have a new pen pal, Leroy, who we can relate to. Minnie likes to stay out partying late on hot summer nights, while I am more sensible and allow the human bride to ply me with treats to come indoors at a sensible hour. The only thing I am worried about is the coyotes, but Minnie and I are smart, and we watch out for them. We think it's funny that our new human bride worries about my sister

and stays up until one in the morning until Minnie comes home. Last night, our human Cat Dada did the same.

We can't wait until we can visit Brigantine soon, maybe for Labor Day week.

Stay whiskered! Minnie and Hunter (Tab)

Dear Leroy,
Thanks for the AC vent idea. We knew the heat comes from there, but now we know the cool air does too. We are a little nervous because we've noticed that Mom's big suitcase is out, so we know the next thing that happens is we get pet sitters for a few days. Our

new chore will be to charm the various humans who come to take care of us. Personally, I'm hoping they give me as many treats as I can eat, but I know they won't let us wander out on the deck — so sad. We look forward to your next article. Love ya, Hooper and Brody.



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Hunter (Tab) and Minnie explore some of their humans' new wedding gifts.

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Brigantine Promenade Update

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without requiring the City to sign any memorandum of agreement or renegotiate the existing agreement between the County and the City related to the Promenade. I appreciate the Commissioners and County Admin-

istration taking the time to meet with us and discuss these issues, and most importantly, I appreciate their commitment to working together to move this project forward.



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BCAS Week 6 Recap

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backed their offensive outburst with solid defense and dominant pitching, shutting the door on Garden State Brewery for the win. Netcon took on rival Maynard’s in a game full of clutch hits from both teams. Maynard’s came out swing-

ing, racing to a 6-0 lead in the first inning behind RBI hits from Schreiber, Coppola, Nolan, and Matthis. Netcon answered with an inning to remember in the top of the third, erupting for 17 runs to completely swing the momentum — Diaz

stole the show by blasting two grand slams in the same inning, powering Netcon to a commanding 21-7 advantage. But Maynard’s wasn’t done, chipping away over the next few innings to cut the deficit to 21-15 heading into the sixth. In the

bottom of the final inning, Maynard’s mounted one last rally, scoring five more runs and bringing the tying run within reach. Despite the late surge, Netcon held on to escape with a thrilling 21-20 victory in one of the most exciting games of the season.



Chamber Chatter

As we continue through another wonderful Brigantine summer, the Chamber is excited to share updates, upcoming events, and stories that highlight the incredible people and businesses that make our community thrive. We invite residents and visitors alike to take part in all that Brigantine has to offer. This month, we’d like to recognize one of our dedicated Chamber leaders, Barbara Rote. Barbara is a longtime Brigantine resident

and the current Treasurer of the Brigantine Chamber of Commerce. She and her husband, Scott, own Haven Homes Builders, LLC, where they specialize in building custom homes. Before retiring, Barbara spent 30 years teaching 7th and 8th grade science in Berlin. Today, she continues to serve our community through her leadership with the Chamber. In addition to serving as Treasurer, Barbara has chaired numerous

Chamber events, including the Mister Rogers Project and the Shake the Shamrock Island Celebration. She also launched two of Brigantine’s most popular community initiatives—the Beach Bonfires and the Seawall Wreath Selfie Station. Barbara’s dedication, creativity, and love for Brigantine continue to bring people together and create memorable experiences for residents and visitors throughout the year. The Chamber is excit-

ed to continue our growing Thursday Night Twilight Market, held every Thursday from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. through September. Businesses from around the island are participating, and our new 7-foot market flags make it easy to spot participating locations. It’s a great opportunity to shop local, enjoy special promotions, discover new businesses, and spend a beautiful summer evening around town. Looking for an easy way

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Brigantine Times Kids Corner

The Railway Children

By E. Nesbit

Chapter III and IV

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“Will you give the parcel to the Station Master, because of us not knowing what train you come down by? Say it is for Peter that was sorry about the coals and he will know all right.

“Roberta.
“Phyllis.
“Peter.”

Then came the list of things the Doctor had ordered.

The old gentleman read it through once, and his eyebrows went up. He read it twice and smiled a little. When he had read it thrice, he put it in his pocket and went on reading The Times.

At about six that evening there was a knock at the back door. The three children rushed to open it, and there stood the friendly Porter, who had told them so many interesting things about railways. He dumped down a big hamper on the kitchen flags.

“Old gent,” he said; “he asked me to fetch it up straight away.”

“Thank you very much,” said Peter, and then, as the Porter lingered, he added:—

“I’m most awfully sorry I haven’t got twopence to give you like Father does, but—”

“You drop it if you please,” said the Porter, indignantly. “I wasn’t thinking about no tuppences. I only wanted to say I was sorry your Mamma wasn’t so well, and to ask how she finds herself this evening—and I’ve fetched her along a bit of sweetbrier, very sweet to smell it is. Twopence indeed,” said he, and produced a bunch of sweetbrier from his hat, “just like a conjurer,” as Phyllis remarked afterwards.

“Thank you very much,” said Peter, “and I beg your pardon about the twopence.”

“No offence,” said the Porter, untruly but politely, and went. Then the children undid the hamper. First there was straw, and then there were fine shavings, and then came all the things they had asked for, and plenty of them, and then a good many things they had not asked for; among others peaches and port wine and two chickens, a cardboard box of big red roses with long stalks, and a tall thin green bottle of lavender water, and three smaller fatter bottles of eau-de-Cologne. There was a letter, too.

“Dear Roberta and Phyllis and Peter,” it said; “here are the things you want. Your mother will want to know where they came from. Tell her they were sent by a friend who heard she was ill. When she is well again you must tell her all about it, of course. And if she says you ought not to have asked for the things, tell her that I say you were quite right, and that I hope she will forgive me for taking the liberty of allowing myself a very great pleasure.”

The letter was signed G. P. something that the children couldn’t read.

“I think we WERE right,” said Phyllis.

“Right? Of course we were right,” said Bobbie.

“All the same,” said Peter, with his hands in his pockets, “I don’t exactly look forward to telling Mother the whole truth about it.”

“We’re not to do it till she’s well,” said Bobbie, “and when she’s well we shall be so happy we shan’t mind a little fuss like that. Oh, just look at the roses! I must take them up to her.”

“And the sweetbrier,” said Phyllis, sniffing it loudly; “don’t forget the sweetbrier.”

“As if I should!” said Roberta. “Mother told me the other day there was a thick hedge of it at her mother’s house when she was a little girl.”

Chapter IV. The engine-burglar.

What was left of the second sheet and the Brunswick black came in very nicely to make a banner bearing the legend

SHE IS NEARLY WELL THANK YOU

and this was displayed to the Green Dragon about a fortnight after the arrival of the wonderful hamper. The old gentleman saw it, and waved a cheerful response from the train. And when this had been done the children saw that now was the time when they must tell Mother what they had done when she was ill. And it did not seem nearly so easy as they had thought it would be. But it had to be done. And it was done. Mother was extremely angry. She was seldom angry, and now she was angrier than

they had ever known her. This was horrible. But it was much worse when she suddenly began to cry. Crying is catching, I believe, like measles and whooping-cough. At any rate, everyone at once found itself taking part in a crying-party. Mother stopped first. She dried her eyes and then she said:—

“I’m sorry I was so angry, darlings, because I know you didn’t understand.”

“We didn’t mean to be naughty, Mammy,” sobbed Bobbie, and Peter and Phyllis sniffed.

“Now, listen,” said Mother; “it’s quite true that we’re poor, but we have enough to live on. You mustn’t go telling everyone about our affairs—it’s not right. And you must never, never, never ask strangers to give you things. Now always remember that—won’t you?”

They all hugged her and rubbed their damp cheeks against hers and promised that they would.

“And I’ll write a letter to your old gentleman, and I shall tell him that I didn’t approve—oh, of course I shall thank him, too, for his kindness. It’s YOU I don’t approve of, my darlings, not the old gentleman. He was as kind as ever he could be. And you can give the letter to the Station Master to give him—and we won’t say any more about it.”

Afterwards, when the children were alone, Bobbie said:—

“Isn’t Mother splendid? You catch any other grown-up saying they were sorry they had been angry.”

“Yes,” said Peter, “she IS splendid; but it’s rather awful when she’s angry.”

“She’s like Avenging and Bright in the song,” said Phyllis. “I should like to look at her if it wasn’t so awful. She looks so beautiful when she’s really downright furious.”

They took the letter down to the Station Master.

“I thought you said you hadn’t got any friends except in London,” said he.

“We’ve made him since,” said Peter.

“But he doesn’t live hereabouts?”

“No—we just know him on the railway.”



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Then the Station Master retired to that sacred inner temple behind the little window where the tickets are sold, and the children went down to the Porters’ room and talked to the Porter. They learned several interesting things from him—among others that his name was Perks, that he was married and had three children, that the lamps in front of engines are called head-lights and the ones at the back tail-lights.

“And that just shows,” whispered Phyllis, “that trains really ARE dragons in disguise, with proper heads and tails.”

It was on this day that the children first noticed that all engines are not alike.

“Alike?” said the Porter, whose name was Perks, “lor, love you, no, Miss. No more alike nor what you an’ me are. That little ‘un without a tender as went by just now all on her own, that was a tank, that was—she’s off to do some shunting t’other side o’ Maidbridge. That’s as it might be you, Miss. Then there’s goods engines, great, strong things with three

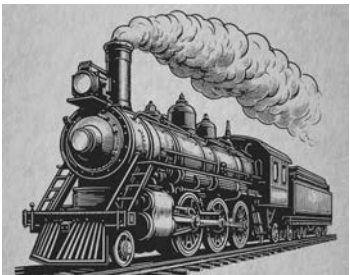
wheels each side—joined with rods to strengthen ‘em—as it might be me. Then there’s main-line engines as it might be this ‘ere young gentleman when he grows up and wins all the races at ‘is school—so he will. The main-line engine she’s built for speed as well as power. That’s one to the 9.15 up.”

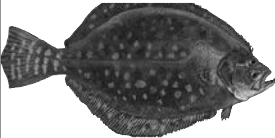
“The Green Dragon,” said Phyllis.

“We calls her the Snail, Miss, among ourselves,” said the Porter. “She’s oftener be’ind’and nor any train on the line.”

“But the engine’s green,” said Phyllis.

“Yes, Miss,” said Perks, “so’s a snail some seasons o’ the year.”





Weekly Fishing Report

by Captain Andy Grossman



Another Hooked on Fishing, Not Drugs Kids Fishing Tournament is officially in the books, and what an incredible day it was! With nearly 140 kids in attendance and well over 1,000 smiles, it was a day to remember. The kids stayed busy reeling in spot, northern kingfish, croakers, and even a few little sharks! A huge thank you goes out to Dawn and JJ, along with all of their amazing helpers from the Brigantine Munic-

ipal Alliance, for organizing and coordinating another outstanding event. Special thanks also to Drew and Richard Hemerich for taking charge of our volunteer fishing judges and helping everything run smoothly. We also want to recognize the Brigantine Police Department, Brigantine Fire Department, Brigantine DPW, and every volunteer and sponsor who donated their time, effort, and support. A special thank you to Bottino's ShopRite,

Wawa, and everyone else who helped make this event such a tremendous success. Events like this don't happen without an entire community

coming together, and we're incredibly grateful to everyone who played a part. At the end of the day, our hope is simple: if even one child

chooses the right path in life because of an event like this, then every minute of plan-
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Waiting

By McKayla Touhill

At this point in the summer, I think we have all become more and more familiar with waiting. If you are a year-rounder in Brigantine, summer involves a whole lot more waiting than the rest of the year. Waiting for space to open up in the aisles at Acme, waiting for a parking spot outside your favorite restaurant, waiting for beach-equipment-laden pedestrians or bicyclists to safely make their way across the road. For many who aren't used to it, the waiting can be quite frustrating. However, I found a poem this week that presents a different attitude towards waiting:

Waiting
By John Burroughs (1862)

Serene, I fold my hands and wait,
Nor care for wind, nor tide, nor sea;
I rave no more 'gainst time or fate,
For, lo! my own shall come to me.

I stay my haste, I make delays,
For what avails this eager pace?
I stand amid the eternal ways,

And what is mine shall know my face.

Asleep, awake, by night or day,
The friends I seek are seeking me;
No wind can drive my bark astray,
Nor change the tide of destiny.

What matter if I stand alone?
I wait with joy the coming years;
My heart shall reap where it hath sown,
And garner up its fruit of tears.

The waters know their own and draw
The brook that springs in yonder height;
So flows the good with equal law
Unto the soul of pure delight.

The stars come nightly to the sky;
The tidal wave unto the sea;
Nor time, nor space, nor deep, nor high,
Can keep my own away from me.

The poet John presents an

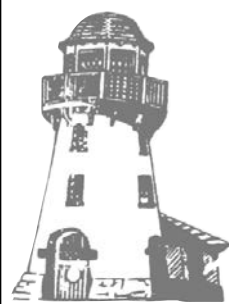
attitude of waiting that, rather than becoming frustrated and flustered, is serene. He surrenders, in a way, to the flow of nature's rhythms. To seasons of waiting and seasons of attaining. He allows himself to rest knowing that he will soon have what he needs without rushing to get it. There's a similar concept in play if you go down to the Florida Keys, or over to Hawaii; down there, they are living on "Island Time." This is the idea that if you are living on a beautiful, tropical Island, you better not be rushing about your day. Things will happen when they happen, and you just need to let loose and embrace it.

Garrett and I encountered a similar attitude once when we were traveling in Italy. We arrived at the platform our train was scheduled to arrive at, and there was no train there. We waited a few minutes. Still no train. We found an employee at the train station, showed him our tickets, and explained that we needed some help finding our train. He looked over our tickets carefully, and as he was looking, another passenger approached and began a conversation with him in Italian. Time ticked by: 7 minutes until our train was scheduled to arrive. 5 minutes. 3 minutes. "Excuse me?" I huffed, "I am sorry, but our train is

scheduled to leave in 3 minutes. We are going to miss it!" "Wait, wait," he replied, lazily bobbing his hand in my direction. "I am going to check platform 3," I told Garrett. "Can you hold the bags?" Garrett was, by the way, on crutches due to a badly sprained ankle. So I left him, running at full speed down the platform, weaving between Europeans and roller bags, probably looking as frantic and American as I possibly could have. I arrived at the platform I thought our train was at... no train. My phone rings, "Hey, the guy found our platform; (Continued on Page 49)



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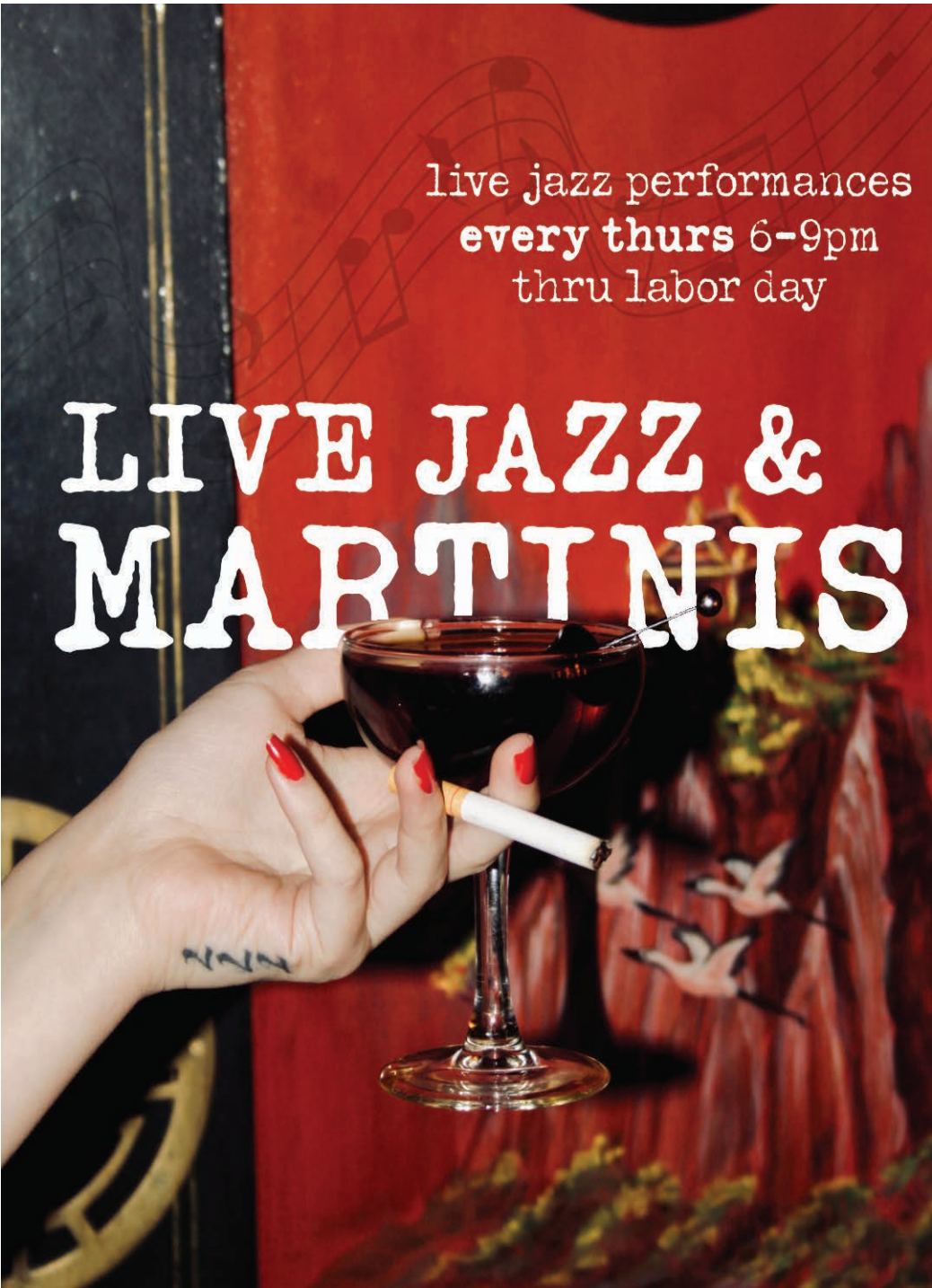
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Chamber Chatter

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U p c o m i n g Chamber Events

Mark your calendars and join us for these upcoming Chamber events:

August 4 – Stop by the Chamber tent during National Night Out and say hello!

August 11, 18 & 25 – Enjoy our Movies on the Beach, a fun family tradition under the stars.

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.

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 the latest news, events, and updates throughout the year.

We look forward to seeing you around town this summer!



Rylie Sera, age 11, of Brigantine sells painted jingle shell ornaments at the Christmas in July Farmers Market on July 25, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon)



Volunteers Diane Rosati, Donna Piekarski, and Fran Paulin work hard to bring the Christmas in July Spirit to last weekend's farmers market. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

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Last Thursday, the Brigantine Yacht Club hosted the Mid-Atlantic Yacht Racing Association Regatta. Curtis Zhang from Brigantine competed in the regatta sailing a Sunfish sailboat with sail 1 for the race. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



Tyler Verceles from Brigantine skippers a Laser sailboat with sail 199204 during last Thursday's regatta at the Brigantine Yacht Club. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

Fishing Report

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ning, every volunteer, and every sponsor made a difference. Thank you to everyone who helped create memories these kids will carry with them for a lifetime.

See you all next year!

The fishing this week has stayed the same with kings, spots, croakers, and flounder all being taken in the surf. If you fish at the jetty, then you can add trigger fish and sheepshead into the mix.

It's Shark Week on TV this week and ALSO in our local waters as Browns and Sand Tigers have been caught on a regular basis. If you want more info on what is going

on in the fishing world, then stop on by, and we will give you the latest info on what's biting and how to get them on your hook.

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

Thanks and Keep On Fishin.

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Health Tip of The Week

By Dr. J. Zimmerman

Stroke Risk: Before you've even had your first sip of coffee, your body is already making important adjustments for the day ahead — hormone levels shift, blood pressure naturally rises, and blood becomes slightly more likely to clot. Researchers say these normal morning changes may help explain why strokes

seem to occur more often during early hours. Restorative sleep, healthy blood pressure habits through good nutrition and regular movement, stress management, and exposure to natural morning light can all help maintain a healthy circadian rhythm and support long-

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Health Tip of The Week

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term heart and brain health. Watermelon is very good for you: This juicy fruit is loaded with nutrients that support hydration, circulation, and overall well-being — vitamins A and C, potassium, and the antioxidant

lycopene, plus L-citrulline, which helps the body make nitric oxide for smoother blood flow. Research has connected regular watermelon consumption to healthier blood pressure, stronger cardiovascular function,

faster muscle recovery, and better digestive health. Condiment use can be a problem: Processed meat-based condiments like bacon bits and bacon jam are worth cutting back on, as regular consumption of processed

meats has been tied to a higher risk of colorectal cancer. Many store-bought barbecue sauces are similarly packed with added sugars and ultraprocessed ingredients. Turning to simple, whole-food ingredients — fresh

herbs, garlic, onions, home-made salsa, and a good mix of spices — is one of the easiest ways to brighten a meal without the unwanted extras.



A Great Egret takes a rest in the south end of Brigantine with the Harrah's Resort Atlantic City in the background on July 26, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



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Wednesday	August 26	Six Mile Cross	Brigantine Community Center
Thursday	August 27	Odyssea	Brigantine Community Center
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Life Jackets Save Lives!

By Alan Moose, USCG Aux.

Most boaters know they’re required to have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved wearable life jacket on board for every person on their boat. Boating safety advocates recommend not just having one, but wearing it at all times while boating — accidents on the water can happen too fast to reach and put on a stowed life jacket. Drowning accounts for roughly 83% of all recreational boating fatalities, and about 84% of those who drowned were not wearing a life jacket.

The good news is that today’s life jackets are far more comfortable, lightweight, and stylish than the bulky orange style most boaters know, with inflatable technologies that are cool and comfortable — many inflate automatically when immersed in water. There are styles suited to nearly any boating activity: comfortable options for cruising, vest-style jackets with pockets and clips for fishing, rugged buckled designs for personal watercraft and water sports, large-armhole designs for paddling, and

child-sized styles with straps and high-visibility schemes.

No matter the activity, remember to grab a life jacket and wear it — thinking you’ll put one on in an emergency is like thinking you’ll buckle your seat belt as the accident happens.

Want to help promote boating safety? The Coast Guard Auxiliary is actively seeking volunteers. Brigantine Flotilla 85 is celebrating its 55th anniversary and welcomes new members; meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Brigantine Beach Community Center, 265 42nd St., at 7:00 p.m. Join us at our next meeting, Tuesday, August 18. For more information, email boatsafelyin-nj@gmail.com. Remember: boating safety is no accident!



Brody Oberg from Brigantine skippers an Opti sailboat with sail 23719 during the Mid-Atlantic Yacht Racing Association regatta at the Brigantine Yacht Club last Thursday. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



Chelsea Poli and Tilly Miller from the Brigantine Yacht Club adjust the spinnaker on their 420 boat with sail 8520 during the Mid-Atlantic Yacht Racing Association regatta at the Brigantine Yacht Club on July 23, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

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The Zumba chics hosted a class to raise money for the South Jersey Cancer Fund at the Brigantine Beach Community Center on July 25, 2026. Here are some of the volunteers who made the event possible. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



Brigantine residents dance for a good cause during the Zumba fundraiser for the South Jersey Cancer Fund (Photo by Sean Kardon).



Brigantine Garden Club

By Phyllis Glomb

Do you have gardening questions? Would you like tips on how to become a better gardener? Want to learn how to compost? Have a particular problem that needs addressing? Well, do I have a deal for you! Come to the next general meeting of The Brigantine Garden Club on Monday, Aug. 3, at 6:00, at the Brigantine Community Center. Following a short business meeting, all of your questions will be answered by our members who may have solved the same problem in their own gardens. Or are you an expert with tomatoes, hydrangeas, or some other well-loved flora and fauna that you would like to share with others? Again, after the meeting, everyone will have a chance to show and tell and share. As always, refreshments will be served. This should be a fun evening for all.

The next night, Aug. 4, is National Night Out. Bring your cuttings, divisions, seeds, or bulbs to the meeting to share with friends on this night out. Kimberly is

making up some milkweed to donate. Milkweed is the only plant a monarch caterpillar will eat. What do you have to share with others? Thanks to Johanne Milnes for stepping up to lead this committee. Thanks to all of the volunteer workers.

Special thanks to everyone who came out on behalf of the club for the Beach Clean Up. Your contribution not only keeps our beaches pristine, but it also helps the club because we get a stipend for your participation.

It's not too soon to start to think about running for a position on the Board for 2027. Nominations will be in Sept., with Elections in Oct. Let your voice and new ideas be heard.

Our beds and pots are funded by donations and the City of Brigantine. Please, if you see someone damaging or disrespecting the plants, report it--say something--stand up for YOUR city property. Recently, some misguided person or persons caused some destruction.

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it's number 15. Come quick, the train is about to leave!"

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If I had been willing to bide my time and wait for the employee to help us find the train, we would have been able to get on without all the sprinting and hobbling. We could have calmly made it to the train with time to spare. But I was not willing to wait.

All this to say that in Brigantine, many of us are

transplants from New York and Philadelphia. Here in the Northeast, everyone is always hurrying. We have things to get done, and they need to get done NOW. But, in Brigantine, on this Island, I think it would be good to take a page out of the other Islander's books and to live a bit more "on Island Time." Slow down. Become laid back. Let the beautiful ocean and the sandy beach make you a little more mellow. "Stai tranquillo!" That's what the employee at the Italian Train station probably thought about me: "Take it easy!"

Now, to celebrate this week's birthdays! 31- Bill Jones, Barry Tracy, Frieda Cospito, Mary Moyer, Shelby Gribbin, James Fulmer, Bob Previti, Donna Quinn,

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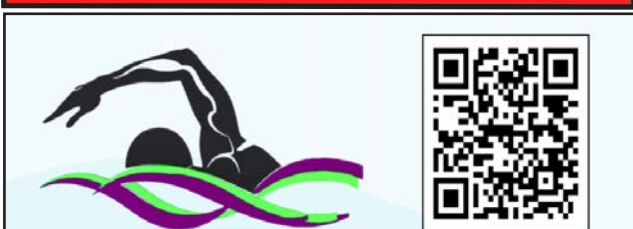
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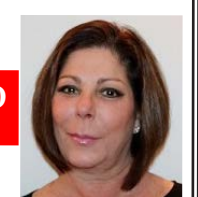
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VFW News

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Debbie calling the games (kitchen not open, but pub food is available); Tuesday Trivia (kitchen open with a great menu); and this Friday, July 31, the return of Jay Gentile for entertainment, with dinner service.

The kitchen is open Tuesday through Saturday — Friday nights feature a more formal menu with salad, entrée, and dessert, while Tuesday–Thursday and Saturday highlight sandwiches and pub fare. Canteen

hours are Monday–Thursday 1–10 p.m., Friday–Saturday noon–11 p.m., and Sunday noon–10 p.m. VFW6964.org; VFW Memorial Post 6964 on Facebook. Veterans Crisis hotline: 988, press 1.

The Seasons

By Kelly Leyman

The seasons pass in and out of our lives like the tide. The bright and utter sweetness of the snow opens our eyes to wonder, to sparkle, and to quiet. The colors and sounds of spring awaken us to a new world of love and sweetness, flowers bursting, leaves

swaying, birds chirping. The sounds make our hearts grow even bigger. The thrills and jewels of the summer are undeniable. The thrashing of the ocean, the colorful shells just waiting to make us smile. The vision of summer warms our souls — enlightens our being.

The shift in the world as autumn approaches turns the colors of the leaves from green to jewel tones. The sound of the geese saying goodbye brings us peace. The passage of time is a gift for all to cherish.

In Loving Memory Of... Michael Andrew McCorkle



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Michael (Mike) Andrew McCorkle on Wednesday, July 22, 2026. Mike was

born on December 6, 1958, to Russell M. and Evelyn McCorkle in Pittsburgh, PA. Mike always considered himself a native of Brigantine, and the Island considered him the same. He spent many years in the casino industry as well as serving as captain of a local boating company, and later worked at the local hardware store to keep busy during his retirement years. Mike was active in many organizations, including the American Legion and the Brigantine

Marine Mammal Stranding Center. As we all know, Mike was the life of any party, with his stories and his never-ending laughter. He is survived by his son, Andrew Russell; his best friend for life, John Tefankjian, and wife Lisa; his sister, Kay (William Sr.); nephews William Jr. (and family) and Patrick; his brother, Russell H. (and family); as well as so many friends who loved him dearly. Rest now, Mike, and know that we all truly love and miss you.

In Loving Memory Of... Joseph Eugene Czarnecki



June 23, 1939 – April 18, 2026 Joseph Eugene Czarnecki, affectionately known as Dr. Joe, passed away peacefully at the age of 86 in Venice, FL, following complications stemming from a hip fracture. He is survived by his college sweetheart wife,

Dr. Nancy Szwec; sons Joseph J. Czarnecki, MD (Wendy Greenberger), John Jacob Czarnecki (Jennifer Vaszily), daughters Andrea Czarnecki (Matt Pitzel), and Camille Czarnecki, as well as eight grandchildren: Matt Czarnecki, Alex Czarnecki,

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Joseph Eugene Czarnecki Obituary

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ki, Jacob Czarnecki, John Czarnecki, Sean Czarnecki, Kaitlynn Czarnecki, Ethan Pitzel, and Aidan Pitzel. Dr. Joe was born to the late Jacob and Anastasia Czarnecki in the Port Richmond neighborhood of Philadelphia in 1939. He attended St. John Kanty Prep boarding school in Erie, PA before returning to Philly to attend Temple University, where he met Nancy. He graduated from the Des Moines School of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in 1965. He wed, became board certified, and returned to his hometown to establish his medical career as a fami-

ly practitioner. Dr. Joe would serve as a primary care physician for the next 53 years. Alongside his family, Dr. Joe enjoyed summer vacations and long weekends in Brigantine, NJ. He also volunteered with the Knights of Columbus and Lions Club. Following retirement, he and Nancy split their time summering at the Jersey shore closer to family, and spending winters in sunny Venice, FL. One of Dr. Joe's proudest achievements was being inducted into Holy Ghost Preparatory School's Hall of Fame in 2007 (where his sons had studied). He served

as the basketball team's physician and biggest fan from 1981 to 2003. He also loved to be surrounded by friends and was a true fisherman at heart. Reeling in the big catch was not the most important thing to him, but rather making sure those with him were well fed and having a great time. But the true highlight of his life was his family. His deep love for family is his enduring legacy. He adored his wife, Nancy, and celebrated her professional accomplishments with delight. Throughout 62 years of marriage, Joe could be spotted on the dance floor twirling

Nancy around or stomping to a hearty polka. Together, they danced, enjoyed the opera, and went birding: happy wife, happy life. To his children, he instilled the importance of treasuring family, offering genuine kindness, choosing optimism, and always saving room for dessert. For his grandchildren, he attended numerous academic ceremonies, athletic events, and dance recitals to demonstrate his fervent pride and love. The value of a good education, the importance of punctuality, and a keen sense of humor are emblazoned on their hearts.

Dr. Joe lived a life filled with joy, laughter, and love. His memorial service is scheduled at St. Thomas Catholic Church, 331 8th St South, in Brigantine, NJ, on Saturday, August 1, 2026: 10 AM Visitation, 11 AM Mass. Donations in his memory may be made to St. Thomas Catholic Church. To view the online obituary, add a personal memory, and share condolences, please use the link: <https://obituaries.nationalcremation.com/obituaries/sarasota-fl/joseph-czarnecki-12840992>



TODAY IS YOUR DAY! Welcome to your day, your summer vacation, your unscripted time away from the hustle & bustle of whatever routine you're escaping from for a few precious days, weeks, or months this Summer of 2026. Now certainly, this idea was easier to accomplish 50 years ago, when in 1976 there was no Internet, no cell phones, no streaming services, with CNN's 24-hour news broadcasting service still 4 years away - appearing on June 1st, 1980. Who knew? Now most of us are locked & loaded into so many information & entertainment subscriptions & devices, as well as work-related email & Zoom communications, that it's almost impossible to get off the merry-go-round long enough to get a good night's sleep, or actually read a good book, or take an electronics-free walk around the neighborhood. The World Wide Web has literally caught us like a spider - my, my, my said the spider to the fly - and this external noise & distraction now lives in our heads rent free. **WHAT'S A SOUL TO DO?** In this Brave New World, we have only two kinds of people - people who use this high technology, and know they are addicted to it - and those who use

it, but don't know, or admit they are addicted to it. Now remember, we're not addicted to it because the content we're tuning into is so fascinating & interesting - but rather, we are addicted to the dopamine drip that the bright screen light triggers, while we're scrolling & streaming through unlimited content - whenever & wherever we have a moment to spare. Now this miraculous brain & nervous system we possess was designed by the Almighty, or Mother Nature & Father Time to produce & secrete Dopamine & other pleasantly sensational hormones into our bloodstream, under certain circumstances we might encounter & experience in our everyday, natural world - things like a physical & emotional attraction to a potential mate (romantic love), or success at the end of a protracted effort to build, or produce & achieve a viable personal, or professional project, or goal - a reward, so to speak, for a job well done, and a challenge overcome through perseverance & dedication to an idea. How about running for a few miles - then you'll trigger some Dopamine rewards from your brain. When we become addicted to the release of Dopamine triggered by our exposure to bright screen light, everyday

accomplishments & adventures out here in the real world, become less attractive & satisfying - especially to the youngest amongst us - who have less life experience to reflect upon, and may not remember how much fun Life Itself can be, without all the electronic stimulation & distraction getting in the way. I want to be happy, but not because my brain is drooling dopamine triggered by my cell phone addiction. **MAKE YOUR OWN LUCK!** A word to the wise, they say, is sufficient. Here we suggest that we are the natural, organic, sentient beings, whose realm is the realm of the self-fulgent - we glow with an energy source that shines from within inside ourselves - we are living, breathing, Human Beings, but we live in a commercial system that should not be mistaken in any way, shape, or form for our true, fundamental selves. The most enjoyable feelings we can feel are akin to the simplicity & joy we felt as very young, very quiet children, half asleep in our cribs or beds, just breathing ever so gently, not necessarily dreaming, but feeling something so sweet & enjoyable that we were smiling & cooing in our twilight zone, until we fell off to sleep for the night.

This is satisfaction, this is contentment, this is peace, tranquility, serenity & joy all rolled up into one moment at a time, one breath at a time, one heartbeat at a time, and it's triggered automatically when we quiet ourselves down, and go into the silence whenever & wherever we choose. Only this super-natural feeling of existential harmony, simplicity, abundance, warmth, security, sanity, clarity & peace can fill the holes, and heal the wounds that commercial living creates in our psychology, in our heart, soul, and mind, every time we forget which came first - the man, or the machine. Our Humanity must be recognized & consciously connected with on a daily basis, if we are to survive & thrive in this new age matrix that the commercial interests have brought to bear, here in our natural world. (Next Week, More Thoughts) **AFFIRMATIONS!** (Mental & Emotional Exercise) *Today I Remember And Recall My Fundamental Humanity, As I Begin To Breathe Consciously & Gratefully These Beautiful Breaths Of Life That Come To Me, And Flow Through Me 22,000 Times A Day. Today I Consciously Disengage From This Com-*

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Brigantine Police Department L.E.A.D. Program

Long before students in Brigantine ever encounter a police officer during an emergency, many already know them by name. That familiarity is no accident. For the past five years, members of the Brigantine

Police Department have been teaching the L.E.A.D. (Law Enforcement Against Drugs & Violence) program at Brigantine Community School, giving students practical life skills while forging bonds that extend

far beyond the classroom. "We're actually taking police officers and building relationships in the community," said Sgt. Jim Powderly, who has helped lead Brigantine's L.E.A.D. program since its incep-

tion. "That's something that lasts. It's something that goes beyond a single school year. It lasts a lifetime. They grow into adults and remember the officers by name and the things they talked about together."

Sgt. Powderly recalled responding to a particularly stressful domestic incident involving children who immediately recognized one of the responding offi-

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Brigantine Police Department L.E.A.D. Program

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cers from L.E.A.D. class. “It was a calming thing to be at the scene because the kids were already comfortable with that police officer,” he said. “It’s not just a uniform or a badge — it’s a person they’ve grown to know in the classroom.” The Brigantine Police Department implemented the L.E.A.D. program in 2021 after Sgt. Powderly completed the organization’s five-day instructor certifi-

cation course. Since then, the department has expanded from two instructors to four. Today, the department teaches approximately 60 to 100 students annually in third- and sixth-grade classrooms at Brigantine Community School, covering goal setting, healthy communication, emotional regulation, decision making, resisting peer pressure, and identifying trusted adults. “It taught them to set goals

in life, communicate, get out of their shell and communicate in a healthy way,” Sgt. Powderly said. “We gave them real-life skills they were able to take and apply. It was broken down to an age-appropriate level.” The program also recently complemented Brigantine Community School’s annual Mental Health Day. “For five weeks we teach life skills — goal setting, managing emotions, and healthy com-

munication,” Sgt. Powderly said. “Then we talk about things that can hinder those goals, including alcohol and drugs. It fits very well with

Mental Health Day because it’s encouraging kids to make healthy choices.” Each year’s program kicks (Continued on Page 58)



This week’s farmers market featured even more great vendors selling local produce, fresh flowers, baked goods, and fun Brigantine merchandise. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



It looks like Santa comes to Brigantine for his summer vacation! Santa is joined here by Deputy Mayor Karen Bew at the Farmers Market last weekend in Brigantine. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



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Brigantine Police Department L.E.A.D. Program

off with a visit from patrol vehicles, letting students explore the cruisers and meet the officers who will soon be teaching them, and closes with graduation ceremonies celebrating students' completion with certificates, awards, and family photos. "It's not just the kids in the classroom that we're impacting," Sgt. Powderly said.

"It's the families. The kids go home and talk to their parents about what we're doing." Nick DeMauro, Executive Director and CEO of L.E.A.D., praised the department's long-term commitment: "The Brigantine Police Department demonstrates exactly what L.E.A.D. is designed to accomplish. By consistently investing time

(Continuedc from Page 57) with students year after year, these officers are helping young people develop essential life skills while building trust that strengthens the entire community." About L.E.A.D.: L.E.A.D. (Law Enforcement Against Drugs & Violence) is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit headquartered in Allentown, N.J., supporting more than

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Guess Who's Coming to Brigantine

By Roseann Smith



If you can imagine, there was a time when no one wanted to visit Brigantine. In the 1920s and 1930s, there weren't many accessible roads, and the island was

infested with flesh-eating greenhead flies. It was also downright frightening to navigate the old, makeshift, rickety wooden bridge. But (Continued on Page 59)

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Here is one of the beautiful floral arrangements that can be found at the Branch Beach Gardens.



Happy Birthday to Emily Boylan Fitzpatrick on August 4th!
~Love Dan

Guess Who's Coming to Brigantine

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that was then; this is now. An island bursting at the seams with pristine housing, unique retail businesses, and fine cuisine, Brigantine is a major player in the local tourism game. Tourists now come from some of the furthest places in the U.S., longing to soak up the sun on our family-friendly beaches and enjoy a town swelled with fun activities.

As a result, I sometimes find myself playing a little game while cruising around Brigantine: spotting different kinds of out-of-state license plates. Each state has a different slogan that hints at an interesting bit of its history.

I've seen a few California plates in town this summer. California's motto is "The Golden State," a nod to the 1848 Gold Rush, which brought thousands of people to the state and was a major factor in California becoming our 31st state.

Nevada license plates have also been cruising our streets. The state's slogan, "Home is Nevada," comes directly from the state song's chorus, and the plate depicts the Red Rock Canyons and Ruby Mountains — wide, open spaces that feel like home.

The "Georgia Peach" is proudly displayed on Georgia's license plates. In the 1500s, Franciscan monks first brought peach-

es to Georgia's coastal island — there's nothing like a juicy Georgia peach!

Massachusetts was the first state to issue license plates, in 1903; early plates were homemade out of leather and wood. "The Spirit of America" reflects the birthplace of the American Revolution.

"First in Flight" is North Carolina's motto, honoring the Wright Brothers' first successful flight in 1903 at Kitty Hawk — a 12-second flight that reached an altitude of 10 feet.

The Rocky Mountains, formed 80 million years ago and stretching 3,000 miles in length and 14,000 feet in height, are at the heart of Colorado's license plates.

"The Great Lakes State" is Michigan's catchphrase — the only state that touches all four massive lakes, home to the largest freshwater system on the planet.

Rhode Island is hailed as "The Ocean State," with an anchor and wave graphic celebrating its coastal heritage.

Texas is called the "Lone Star State" because its flag has only one star, also pointing to its history as an independent republic — set apart, standing triumphant.

When you're out and about, keep an eye out for who's visiting Brigantine!

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National Avocado Day	August 4
National Mutt Day	National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day
World Ranger Day	National White Wine Day
August 1	U.S. Coast Guard Day
National Girlfriends Day	August 5
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August 2	Blogger Day
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