

Traffic Pattern Improvements In the Works for Lighthouse Area

By Tom Morgan

It’s been a big week for Brigantine. After City officials met with Atlantic County concerning issues at the Seawall/Promenade

following a \$1.2 million renovation, one issue has been resolved. The newly installed LED lights, which had been flickering or not

working since installation, have been repaired. Work crews showed up at the old Shell station — Brigantine’s favorite eyesore, also home

to Dunkin’ Donuts — to remove the overhang canopy and install a cover over the gas tanks. Mayor Sera will provide an update on the

steps being taken to clean up that site as they move forward. But the big news is that Atlantic County has notified

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A Brigantine firefighter helps a guest at Brigantine’s Night Out event use one of the fire hoses. (Photo by Jack Fahey).



Demolition of the canopy at the closed Gas Station that is connected to the Dunkin Donuts begins at the corner of Brigantine Boulevard and Harbor Beach Boulevard. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

Illegal 4th of July Fireworks Cause Safety Concerns in Brigantine

What caused the July 4th fire at an occupied, three-story family home on 13th St. North has been determined. The home sustained extensive fire damage to the upper floors, with significant smoke and water damage throughout. Three vehicles on the property were also damaged by fire. According to Brigantine Police Chief Paul Fuller, “We are just wrapping up

our investigation but based off of interview statements, findings and evidence we have concluded that this was an accidental fire caused by the improper disposal of discharged fireworks.”

Fireworks displays in Brigantine this past 4th of July were everywhere, with most of them either on the beach or on the golf course. There was even a report

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Expect Road Closures for Brigantine Triathlon

Athletes will take to Brigantine’s streets and shoreline this Saturday, August 8, as Green Whales, Inc. and the City of Brigantine host the return of the annual Brigantine Triathlon. The race brings a wave of visiting cyclists and runners to the island, along with a set of road closures and parking restrictions that will shape traffic in the north end of town for much of race weekend.

Preparations begin Friday. Brigantine Public Works will start installing fencing along 26th Street and at 26th Street Brigantine Fields

on Friday, August 7, and Green Whales, Inc. crews will begin setting up athlete bike racks on 26th Street starting at 10 a.m. that same day. The 100 block of 26th Street, between Bayshore Avenue and Revere Boulevard, will close to through traffic and parking beginning at 9 a.m. Friday and is expected to reopen at 2 p.m.

Street parking will be off-limits along several corridors from noon Friday through noon Saturday, including the 200 and 300 blocks of 26th Street

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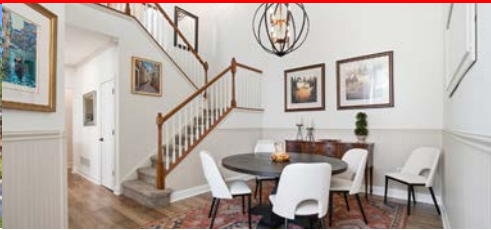
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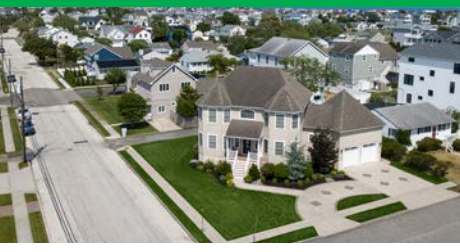
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Brigantine that preliminary plans for improving traffic flow at Lighthouse Circle, including clearer lane designations and improved signage, have been submitted. Over the last 10 years, traffic engineers have conducted several traffic sur-

veys with the intention of developing a safer traffic pattern for the Lighthouse area, but the only improvement made was painting lane lines and arrows. With more visitors coming to Brigantine who are unfamiliar with the traffic rules at

Lighthouse Circle — which isn't actually a circle but an obstructed roadway — it has become increasingly important to get a traffic plan in place to improve safety. According to City officials, "The Lighthouse Circle Improvement Project is

about much more than redesigning an intersection. It

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Diana and John Dougherty, owners of Hestia's Homestead, sell honey, lamb, tallow lotion, and wool fiber at the Brigantine Farmers Market on August 1, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



Young entrepreneur Antonio Mirabelli is again selling golf balls to Brigantine golfers. Now a 12-year-old, he started his business at age 6. (Photo by Paul Tomlin).

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“The project is currently in the design phase. Once the design is complete, it will move into engineering before construction begins. Because this is an Atlantic County project, the overall schedule will be determined

by the county. We will continue working closely with our county partners and keep residents updated as the project moves forward. One of the main goals of the redesign is to create a traffic circle that is easier for

everyone to use. The existing Lighthouse Circle is not a true traffic circle. Some drivers treat it like a roundabout, while others treat it like a regular roadway.

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will improve traffic flow and safety, upgrade the drainage system to help reduce flooding, and beautify one of Brigantine’s most recognizable entrances. Lighthouse Circle is the primary gateway into Brigantine and one of the busiest areas on the island. Improving both the look and function of the circle has been a priority for the City.”
The project is a partnership between Atlantic Coun-

ty and the City of Brigantine. Because Lighthouse Circle is located on a county roadway, Atlantic County is taking the lead on the project. The City is paying 50 percent of the design costs, and once construction begins, Atlantic County will fund approximately 78 percent of the construction costs, with the City contributing the remaining 22 percent. Mayor Vince Sera said,



Young entrepreneur Savannah Hunt sells hand-poured candles at the Coastal Drift stand at the Brigantine Farmers Market last Saturday. (Photo by Sean Kardon).



Josephine Staffieri celebrated her 90th birthday surrounded by family and friends at Live Casino in Philadelphia on August 2, 2026. The party was put together as a surprise by her five children. They would like to say, “We love you, Mom!”

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of paint and updated cabinet hardware give the room a more modern look. An open floor plan with flexible living space ranks second. An area that can double as an office appeals to buyers and renters, especially if they can work from home. A playroom area for toys is helpful, as is a garage for "adult toys," i.e., bikes, golf clubs, and boogie boards. Beyond a home's interior finishes, it's important to keep the major mechanical systems in working order. Offering a Home Owner's

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South between Revere and Ocean Avenues, both sides of Bayshore Avenue between 24th and 29th Streets, and both sides of Revere Boulevard between 24th and 29th Streets. On race morning, parking will also be prohibited within 50 feet of several key intersections from 6 a.m.

to noon, including the 300 block of 9th Street South at West Brigantine Avenue, the 300 block of 9th Street South at Ocean Avenue, Lafayette Boulevard at Bayshore Avenue, and the westbound one-way side of Lafayette Boulevard at West Shore Drive. The most significant closures come on race day itself.

From 6 a.m. to noon Saturday, all through traffic will be barred from 26th Street South, from the 26th Street City Dock to Ocean Avenue, as well as both directions of Bayshore Avenue and Revere Boulevard between 24th and 27th Streets. Between 7 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Saturday, motorists

throughout the race area should expect to share the road with cyclists and runners, and drivers should use extra caution near increased pedestrian crossings along West Brigantine Avenue between 24th and 26th Streets. Organizers are encouraging residents to plan ahead, postpone unnecessary travel, or seek alternate routes such as West Brigantine Avenue, Roosevelt Boulevard, and Atlantic-Brigantine Boulevard, where delays are likely. Organizers are also asking residents and visitors not to move, remove, or adjust any triathlon signage, cones,

or course markers, which are the private property of Green Whales, Inc. and will be taken down once the race concludes. Tampering with course materials, they note, could pose a safety risk to athletes and the public. Green Whales, Inc. thanked the community in advance for its cooperation and noted the race's return would not be possible without residents' patience during the closures. The organization is also still seeking volunteers for race day; those interested in helping can contact Sari at sariswims@gmail.com.



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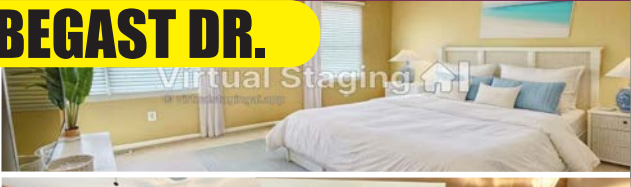
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Patricia Baldt and Kathy Dimario from the Brigantine Garden Club did a beautiful job planting the new pots on the sea wall.

Brigantine Blooms Along the Promenade

By Patricia Baldt

Do you remember when Hurricane Erin passed through Brigantine? It was mid-August 2025; locals and visitors alike witnessed the storm firsthand as waves surged over the seawall. Those waves swept away three concrete flowerpots lovingly tended by Brigantine Garden Club volunteers. Timing is everything — the previous week, board member Donna Cowhey had proposed a plan to replace the eleven aging concrete pots along the wall. Now three of them were destroyed. After the storm, Mayor Vince Sera met with Public Works Director John Doring at the wall, generously offering to replace all the pots, increasing the total to 14. Our plan to replace two or three pots per year as our budget allowed was no longer necessary.

Public Works purchased and stored the new pots through the winter. In the spring, they placed the pots and prepared them for planting. Formerly known as the seawall, the Garden Club's

part in the Promenade project continues to develop. Throughout the fall and winter, the Promenade Pot Committee was at work planning a design scheme. They rescued perennial plants from the original pots — you will again see the luscious mezzoo trailing plants, also known as sea stars, cascading over the sides. The flowers are resplendent in red, white, and blue (sometimes purple) as we joined the City of Brigantine in honoring our nation's 250th anniversary and the city's 100th in many of our public garden and pot plantings throughout the island. From the Promenade to the iconic entrance sign boat and gardens, on to the fountain, the boat and gardens near City Hall, the City Dock, the Boat Ramp, and others, our dedicated volunteers planted red, white, and blue flowers, later adding American flags to all the gardens and pots to further the patriotic theme.

Back at the Promenade, (Continued on Page 13)

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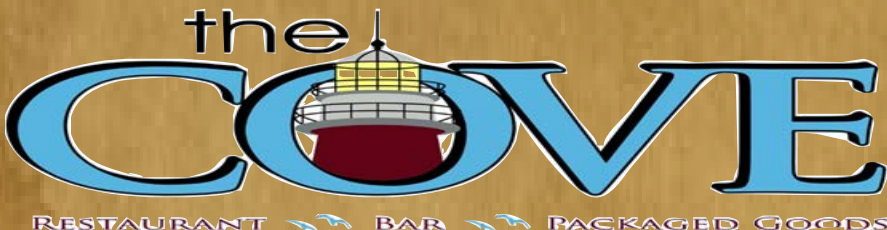


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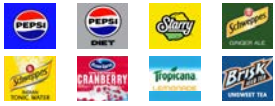
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The swimmers begin their race during the kids swim of the 13th Annual Brigantine Open Water Swim on August 2, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

Brigantine Blooms Along the Promenade

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Mother Nature visited again. A late spring wind-storm wreaked havoc on the new plantings. Undaunted, our volunteers replaced the damaged plantings, primarily maintaining the patriotic scheme. This took place back in May, and you will see the recovery is complete.

Simultaneously, the City of Brigantine implemented the Hometown Heroes project along the Promenade and City Center. Our volunteers now work under the banners of distinguished Brigantine veterans — many of your parents, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters — who have proudly served in the Armed Forces of the United States. The sense of pride and community is strong as you stroll along.

To further this sense of community, we have introduced new signage. Club volunteer Steve Litner brought a fresh idea to the board that gained approval. Instead of our planned replacement of pot signs as needed, committee co-chairs Steve Litner and Pat Baldt, along with the hardworking committee, created new pot

signs. Inspiring all to share our sense of community, you will see our new Brigantine Garden Club signs with messages such as “Where Dreams Take Root,” “Where Community Thrives,” and others — we invite you to take a stroll and enjoy our pots along the Promenade, and other pots throughout the island. The new signs are double-sided to enjoy from both the ocean and street sides of the Promenade.

The next phase will begin with replacing the garden bed signs. We are funded through the City of Brigantine and private donations. All gardens and pots are lovingly planted and maintained by 70 club volunteer gardeners, who can be seen enriching the soil, planting, hand-watering when needed, and pulling weeds — then pulling more weeds. Local landscapers sometimes donate mature plants. Realtors notify us when homes are being demolished, and many plants are rehomed in our pot and bed gardens. We love when you stop and

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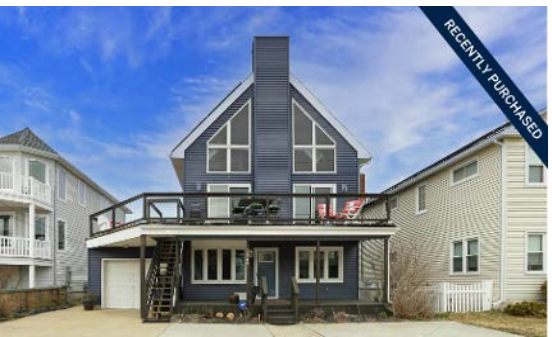
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The Goodyear blimp appears over Atlantic City. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

Brigantine Blooms Along the Promenade

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thank us. We love being part of the Brigantine community.

Drive along Harbor Beach Boulevard to enjoy the many endcaps, where dreams take root. Bike down Roosevelt Boulevard to observe where community thrives. Park at the 26th Street parking lot, where bed tenders devotedly worked to plant dreams after the total lot replacement in the off-season destroyed the beds. Throughout the island, you will experience where Brigantine blooms. Next season you will see the new signs in these gardens as well.

On behalf of the Brigantine Garden Club, we offer our warmest thanks to committee members Donna Cowhey, Kathy Skimmons, and Gina Bergen for plan-

ning and planting the new Promenade pots, and to Kathy Dimario for accepting the ongoing commitment to coordinate the dedicated team of volunteers who maintain them. Appreciation also to sign committee members Steve Litner, Pat Baldt, Phyllis Glomb, Donna Cowhey, and Kathy Skimmons, who brought Phase I of our signage to completion.

Our utmost gratitude to Mayor Vince Sera, John Doring of Public Works, and our City Council representative Neil Kane. Thanks to our city leaders for supporting our efforts as we continue our mission to “Promote the Beautification of the Island of Brigantine.” We invite all to come together and join in our sense of community.

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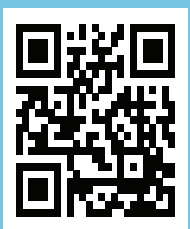
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Traffic Pattern Improvements In the Works for Lighthouse Area

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The new design will create a true traffic circle with a more consistent traffic pattern that improves safety.”

The project will also include improvements to the drainage system beneath the roadway. Those upgrades will help move stormwater more efficiently and reduce flooding in the surrounding area during heavy rain events. The redesigned traffic circle will meet all New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) standards, including proper signage, pavement markings, and other traffic control features to help drivers safely navigate the intersection.

Mayor Vince Sera added, “This project is a great

example of what can be accomplished when the City and Atlantic County work together. The redesigned Lighthouse Circle will improve traffic flow, make the intersection safer, reduce flooding, and create a more welcoming entrance into Brigantine. While the project is still in the design phase, it’s an investment that will benefit our community for many years to come. I appreciate Atlantic County’s partnership and look forward to continuing to work together as the project moves forward.”

The Brigantine Times will keep you updated on when the Lighthouse Circle traffic project begins.

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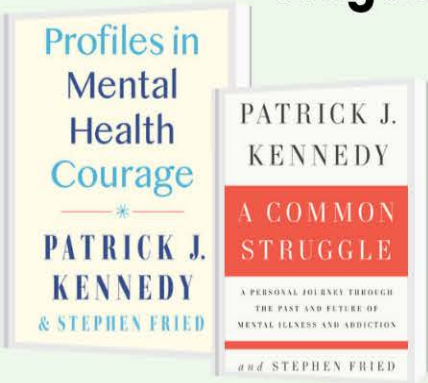
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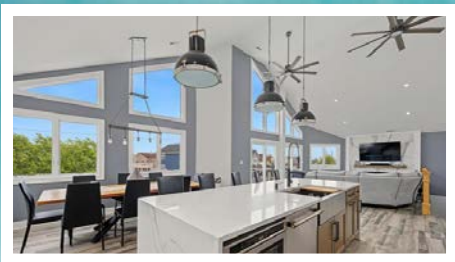
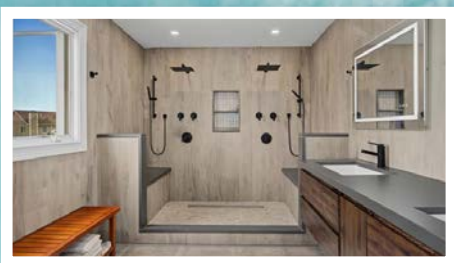
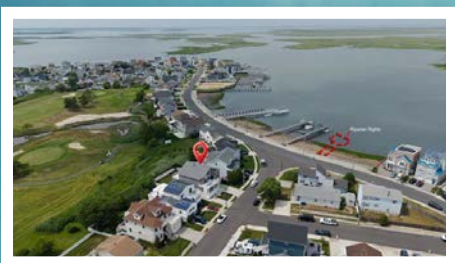
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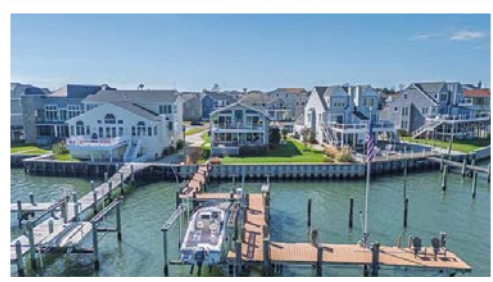
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BCAS Week 7 Recap

By Tiffany Maiorano

Despite a rainy start to the evening, Riptide and Maynard's squared off for their second meeting of the season Tuesday night. Riptide came out swinging, scoring four runs in the top of the first, including a two-run home run from DiBonaventura. Maynard's quickly responded in the bottom of the first, scoring five runs to take the lead. They kept the momentum going over the next few innings, batting through the lineup twice in the fourth. Key highlights included Coppola going 5-for-5 with a single, three doubles, and

a home run; Darrow going 3-for-4 with two singles and a double; and Matthis going 3-for-4 with a single and two doubles. Riptide fought back over the next few innings, but Maynard's strong defensive effort held them in check and ultimately secured the victory. Having split the season series 1-1, the matchup between Concept Icons and New Leaf 2.0 had a playoff atmosphere from the opening pitch. What started as a defensive battle through the first four innings seemed firmly in Concept Icons'

control as they carried an eight-run lead into the fifth. But after a handful of errors, New Leaf 2.0 stormed back, taking the lead and building a four-run cushion heading into the final inning. Despite the setback, Concept Icons refused to fold. They retired New Leaf 2.0 in order in the top of the sixth, giving themselves one last chance to win. New Leaf 2.0

appeared ready to celebrate after retiring the first two batters; however, Concept Icons had other plans, as the next few hitters reached base and kept the comeback alive. With runners on and two outs, Stretch stepped to the plate and delivered a home run to tie the game. After an emotional celebration at home plate, including a heartfelt tribute to Stretch

and Javi's mother, who recently passed away, the momentum was firmly with Concept Icons. Moments later, Ryan stepped into the batter's box and wasted no time finishing the comeback, crushing a walk-off home run to complete the rally and cap off one of the most thrilling finishes of the season.



Maria Handle and Sari Carroll man the table for the Rams football and cheer program at the National Night Out event on August 4. (Photo by Jack Fahey).

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By The Market Media Team

Nothing says summer like a cool sangria, spritz, or cocktail, and the Farmers Market has several vendors that help busy shoppers — aged 21 and over, of course — unwind after a day in the sun. A local favorite, and the first and only legal distillery in Atlantic City, Little Water

Distillery pays homage to the city’s history with its 48 Block Vodka (named for the city’s footprint during Prohibition), which also serves as the base for its espresso and chocolate martinis. Liberty and Prosperity rums are named for the graceful ladies on the NJ state flag, and 16 Knots Bourbon,

used to make their Whitecap Old Fashioned cocktail, is named for the wind speed at which whitecaps form. Shoppers can enjoy a taste of some of their award-winning craft cocktails at the Market each week. Dr. Mixer’s Elixers is a producer of specialty cocktail “shrubs,” a type

of syrup made from fruit, sugar, and vinegar. Owner Russell Howell, a master bartender and mixologist by trade, developed his recipes to add complexity and depth of flavor to his drink creations using locally sourced ingredients. The secret, according to Russell, is in the maceration of the fruit, which can take up to seven days. The shrubs are intensely flavored and concentrated, so a little goes a long way toward achieving the perfect cocktail at home. Cream Ridge Winery was founded in 1988 by Tom Amabile and his wife, Joan, and remains one of the oldest wineries in the state. They set out to produce

sweet, fruit-forward wines that showcase the fruits of New Jersey. Committed to locally sourced ingredients, Cream Ridge is a mission-driven winery, donating a portion of its products to charitable causes close to their hearts. Their summer sangrias, available in white and red, are a crowd favorite and a great way to cool off after a day on the beach. Ocean City Winery began as a Christmas tree farm in Upper Township and has blossomed into a unique winemaking adventure. Owners Mike and Robin Halpern create their wines from two vineyards — one

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A young guest gets ready for a ride on the crazy mechanical bull during Brigantine’s National Night Out event last Tuesday. (Photo by Jack Fahey).



Visiting Bishop Gordon from Las Vegas celebrated Mass on Sunday, August 2, at St. Thomas Church, assisted by Altar Servers Daniel Sanchez-Soto and Genesis Ceron. (Photo by Paul Tomlin).



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Coastal Concoctions Brewing at the Farmers Market

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in the mineral-rich soils of the Cohansey River and the other in the sandy terrain of the Atlantic Ocean. Robin is the driving force behind the quality of the winery’s grape growing; there isn’t a vine in the vineyards that she hasn’t planted, pruned, evaluated, or harvested. A nurse by training, she now dedicates

her caring spirit to her vines. Armageddon Brewing sells hard ciders and meads at the Market. Inspired by a desire to create a gluten-free alternative to beer, the founders set out to make fermented beverages that rival the best hard ciders and meads on the market. Their ciders range from incredibly

dry, almost like champagne, to sweet and juicy. Their meads, a honey-based beverage, are just as diverse. Armageddon offers an uncommon alternative to traditional wine, beer, or liquor and has earned a loyal following at the Market. Enjoy these unique adult beverages, and remember

to always drink responsibly.

St. Thomas News

Chicken Barbecue 50/50 Raffle, a Shore Thing

Our annual chicken barbecue takes place rain or shine on Friday, August 21st, starting at 5 p.m., in the church parking lot. Admission is free, and hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages, and homemade desserts can be purchased à la carte. Eat in or take out; chicken platters consisting of half a chicken, corn on the cob, and potato salad cost \$25 and can be purchased in advance at the Parish Office and after weekend Masses. There will be basket raffles and free kids’ activities, including face painting. Mark this special summer event on your calendar!

Our annual 50/50 raffle tickets are available for purchase during office hours for \$20 per ticket. There will be 10 prizes, each 5% of total ticket sales. An additional prize drawing for a \$200 gift certificate to Dock’s Oyster House will be held for anybody purchasing three tickets at the same time. Our prize pool is currently close to \$13,000 and growing daily. The drawing will take place at the barbecue on Friday, August 21st. Winner need not be present to win.

Calling All Artists!

BBCAC Presents the Annual Fine Arts Festival! The Brigantine Beach Cultural Arts Commission is proud to present the 18th Annual Fine Arts Festival! It will be held at the Brigantine Community Center from September 19th through September 30th. This event showcases original artwork, painting, sculpture, and photography from talented local artists.

A “Meet the Artists” reception will be held on opening day, Saturday, Sept. 19th, 2026, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. This is such a wonderful event that the community really enjoys! The deadline to enter is Sept. 1st, 2026. Information packets will be available at the Community Center, or contact Pam at panell1@comcast.net.



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Guests practice throwing life rings from Brigantine City Beach Patrol at the August 4th National Night Out event in Brigantine. (Photo by Jack Fahey).



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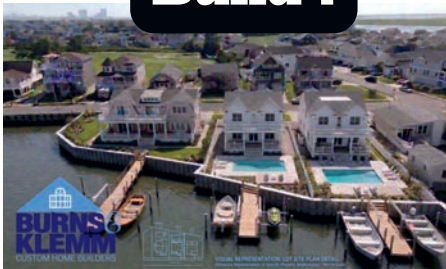
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Leroy's Corner: The Great Box Mystery



Last week I noticed my humans started putting everything into boxes and giant plastic bins. At first I thought they had finally realized I needed more places to nap. Naturally, I inspected every single one. Some were acceptable. Others needed additional fur before they could be considered move in ready.

Then I kept hearing the same words over and over. "New house." "Brigantine." "Full time residents."

As the days went on, more boxes disappeared. Chairs were moved. Closets looked empty. Even my favorite windowsill seemed to have less stuff around it. It all felt very suspicious.

Then came the ultimate betrayal.

My humans packed up the car, gave me a few extra treats, scratched behind my ears, and left me for the weekend.

Thankfully, they hired a cat sitter, Eva.

She was very nice, and after only a few training sessions she understood the important rules. She learned quickly. I was impressed.

Meanwhile, my humans spent the weekend taking all

of those mysterious boxes and bins to this so called new house in Brigantine. When they came home, they looked exhausted.

Imagine working that hard just to move all of your favorite napping furniture from one place to another.

They keep talking about how exciting it will be to live in Brigantine full time. I have to admit, I am curious. I hear there are lots of sunny windows, plenty of birds to supervise, and maybe even a few new neighbors who will appreciate my leadership.

For now, I will continue my inspections, keep an eye on the remaining boxes, and make sure nothing important gets packed without my approval.

Stay Whiskered,
Leroy

PSS. PSS: Dear Hunter and Minnie,

I knew I wasn't the only professional drawer inspector out there. Hunter, your dedication is admirable, and Minnie, every human deserves a beauty supervisor with a natural cat eye. I hope you enjoy a visit to Brigantine soon.

Dear Hooper and Brody,

The suitcase is never a good sign, but don't worry. Pet sitters are usually very trainable, especially if you perfect your sweetest face and most dramatic "I'm starving" meow. I hope they spoil you with treats, and before you know it, your humans will be home telling you how

much they missed you.

Dear Leroy,

Hello Leroy,
My name is Fenway, and I'm an orange cat like you! We're practically twins. News of you has made it all the way to Pittsburgh,

PA, where I live with my humans. But don't worry, we vacation in Brigantine and love it. Our humans are very nice to me and Sweet Pea, my "sister" black cat. They even set up what they call Cat TV, where we watch the bird feeder outside our window. But I am wondering if you like to "make bis-

cuits" like I do? My humans think it's very cute, even though I'm obviously very busy at the biscuit factory.

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Illegal 4th of July Fireworks Cause Safety Concerns in Brigantine

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will be increasing public education efforts ahead of future holiday weekends

of a Jet Ski towing a small barge loaded with fireworks into St. George’s Thoroughfare. The problem is some of those illegal fireworks led to numerous fires involving vegetation, dunes, and trash receptacles, putting stress on Brigantine’s public safety departments. There were also numerous reports of fireworks from the St. George’s barge and the golf course tossing embers onto

nearby houses, which luckily did not cause a house fire. Because there were so many illegal fireworks displays this July 4th, city officials are expected to establish a tighter enforcement plan for next year’s holiday for safety reasons. The Brigantine Fire & EMS Department emphasizes that illegal fireworks pose a serious safety risk to both residents and visitors. The department



Neighbors and residents from Bramble Drive and the Cloisters gather with John Bacha at Brant Beach Gardens to review succession plans, funding, and volunteer needs for maintenance and continued growth of the gardens.

Brant Beach Gardens Follow Up

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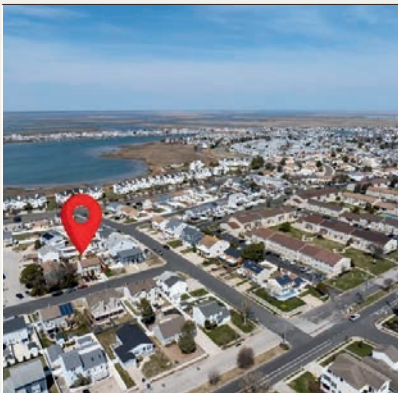
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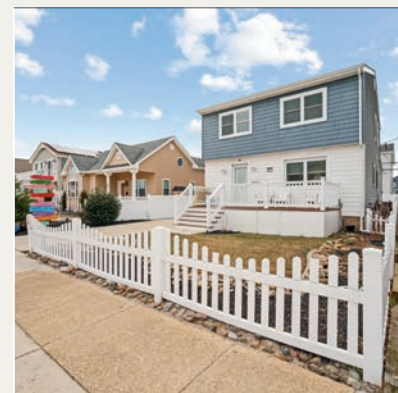
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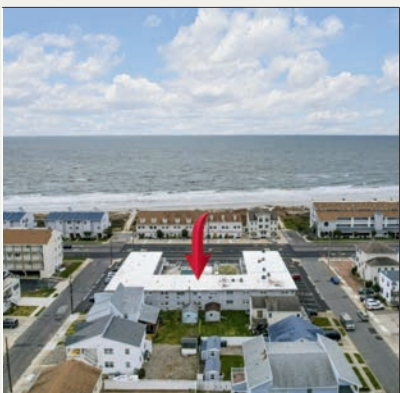
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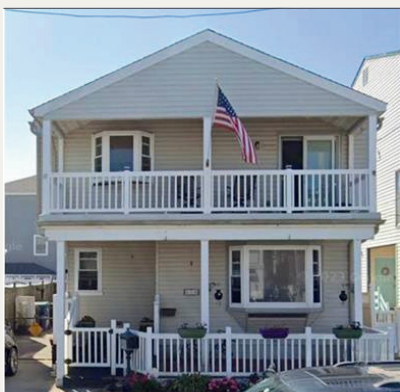
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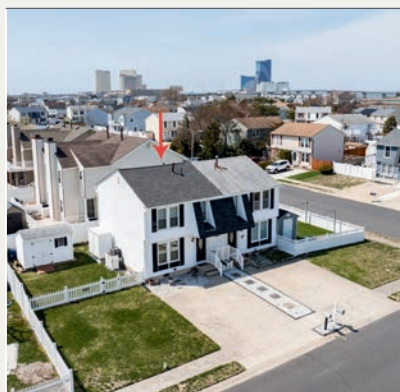
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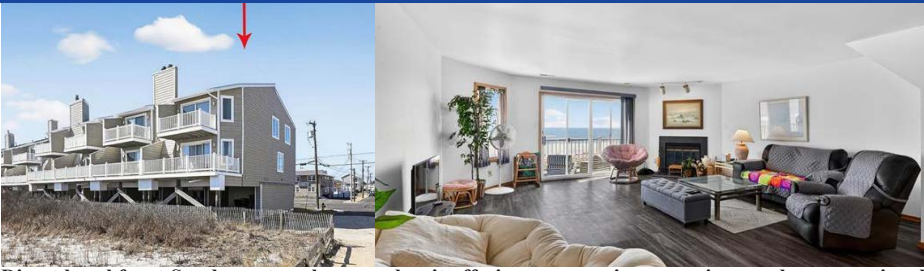
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Betty Boop Memorial – 2026

Submitted by the Lange Family

On Wednesday, July 29th, the Lange & McGarrigle Families, along with the Men’s Evening Golf Association (MEGA), held its 23rd Annual “Betty Boop Memorial” at the prestigious Brigantine Golf Links. The course conditions were superb, and the weather worked in our favor to handle the 125 golfers for this event. Dean, the Head Golf Professional; Cal, the Superintendent; and Marc, the General Manager, should be commended for

updating and maintaining the Links — job well done. Teams consisted of one or more women with four to five men playing a scramble-type format. Competition among the groups was more on the friendly side, based on the mission statement “Equality for Men and Women in Golf.” We had two tournaments — one on the Hagen (Betty Boop) nine and one on the Vardon (Mike Sr.) nine. After it was all said and done, the Hagen nine winners were: Long Drive on

hole #9 (tie), David Wayne & Dorie Herndon (Men) and Lori Herndon (Women); Closest to the Pin on hole #7, Frankie Schwartz, 3’8”. The Most Honest went to the Canavan and James families. Third place went to Coates, Coates, Bartlett, Lahr, Fitzgerald & Doyle, with a

score of -6 (lost on a match of cards). Second place went to Schwartz, Howe, Keena, Crawford & Grose with a score of -6 (lost on a match of cards). First place went to the Curaus, Lawler & Mureny with a winning score of -6 (won on a match of cards). The Vardon nine

winners were: Long Drive on hole #14, Bob Esau (Men) & Ella Seymour (Women); Closest to the Pin on hole #15, Kyle Herschman, 2’4”. The Most Honest went to Team Ellis, Snock, Way & Hous. Third place went to Seymour, the Obermans & (Continued on Page 57)



2nd place winners on the Hagen nine (Betty Boop side), from L to R: Howe, Grose, Schwartz & Keena (not pictured: Crawford)



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VFW News

We are celebrating the birthday of the U.S. Coast Guard this week. Established in 1790, we know this critical military team for its role in water safety, coastline protection, and port security. Thank you to our local Coast Guard team!

Your local VFW Post was proud to participate in National Night Out this week. Thank you to the

City of Brigantine, local businesses, and to all who came out to make a difference and strengthen ties between our municipal services and the community.

Our weekly lineup includes: Monday Bingo with Debbie calling the games! The kitchen is not open, but we have some easy pub food to keep you going. Tuesday is Trivia! Is your

brain full of useless information? If so, the VFW needs you! The kitchen is open Tuesday with a great menu.

This Friday (Aug. 7), we welcome the return of T-Bone for our entertainment. Plan on dinner and fantastic entertainment! We are extending our musical entertainment to Saturday (Aug. 8) as well, when Alex Chernick entertains

us. Join us both nights for some great entertainment.

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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day to Thursday, 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Join us Friday and Saturday, noon to 11 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 10 p.m.

VFW6964.org; VFW Memorial Post 6964 Facebook page. Veterans Crisis Hotline is “988” — press 1.

BBCAC Artist of the Month

Barbara Caniglia The Brigantine Beach Cultural Arts Commission is proud to present Barbara Caniglia as our Artist of the Month for August. Stop by the Community Center to see her beautiful paintings!

I was born and raised in Camden, New Jersey, and attended Camden Catholic High School. I earned both my bachelor’s and mas-

ter’s degrees in speech-language pathology from Trenton State College.

Throughout my career, I had the privilege of working in both the public schools and private practice as a sole practitioner, providing speech and language services to children and adults. My husband and I raised our two sons in Mt. Laurel, New

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BBCAC Artist of the Month

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Jersey, and today I consider myself incredibly blessed to have two wonderful daugh-



The McGill family is back for their 28th annual family week in Brigantine, starting with Mass at St Thomas church.

STATEPOINT

CROSSWORD: HISTORY 101 ACROSS

1. Charlie “Bird” Parker’s sax
5. Mary ____, business-woman extraordinaire
8. Downloadable smart-phone purchase
11. In ____ of
12. Greek salad staple
13. Appraisal
15. Law school prerequisite, acr.
16. “Once ____ a Time in America”
17. Dictum, pl.
18. * ____ press, Johannes Gutenberg’s invention
20. “Sittin’ On the Dock of the Bay” singer
21. In need of a muffler
22. Make a choice
23. *Genghis Khan’s ____ Empire
26. Intima, pl.
30. Fertility clinic stock
31. Tranquil
34. Famous Steeler coach, Chuck ____
35. Twisted cotton thread
37. Key next to spacebar
38. Like a gymnast
39. Naysayer’s favorite prefix
40. Develop, as in story
42. ____-AFTRA
43. Famous fox of fable
45. Like a smell of soil
47. *World’s first 24-hour TV news network, acr.
48. Molten rock
50. Smoke plus fog
52. *First Roman emperor
55. Part of foot, pl.
56. Chowder protein
57. Pelvic parts
59. Are not
60. *Homesteader’s purchase, sing.
61. “ ____ the good die young”

62. *Pres. during the Cuban Missile Crisis
63. It is
64. Fermented rice brew

DOWN

1. Pledge of Allegiance ending
2. Talk like Daffy
3. Eye drop
4. Day trip
5. Flat-topped military caps
6. Lack of muscle tension
7. Opposite of yin
8. Mushroom spore sacs
9. Benatar and Morita, e.g.
10. Money in Myanmar
12. Pointless
13. Take as one’s own
14. * ____ Bull, Lakota’s famous leader
19. Gallows’ rope
22. *World War ____, 1914-18
23. Wisdom tooth, e.g.
24. Sheep-like
25. Highly unpleasant
26. “He’s Just Not That ____ You”
27. Damp
28. Islam’s Supreme Being
29. Lament for the dead
32. Writer Ayn
33. Rudolph’s friend Her-mey, e.g.
36. *One of Mount Rush-more presidents
38. *First President in the White House
40. Cremation ashes con-tainer
41. Peanut or pea, e.g.
44. Emotional turmoil
46. 2:1 and 3:1, e.g.
48. Defraud
49. Petri dish jellies
50. Feudal lord’s servant
51. Humble and docile
52. Frozen bowl berry
53. Arm bone
54. *The ____ Road, ancient East-West trade route
55. Pilgrimage to Mecca
58. Pirate’s “yes”

ters-in-law who have given us the greatest joys of our lives — our three grandsons and one granddaughter. After retiring and spending treasured time helping care for my grandchildren when they were young, my husband and I moved to Brigantine. It was there that I decided it was time to try something completely new. I had always admired my in-laws, who discovered their artistic talents later in life. They worked in a variety of media, including oils, pastels, watercolors, and even sculpture. Their creativity inspired me, and when I saw that CER was offering watercolor classes, I thought, “Why not give it a try?” Now, as I begin my fourth year of painting, I can hon-

estly say I’m hooked. When I first started, I was afraid to even put a brush to paper. Today, while I know there is still so much to learn, I approach each painting with greater confidence and a willingness to challenge myself. I am especially grateful to Sister Celeste, whose encouragement and guidance have given me the confidence to grow as an artist, embrace new challenges, and take pride in my work. Watercolor has become so much more than a hobby — it has become a joyful and meaningful part of my life. I look forward to continuing this creative journey for many years to come.

Brigantine Times Kids Corner

The Railway Children

By E. Nesbit

Chapter IV

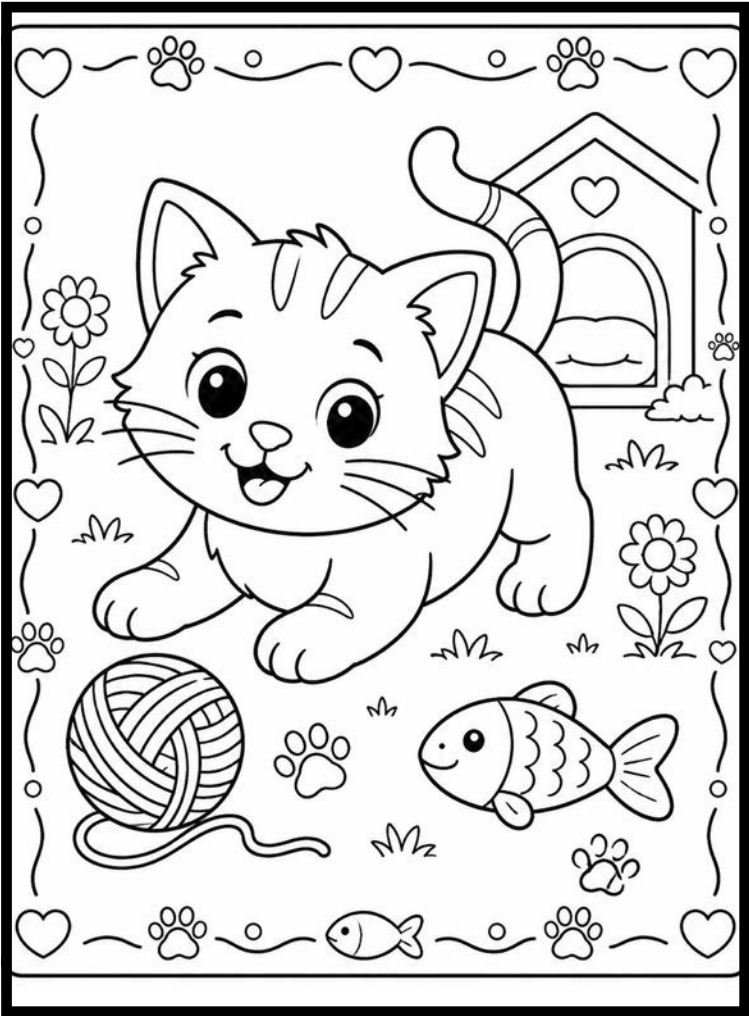
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The children agreed as they went home to dinner that the Porter was most delightful company. Next day was Roberta's birthday. In the afternoon she was politely but firmly requested to get out of the way and keep there till tea-time. "You aren't to see what we're going to do till it's done; it's a glorious surprise," said Phyllis. And Roberta went out into the garden all alone. She tried to be grateful, but she felt she would much rather have helped in whatever it was than have to spend her birthday afternoon by herself, no matter how glorious the surprise might be. Now that she was alone, she had time to think, and one of the things she thought of most was what mother had said in one of those feverish nights when her hands were so hot and her eyes so bright.

The words were:

"Oh, what a doctor's bill there'll be for this!" She walked round and round the garden among the rose-bushes that hadn't any roses yet, only buds, and the lilac bushes and syringas and American currants, and the more she thought of the doctor's bill, the less she liked the thought of it. And presently she made up her mind. She went out through the side door of the garden and climbed up the steep field to where the road runs along by the canal. She walked along until she came to the bridge that crosses the canal and leads to the village, and here she waited. It was very pleasant in the sunshine to lean one's elbows on the warm stone of the bridge and look down at the blue water of the canal. Bobbie had never seen any other canal, except the Regent's Canal, and the water of that is not at all a pretty colour. And she had never seen any river at

all except the Thames, which also would be all the better if its face was washed. Perhaps the children would have loved the canal as much as the railway, but for two things. One was that they had found the railway FIRST--on that first, wonderful morning when the house and the country and the moors and rocks and great hills were all new to them. They had not found the canal till some days later. The other reason was that everyone on the railway had been kind to them--the Station Master, the Porter, and the old gentleman who waved. And the people on the canal were anything but kind.



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Chamber Chatter

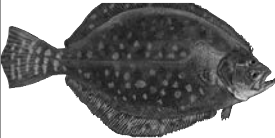
As August brings us into the heart of another memorable summer in Brigantine, the Chamber of Commerce is excited to share community updates, recognize one of our outstanding Board members, and highlight the events and activities that continue to make our island such a special place to live, work, and visit. Whether you're a resident or spending time with us this summer, we invite you to enjoy everything Brigantine has to offer. This month, we'd like to recognize one of our dedicated Chamber Board members, Sari Carroll. Sari is the Executive Director of Green Whales Inc. and the Program Director at the Brigantine Aquatic Center. As the daughter of a longtime small business owner, she developed a deep appreciation for supporting local businesses and serving the community she loves. Sari wears many hats in Brigantine. She is a swim coach, instructor, event planner, and race director

who is passionate about bringing people together through recreation and community events. Through Green Whales, Sari helps host and organize the annual Brigantine Triathlon, one of the island's signature events that brings together athletes, volunteers, local businesses, and spectators while showcasing everything Brigantine has to offer. The Brigantine Chamber of Commerce is grateful for Sari's dedication, enthusiasm, and willingness to give back. Her commitment to making Brigantine an even better place to live, work, and visit is evident in everything she does, and we are proud to recognize her contributions to our community. The Brigantine Triathlon takes place on Saturday morning, and we encourage everyone to come out and cheer on the athletes as they compete throughout our community. It's a wonderful opportunity to support a terrific local event and experience the excitement it brings to Brigantine.

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. The Chamber is excited to continue our growing Thursday Night Twilight Market, held every Thursday from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. through September 3. Businesses from around the island are participating, and our 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 to get around? Hop on the Beach House Shuttle Bus! The free shuttle runs Thursday through Sunday from

4:00 to 9:00 p.m., with 17 convenient stops throughout Brigantine. Whether you're heading to dinner, shopping, or enjoying the Twilight Market, the shuttle makes exploring Brigantine easier than ever. Don't forget to visit our members on Chamber Row at the Brigantine Farmers Market every Saturday, as well as other Chamber members throughout the market. Stop by the Chamber trailer for community information and learn more about our local businesses. You'll also have the opportunity to purchase our 4th Annual Christmas Ornament as well as a Brigantine poster. It's another great way to connect with our community, support local businesses, and take home a piece of Brigantine. U p c o m i n g Chamber Events Mark your calendars and join us for these upcoming Chamber events: August 11, 18 & 25 – Enjoy our Movies on the Beach, a fun family tra-

dition 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 continuing to see you around town this summer!



Weekly Fishing Report



by Captain Andy Grossman

The fish are here, the fish are hungry, the fish have to eat, and that’s why we are here. We help provide you the bait that these fish want to eat so you can go out there and put bait on a hook to feed these hungry fish. If you are not sure what fish are out there or what fish you want to catch, stop by Riptide Bait and Tackle and we’ll fill you in on what’s going on in

the fishing world. Plenty of flounder, spot, kingfish, croakers, triggerfish, sheepshead, mahi-mahi, tuna, and sharks in the local waters, and we have everything you’ll need to catch any and all of these fish. It’s been a fun summer of fishing so far, and it’s only getting better. 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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G.T. On The Beach

Decisions

By Garrett Touhill

Have you ever made a really hard decision? I’m almost sure you have. A difficult situation can hit us out of nowhere, and decisions have to be made. Sometimes both options feel

like terrible ones, or it only feels like you have one option. In these situations, many of us may be stunned into indecision. We’re too afraid to choose one of these seem-

ingly bad options, and so we refuse to make any decision at all. What happens then? The situation rolls on without us; we lose any semblance of control. Phew, almost had to make a tough call.

We do not, of course, have to fear decision-making, even if it seems both options are terrible. Given proper research and counsel, we can almost certainly determine one option to be worse and one to be better, even by a small margin. And in situations where it feels like you only have one option, pause and look around; there’s almost certainly something else to consider.

Then, what is left for

us to do is to accept the decisions we have made, to accept the consequences and rewards of our decisions. Accept that the decision we made was the best we could make at the time with the information we had, and move on. Nobody makes perfect decisions all the time. We should not fear making them nonetheless.

That was my thought for today; now let’s celebrate our Brigantine Birthdays!

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DeLucry.8- Barb Costello, Summer Crilley, Irene Wencke, Anne Costanza, Claire Rein-sel, Nicholas Kabala, Peter Monahan and Michelle Tour-igian, Sue Schlegel 9- Paul Goodman, Kai Hurst and Shannon Thompson.10- Marcy Leddy, Paul Karsko and Tami Jones. 11- Eileen Platt, Art Gordy, Dan Adams, and Francesca Bellia. 12- Patti Jones, Jill Shellem and Steph-anie Muller. 13- Patti and Peter Bennett, Joy Thompson, Ken Wagenhein, Jr., Joshua Verett, Lonnie Soto, Kelly Ann Kreit-zer, Audrey Hughes, Kevin Peterson and Keith Sooy.

National Day of...

August 7

National S’mores Day
National Lazy Day
World Lion Day

National Lighthouse Day
National Raspberries and
Cream Day
Purple Heart Day

August 11

National Son and
Daughter Day
National Raspberry
Bombe Day
Play in the Sand Day

August 8

National Dollar Day
International Cat Day
National Frozen Custard
Day

August 12

World Elephant Day
National Julienne Fries
Day
International Youth Day

August 9

National Book Lovers
Day
National Rice Pudding
Day

August 13

International Day of
the World’s Indigenous
Peoples

National Filet Mignon
Day
International Left-
Handers Day
National Prosecco Day

August 10



This photo shows the Brigantine Train Station that was located at Brigantine Avenue and Division Street (now Roosevelt Blvd). The Brigantine RR was chartered as a steam rail-road in 1889 operating under the names: Brigantine Beach RR (1889 to 1895) and Phila-delphia & Brigantine RR (1895 to 1904). Stop by the Brigantine Historical Museum to see more photos like this.



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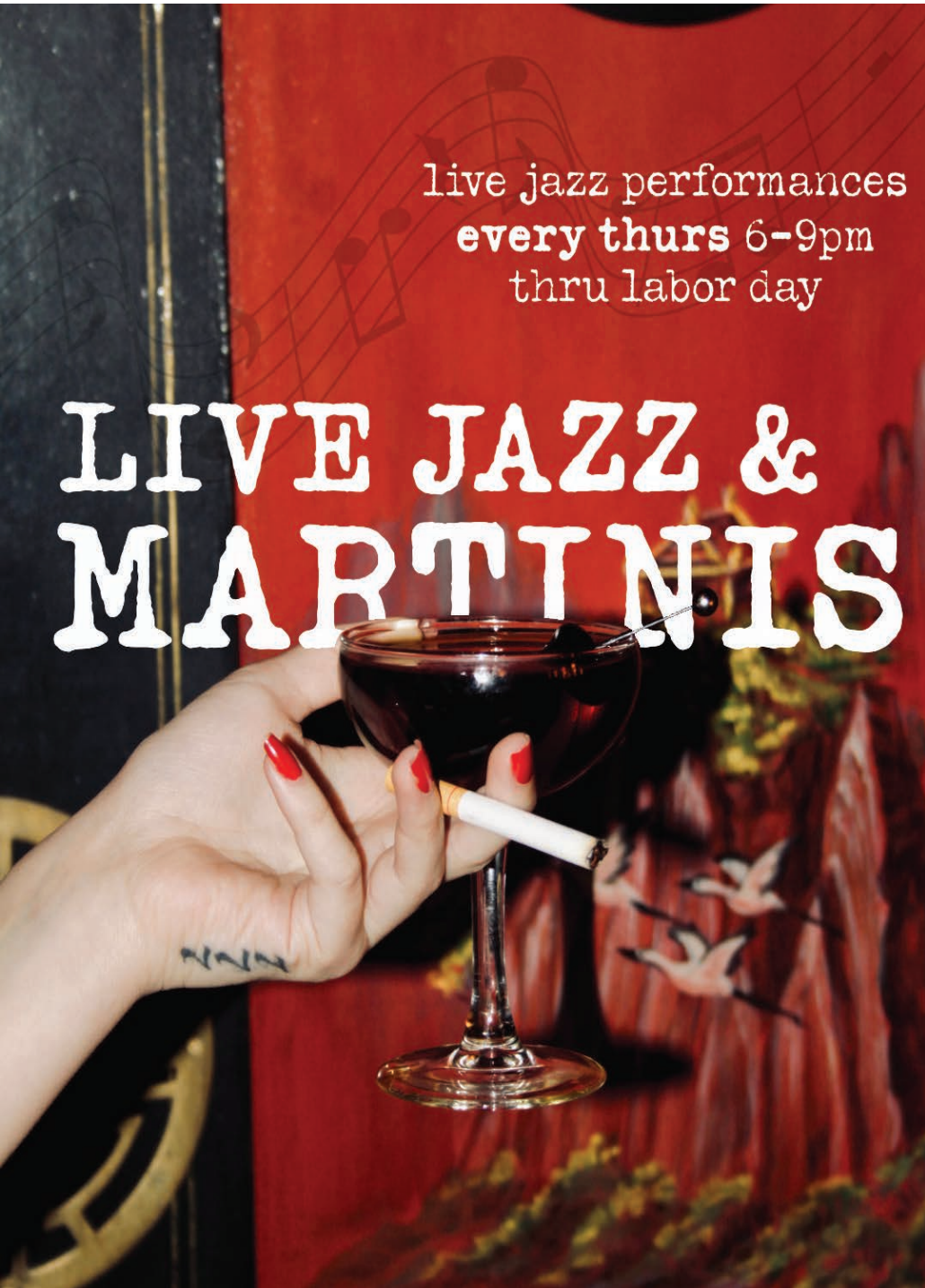
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BWGA News

The BWGA season is in full swing, and participation is at record numbers this year.

Last Tuesday's BWGA game, 7/21, was Bingo Bango Bongo! Points were awarded on the par 4s and par 5s as follows:

Bingo: The "bingo" point is given to the first golfer in the group who lands their ball on the green.

Bango: Once all balls are on the green, the golfer with the ball closest to the pin earns the "bango" point.

Bongo: The "bongo" point is awarded to the player whose ball lands in the cup first.

Winners were awarded in all four flights. A Flight: Chris Colombo and Nancy Doran with 9 points, Carla DiMuzio with 8 points, and Lisa Dove and Josslyn Shar-

key with 6 points. B Flight: Sheryce Quinn with 8 points, Debra Eckstein and Lorraine Hammond with 7 points, and Karen Bew with 6 points. C Flight: Libby Canavan and Lori Sarkistan, first place, with 8 points; Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Lori Herndon, and Maureen Mantici with 7 points; and Doreen Burns with 6. D Flight: Liza Kelly with 9 points, Vern Gagliano and Kathleen Moreland with 8 points, and Robin Stoloff with 5 points.

Lowest putts winners were A: Elaine O'Brien with 15 putts; B: Debra Eckstein with 16 putts; C: Anita Laielli with 16 putts; and D: Lida Rosle and Robin Stoloff with 14 putts.

Our longest drive contest on hole #6 was won by Lisa Dove, and CTPP on

hole #3 was Robin Stoloff.

Congratulations to Lisa Dove, Chris Colombo, and Robin Stoloff for birdies on holes #5, #5, and #7.

This Tuesday's game, 7/28, was 5 Card Draw. A random drawing after the round determined which five holes would be used toward the total score. We have winners for both Low Gross and Low Net in all four flights.

Flight A winners were: Low Gross — Elaine O'Brien (24) and Benny Friel, Kathy Herbein, and Christy Henley (26). Low Net — Renee Francisco (16), Susan Stinson (20), and Chris Colombo (21). Low putts winner was Christy Henley and Elaine O'Brien with 13 putts.

Flight B winners were: Low Gross — Cindy Douglas

(28). Low Net — Deb Eckstein (19). Low putts winners were Cindy Douglas and Deb Eckstein with 18 putts.

Flight C winners were: Low Gross — Cindy Stele (33). Low Net — Kathy Crits-Christoph (22) and Kathleen Fitzpatrick (26). Low putts winner was Kathy Crits-Christoph with 16 putts.

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Brigantine American Legion Post #396 Commander Julia Brouse joins Mayor Vince Sera at the "Celebrate Summer Party" held at the Legion last Thursday.



The Brigantine GOP hosted a "Celebrate Summer" party at the Brigantine American Legion Post #396 last Thursday night. Pictured are County Clerk Joe Giraldo, Commissioner June Byrnes, Post Commander and Navy Veteran Julia Brouse, Commissioner Art Schenker, Sheriff Joe O'Donoghue and Mayor Vince Sera.



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The full moon rises over Brigantine Beach on July 29, 2026. (Photo by Sean Kardon).

The Health Tip of The Week

By Dr. J. Zimmerman

Why Long-Term Keto Diet Can Lead to Weight Gain

A ketogenic diet can be a great starting point, especially for the many people whose bodies have trouble switching between fuel sources. In the short term, going keto often helps people drop weight and feel better. But here’s the catch: staying in ketosis for too long can backfire. Months down the road, many people find the weight creeping back or refusing to budge no matter how hard they try. What once worked stops working, and that struggle points to something deeper going on inside the body. That “something deeper”

often comes down to a hormone called cortisol. Your body needs glucose (sugar) to survive. When you don’t give it enough, your body panics a little and releases cortisol to make its own glucose. It does this by breaking down your muscle, bone, and other tissues, which is not what you want. On top of that, cortisol causes inflammation and pushes your body to store fat around your belly. When cortisol stays high day after day, it can wear you down, speed up aging, and make losing weight feel almost impossible. The kind of sugar you eat also makes a huge difference. High-fructose corn

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BWGA News

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Flight D winners were: Low Gross — Vern Gagliano (31). Low Net — Lida Rosle (19) and Leah Christman (21). Low putts winners were Vern Gagliano and Lida Rosle with 17 putts. Longest drive #18

went to Renee Francisco, and CTTTP #15 went to Susan Stinson with 33’1”. Special mention to Susan Stinson for a birdie on #18 and a chip-in for par by Kathy Crits-Christoph on hole #15. Well done, ladies!

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Garden Club News

By Phyllis Glomb

The August meeting was held on the 3rd at the Community Center. The new pot signs are in and have been placed in the Promenade pots and at the Boat Ramp, City Dock, and Public Works pots. Special thanks to Steve Litner and his committee for their work in designing the new signs. The next phase will be to have larger signs made for the beds. These are scheduled to be phased in slowly. It's our new look!

Index cards are placed on the tables and volunteers are requested to write their suggestions and place them in the basket. The response has been terrific, and the board discusses each suggestion at their meeting. Thanks for your input.

Mark your calendars for Sept. 27 for The Annual Gathering at The Cove. More information will follow soon.

Council passed an Ordinance that every tree removed is to be replaced. National Night out will be the following evening, Aug. 4; donations have been collected to be given out that evening. Thanks to Johanne Milnes for all your hard work, and sending out wishes for a speedy recovery.

All of our bed and pot tenders are volunteers. They give selflessly of their time, energy, and oftentimes money to beautify our island. When a few unfortunately ignorant people vandalize that work, it is everyone's loss. Please, if you see immature people damaging the plants, stop them and call the police immediately. This is our island; we will not allow it to be disrespect-

ed by a few delinquents.

Nomination Forms for the 2027 Board of Directors are now available. Step up to hold a position of leadership in our organization. Forms are due on Aug. 24; nominees will be announced at the Sept. 14 meeting. Members may spend a total of three years on the board before mandatory retirement. They may run again the following year if desired. There are seven positions to be held. Thanks to everyone who steps forward.

Co-chairs Pat and Kathy recognized and thanked every volunteer personally for their hard work and dedication. Isn't it nice to know that we are appreciated? What a great courtesy and honor for everyone!

Round Table Gardening Questions and Discussions completed the evening. Everyone had something to share. So nice working together and helping each other with tips and suggestions. This issue was raised: the Club has a hidden rock program where painted rocks are placed around the island for folks to find and post on Brigantine Rocks NJ. You may keep or rehide those rocks. However, if a BED has painted rocks which do not have directions on the bottom, those are bed decorations and not meant to be taken. Please do not take rocks from any of the garden beds or pots. Thanks.

The next general meeting will be on Sept. 14. Nancy Phillips will present a program on Winter Sowing. Everyone is welcome to attend. Refresh-

ments are always served.

Thanks to all volunteers for making our island a place you will never want to leave. Seen on a garden sign: God made rainy days so gardeners could

get the housework done.

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By Rachel Litner

Monday, Aug. 10: Temple Beth Shalom's In-Person, Free Children's Bingo! Temple Beth Shalom is thrilled to announce the return of in-person, free Children's Bingo to Brigantine on Mondays, Aug. 3 and 10, from 7-8 p.m. (Grades 1-6). Don't miss the opportunity for your child (or

grandchild) to participate in Bingo and win loads of prizes. A consent form must be completed for all participants prior to attending Game Night (one consent form may be used for one or more games). Forms may be obtained from the TBS office or on the TBS website at www.seashul.org. Temple

Beth Shalom is committed to providing a fun and safe environment for our Bingo participants. Parents may drop off their children or are invited to stay and enjoy the fun. Please feel free to call the TBS office at 609-266-0403 for more information. Wednesdays Canasta from 11

a.m.-1 p.m. Mah Jongg from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, August 12th: The Brigantine Holocaust Remembrance Program Brigantine Library @ 4

p.m. Join Temple Beth Shalom, the Sara & Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center of Stockton University- (Continued on Page 49)



Chris Kurceba Jr. follows in his father's footsteps by attending weekly kids Bingo at Temple Beth Shalom.



Chris Kurceba Sr. and his son Chris Kurceba Jr. Chris Kurceba's Bingo memories go back more than 25 years, when he was in elementary school. He came back to Bingo this summer with his 8-year-old son, Chris Kurceba Jr., to share the magic.

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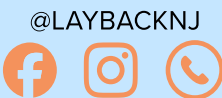
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Wednesday, August 19: Come Cool Off With Seth Kibel North School @ 7 p.m., in partnership with the Brigantine Community Center. Join Temple Beth Shalom and your Brigantine Community Center for an exciting evening of music and fun. Seth Kibel is one of the Mid-Atlantic's premier woodwind specialists, working with some of

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continues to bring parents, grandparents, and children together for a lively evening of screen-free fun. While only one session remains — on Monday, August 10th — the packed room, laughter, and lasting connections prove why this weekly summer tradition has become an

island staple. (Scroll below for photos and personal stories from local families sharing what keeps them coming back across generations.) While Bingo offers a snapshot of Brigantine at its best — warm, welcoming, and unpretentious. (Continued on Page 50)



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These players all came out for the annual Betty Boop Memorial Golf Tournament, which the Lange and McGarrigel Families along with the Men’s Evening Golf Association (MEGA) put on each year.

The Fish on the Wall

By Mairead McHugh

I’ve learned the art of listening
I stay hung across the living room wall.
The months and years passing me swiftly,
Like the buzzing of the vicious greenheads.
I am a fish on a wall
Sand crusts between my once hydrated fins

As the winter season freezes me alive.
And for eight months I wait.
I wait for the late night board games overflowing with laughter,
and the occasional movie nights, watching as they fall asleep among the cushy couch.
I wait for the sunkissed chil-

dren to skip through the blue door, pinker than the morning before.
Each day, I watch as the boys become men and the girls become women.
I am a fish on the wall.
Though I am no longer swimming through the deep blue sea, I found my way
I found a home.

The Health Tip of The Week

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syrup is one of the worst offenders. Many drinks made with it hide extra starch that never shows up on the label, so you’re taking in far more calories than you think. Those tiny starch particles can sneak into your blood, stir up inflammation, and even feed harmful gut bacteria. On the other hand, natural sugars from whole fruit, raw honey, and pure organic cane sugar are much easier for your body to handle. In fact, honey has been shown to help blood sugar in some people, which tells us sugar itself isn’t the enemy — it’s all about the source.
If you decide to add more carbs back into your meals, there’s an important rule to

remember: cut back on fat at the same time. Eating lots of carbs and lots of fat together can send your triglycerides soaring, which isn’t good for your heart. This ties into something called the Randle Cycle. Think of it like a railroad switch: your body’s cells can only burn one fuel at a time, either fat or sugar, never both. When you eat too much fat (more than about 30% of your calories), your cells switch over to burning fat, and the leftover sugar piles up in your blood. That backup can lead to high blood sugar and even diabetes over time.
Finally, there’s a fresh way of thinking about cancer that flips the old idea on

its head. For years, people believed sugar “feeds” cancer. But newer research suggests the real trouble may be too much fat being burned inside the cells. When cells get stuck over-burning fat, they become stressed and start acting abnormally. Studies have found that limiting dietary fat, or blocking the body from breaking down its own fat, shows real promise in fighting cancer. It works by nudging those stressed cells out of their unhealthy fat-burning state. It’s an exciting idea that reminds us how much we’re still learning about food, our bodies, and how the two work together.

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By Lugene, a member of Brig Ink

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The wrinkles locked in the wisdom of age
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Thoughts Are Things

Psychological Equilibrium 101

By Stephen T. Weeks



SHANGRI-LA, NIRVANA & THE GARDEN OF EDEN! Few of us don't know about, or haven't heard about, the experience that these names, or states of consciousness, imply, whether we've read about them in ancient scriptures, or heard about them in our yoga classes, movies, novels, or word of mouth. Most would say, if asked, that these ideas suggest an individual who's found these states of awareness would have found true & consistent levels of happiness, joy, contentment & peace of mind. This is an idea whose time has come.

Of course the most controversial word & idea for we Human Beings is Heaven - ask 20 people what their concept of Heaven is - and you'll get 20 different answers. Most world religions, and there are many

active religions in today's world, including the three main ones - Christianity, Islam & Hinduism - adhere to some idea & belief of a Life after death, and/or a Heaven, or heavenly reward.

Certainly this idea is a nice one, but it overlooks the fact that especially here in our modern world, where the average person lives with access to goods & services that would make ancient emperors & kings jealous, we have it pretty good. Here in this day & age, there's a lot of Heaven happening, along side a lot of misunderstanding & confusion - but this doubt, fear, frustration & anxiety is not Life's fault, not by a long shot.

FUNDAMENTAL CLARITY & JOY! We are not here to delve deeply into the value & authenticity of people's religious practices &

beliefs - because these things are extremely personal - and as we may have experienced at family gatherings, especially Thanksgiving, everyone, even those who share the same religion, has their own interpretation & perspective on their approach to these spiritual precepts.

We are here, however, to impart the ideas & insights suggested by Affirmative Thinkers & Practitioners throughout world history - those who took the presence of Life Itself, and the presence of Human Intelligence, as absolute proof of mankind's divinity & connection to the divine, in every way, shape, form & function possible for a Human Being.

In other words, we are alive by the grace of the Almighty who's living & breathing within inside us, as us. Here we enjoy the psy-

chological comfort & understanding that where God is concerned, there's absolutely no separation between the Creator, or Universal Intelligence, and its creation - that would be you & me. When we are conditioned through our religious indoctrination to believe that God, or the Almighty, or our Creator, is something, or someone, outside ourselves, we are barking up the wrong tree.

METAPHYSICAL PRINCIPLES! As controversial as it may seem, the first fundamental & foundational idea, or principle, of Affirmative Thinking & Metaphysical Insight & Understanding is - there is no punishing God - never was, never will be.

This is an idea that mankind came up with in order to scare the bejesus out of everyday people, and hopefully, to keep them in line. Here we ask, how's that working out for ya, humanity? How are we developing & evolving as a society & culture whose entire childhood was, generally speaking, traumatized by these barbaric ideas & superstitious beliefs.

Now we can fully actualize the deity within inside ourselves, and choose to lovingly share our Humanity with ourselves, and everyone else we have the privilege & honor to exist with. No one I know has the ability to fully comprehend how vast & complex the Human Race - all 8.5 billion of us - really is. There is no generalization of this reality that a thoughtful person can offer that passes the smell test.

Neither do we have the capacity to understand & fully appreciate the celestial & terrestrial universe we live in, but we can feel & enjoy the reality of our existence, one day at a time, one moment at a time, one breath at a time, if we would like to, without all of the doubt, fear, frustration & anxiety that toxic superstition & hearsay has created in our lives.

It's our choice, and our opportunity, to live in anxiety & fear, or to live in the certainty & security that a loving God is watching over us, caring for us, and enlivening us, from the inside out - one breath, one heartbeat, and one moment at a time - from Here to Eternity. (Next Week, More Thoughts)



This blow-up obstacle course was a big hit for families who attended the Night Out event on Tuesday. (Photo by Jack Fahey).



A local law enforcement officer does a demonstration with a police dog from the County's Sheriff's K9 unit. (Photo by Jack Fahey).

Don't worry, punishment exists, and we do it to ourselves. Break the Golden Rule, disrespect & abuse yourself, your family, friends, coworkers, or strangers on the street, and your conscience will definitely, like an upset stomach, come back to haunt you, and disturb your peace of mind, big time.

Psychologically speaking, mental & emotional suffering, brought on by a guilty conscience, will wreak havoc with your inner self, no matter how much we try to ignore the pain. We also have manmade laws & courts that do their best to adjudicate crimes & misdemeanors, so the Almighty has absolutely nothing to do with it.

THE GARDEN OF EDEN! Once again we suggest that these ideas, these stories & legends about Nirvana, Shangri-La, Heaven & the Garden of Eden, are allegory - lessons & examples concerned with a person's Psychological Health & Equilibrium (well-being) and thus, either their happiness, or suffering. Imagine living in the secure knowledge & understanding that we are fully responsible for our thoughts, words, deeds, and actions, and that there is no punishing deity, ready to pounce on us, at the drop of a hat.

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Betty Boop Memorial – 2026

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Rando with a score of -5. Second place went to Savastano, Gillio, Healy, Kullaf & Bolinski with a score of -6. First place went to the Skons, the Franciscos & Dillon with a winning score of -8. After the tournament concluded, 130 people enjoyed a great banquet at the Links, prepared by The Cove (Joe Crilley, MG, Sarah, Danielle & Emma), who pulled out all the stops and prepared a fantastic meal. The tournament MC, Mike Lange Jr., made presentations to all the winners and handed out the prizes and gifts. Special thanks to Dean, who printed the winner pages for the announcements. Every year the Lange Family donates to local charities

or a cause in need. The consensus among family members was to go back to our roots and support the Links with a memorial tree behind #10 green. The tournament now has nonprofit status in the State of NJ, which will allow us to hold a raffle and solicit donations going forward. Special thanks to the VFW for letting us use

a license to hold the raffle. All of the ladies were invited up to the podium and presented with a sleeve of balls for their participation in this event. Purple was Betty's favorite, and all the golfers seemed to enjoy wearing the popular color during the event. Dessert followed with Betty Boop cupcakes. We would not be able to

hold this popular event if it weren't for the generous nature of local businesses and individuals who support this worthwhile tournament. The entire Lange & McGarrigel families thank you from the bottom of our hearts. See you next year.



3rd place on the Hagen nine (Betty Boop side), from L to R: Lahr, Fitzgerald, Doyle, MC Lange, Coates, Coates & Bartlett



This participant won a prize for most honest on the Hagen nine (from L to R): The Canavan & James Families.

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What grip is the proper golf grip for me to use?

If you happened to watch the PGA Tour event over the weekend, you witnessed something not often seen. Michael Thorbjornsen, a 24-year-old originally from Cleveland, Ohio won for the first time on the PGA Tour. What was unique is that he uses a ten-finger grip (also known as a baseball grip). It is called a ten-finger grip because all ten fingers touch the club. The other two grip styles, the Vardon grip (named after Harry Vardon / also called an overlapping grip), and the interlocking grip (made famous by Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods) have nine and eight fingers touching the club, respectively.

So, which is the correct way to grip the club? Well, there is no one correct answer. The answer is whichever fits your individual body and preferred shot tendency.

The **interlocking grip** is good for an individual who may:

Have small hands: Junior players, women, and men with shorter fingers or narrow palms find it more secure. **Loose hand feel:** Golfers whose bottom hands slip off or slide around during a full swing. **Less active wrists:** Players who want to limit independent wrist action and keep the clubface square. The way the lead hand (left hand for the right-handed golfer) will tend to lay in a weaker position, or more in the palms, since the knuckles of both hands tend to line up. This weaker lead hand position will tend to favor a left-to-right shot shape for the right-handed golfer.

The Vardon grip (overlapping grip) is good for an individual who may:

Have large hands or long fingers: Fits hands that feel cramped or restricted when trying an interlocking grip. **Players with high tension:** Helps reduce excessive grip pressure, promoting a smoother release and relaxed forearms.

Advanced or transitioning players: Frequently adopted as players move past the beginner phase, offering a popular and balanced feel.

Wrist mobility: Allows slightly more freedom in the wrists, which helps with wrist hinge and additional power, and shaping shots (fades and draws).

The **ten-finger grip** is good for individuals who may be:

Beginners: It feels natural and lets you focus on the swing instead of a complex hand lock. **Junior Golfers:** Kids have smaller, weaker hands and benefit from having all ten fingers directly on the club. **Seniors and Players with Arthritis:** It reduces finger tension, stress, and joint pain compared to interlocking grips.

Players with Baseball Backgrounds: It mimics a standard bat grip, making the motion feel familiar. For baseball players transitioning to golf, one change to make is to be sure your thumbs are pointed down the grip towards the clubhead, and not wrapped around the side as in a typical baseball grip.

The ten-finger grip also:

- Power: Maximize club head speed because every finger contacts the shaft.
- Comfort: Less strain on individual fingers and tendons.

Lead to the potential risk of Pulls/Hooks: it can sometimes cause a tendency to pull or hook the ball if the hands do not work together smoothly.

In summary, experiment with each of these styles and find which best suits your individual preferences and desires.

For help with your grip, or any other aspect of your game that needs attention, visit your local PGA Golf Professional.

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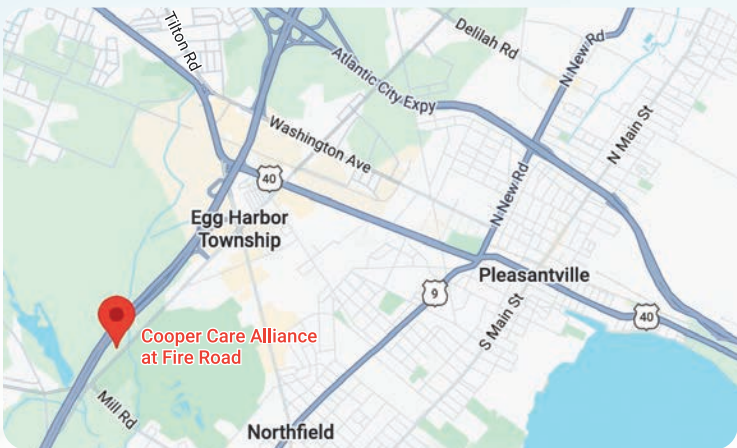


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Brigantine’s Earliest Businesses

By Roseann Smith



The first capitalist business in Brigantine was a saltworks operation established during the American Revolution. Before the Revolution, salt was largely imported from Great Britain. However, as the conflict intensified, Great Britain choked off the colonies’ salt supply. Salt was a critical commodity — it was used to preserve and store beef, pork, and fish. Without salt to preserve fighting patriots’ rations, there was fear of starvation and the possibility of mutiny. Salt was also used in the complex production of gunpowder. Places along the Eastern Seaboard proved vital for extracting salt from the Atlantic Ocean. Brigantine was one of those places.

The saltworks business operated in Brigantine by harvesting saltwater from the Atlantic Ocean and boiling it down in large metal pans. The saltwater was boiled in large wood-fired furnaces until it evaporated, leaving behind valuable crystallized salt. By 1825, long after the American Revolution, an official saltworks company was established in Brigantine. This business venture marked a milestone as the earliest recorded commercial effort on a largely uninhabited island. There were only 10 permanent houses on Brigantine Island — it wasn’t an “Island You’ll Love for Life” yet.

In 1838, the first hotel was built to accommodate visitors to an island accessible only by boat. Built by Isaac Holdzcom, the hotel was never given a formal name; locals referred to it simply as “the first hotel on the island.” In 1888, the Holland House Hotel was built to attract more visitors to Brigantine. It led to a breakthrough in tourism

expansion and was tied to Brigantine’s initial railroad and real estate development phase. The builder of the Holland House Hotel is unknown on public record; however, a gentleman named E. Mehl was its proprietor during the hotel’s operating years. Remember, Brigantine would not be granted its first municipal charter as a borough until 1890.

According to a 1920 census, Brigantine had 12 permanent residents. By 1924, our town was officially designated the City of Brigantine. In 1927, the Brigantine Hotel, later known as the Brigantine Inn, was built by the Brigantine Island Development Company. The early 1930s brought the construction of log cabins known as the Brigantine Tourist Camp. Located near the north end of the island, the log cabins were a popular beachfront vacation spot for tourists newly discovering Brigantine’s beauty. The log cabins also hosted a small general store where you could buy snacks and ice cream.

One of the first recorded retail stores on the island was Colgan’s Sundries in the late 1940s, where you could purchase beach essentials. Jack’s Pharmacy opened in Brigantine in the early 1950s. A family-run business, Jack’s Pharmacy was the quintessential mom-and-pop store that took care of all of your needs.

Wally’s Fashion opened in 1956, when Walter (Wally) and Anna (Jean) Ciolko bought a piece of land at 1205 West Brigantine Avenue. It’s the last successful retail business of Brigantine’s “Gilded Age.” Bittersweet: it was recently announced that Lynn, Wally and Jean’s daughter, will retire and close the iconic store.

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