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Does Your Portfolio Have Room for Both Active and Passive Investing?

Investors today live in an era offering unprecedented global investment choices, in both active and passive vehicles. Investments in each category have opportunities and challenges for investors to consider when crafting an optimal financial strategy. With so many choices at your fingertips, how can you best capitalize on what the markets have to offer? There is no right answer for everyone, but in many cases, it may make sense to use both active and passive investments to effectively build and manage a diversified portfolio.

Defining active and passive investing

Active investing is an approach that seeks to capitalize on inefficiencies in the market by identifying individual securities that don’t currently appear to be priced based on their true underlying value. Success using this approach generally requires in-depth research and analysis by knowledgeable investment professionals. Many traditional mutual funds fall into this category. Active fund managers who oversee these funds seek to generate returns that outperform a benchmark, or a specific measure of market performance, such as the S&P 500 index. They make investment decisions based on a defined approach or strategy.

Passive investing is an approach that seeks to match the performance of a specific benchmark or segment of the market. Many passive investors choose, for example, to put their money to work in an index fund that invests in a broad segment of the market. Perhaps the most common passive investments are funds that track the performance of the S&P 500 Index, an unmanaged index of large capitalization U.S. stocks. The premise is to own a broad cross-section of the market, or of a segment of the market, rather than trying to identify specific securities that may outperform a benchmark or segment of the market.

It’s worth noting that there are increasingly more investment options offering a middle ground between active and passive strategies. Called strategic or smart beta, this investment strategy combines the transparency, consistency, and cost-efficiency of passive investing, with the investment insights found in active management.

Considerations for each approach

There are benefits and shortcomings to each approach. Actively managed investment strategies offer the opportunity for outperformance versus a specific segment of the market. They can also take steps to defend against the impact of down markets that inevitably occur from time-to-time, often by avoiding individual securities or sectors that have challenges. To accommodate the research and expertise involved, actively managed investments typically come with higher expenses, which detract from the net returns they generate. Also, because they are using a selective approach to investing, there are times when they will choose to invest in securities that don’t perform to expectations, and perhaps miss out on the full benefit of broader upward trends in the market.

A key benefit of passive investing is that fees tend to be lower than other investment strategies. They also tend to be tax efficient because trading is minimized in the fund as it continues to track an index over the long term. A downside to passive funds is that by simply investing in a benchmark, an investor foregoes the opportunity to outperform that index. This means returns tend to match those of the market, minus any fees. Also, in volatile periods or when markets trend down, index fund investors will see their investments follow a similar path.

A case for both strategies

Is one approach the best choice for your portfolio? The reality for many investors is that a combined approach may be an effective solution. Investors should pay close attention to factors that can affect their investment results, including fees, different sources of potential investment return and the benefits of a diversified portfolio.

You may determine that part of your portfolio should generally track with the market. If that’s the case, a passive fund may make sense. At the same time, you may want to take advantage of specific opportunities in segments of the market where selectivity may help you reach your goals. If so, active strategies may offer a better path to success.

The good news is that you have a tremendous opportunity to effectively diversify and tailor your portfolio to help you achieve your long-term goals. A financial advisor can work with you to determine what approach and investments work best given your financial goals, investment time horizon and risk profile.

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The S&P 500 Index is a basket of 500 stocks that are considered to be widely held. The S&P 500 index is weighted by market value (shares outstanding times share price), and its performance is thought to be representative of the stock market as a whole. The S&P 500 index was created in 1957 although it has been extrapolated backwards to several decades earlier for performance comparison purposes. This index provides a broad snapshot of the overall US equity market. Over 70% of all US equity value is tracked by the S&P 500. Inclusion in the index is determined by Standard & Poor’s and is based upon their market size, liquidity, and sector.

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Membership Drive Lacey Italian American Club

The Italian American Club of Lacey has been active for 42 years and is conducting a membership drive. They are inviting residents from Lacey Township and all surrounding areas who are interested in their heritage and would enjoy belonging to an active community club to please contact President Gerry La Penna at 609-971-7258 to find out more about our community involvement and activities.

Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at the Lacey Community Hall located on the corner of Route 9 and East Lacey Road at 7 PM. Anyone 18 years of age and older including husbands and wives of which one must be Italian descent are eligible for membership. Refreshments will be served.

Forked River Old Guard Meeting

The Forked River Old Guard, a non-affiliated social club for men 55 and older, meets every Monday at the Lacey Township Community Hall on the corner of Rt. 9 N and E. Lacey Rd. Social hour begins at 9 AM followed by a general membership meeting at 10 AM. New members welcome.

Lacey Garden Club News

On Thursday, September 6th, we will have a social time from 1:00 to 1:30 at Community Hall in Forked River followed by a business meeting and a trip to Anvil Farm located in Lacey Township. Community Hall is located at the corner of Route 9 and Lacey Road. New members are cordially welcomed. No gardening experience is needed nor is Lacey Township residence.

Lacey Food Bank

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Food Distribution Dates For 2018

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All distributions will be held at the Food Bank building, on the corner of 102 Station Drive and Parker; one block in from Route 9. Entry is at the REAR of the building.

If you are unable to get to us due to disability or illness, call for assistance in getting your food. Leave a message on the food bank machine at 609-242-2848 and someone will call you back.

Woman's Club of Lacey

Woman's Club of Lacey meets every second Wednesday of each month at 10:30 am at the Lacey Community Hall, Route 9N and E. Lacey Road, Forked River. The club is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and is a non-profit organization. Membership is open to all women. Visit us on our website www.womanscluboflacey.org and come out to our meeting, see what the Woman's Club is all about and how you can get involved. For more information and membership contact Adrienne at 732-604-5042 or email adriennewcl@comcast.net.

Nemours Mansion & Longwood Gardens Bus Trip

The Friends of Lacey Library are sponsoring a bus trip to the Nemours Mansion in Delaware and then to Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania to see stunning holiday displays on Thursday, November 29, 2018. The bus departs 8:45 a.m. from the Lacey Library at 10 E. Lacey Road, Forked River and returns approximately 8:45 p.m. Cost is $85 and includes transportation, admission fees, and bus driver's tip. Full information, itinerary, and registration forms are located in the Lacey Library. Deadline to register is October 20, but do not delay.

Bingo

Play Bingo every Wednesday night from 7-10 p.m. in the Columbian Hall Knights of Columbus, 15 East Lacey Road, Forked River. Doors open at 5 p.m. Food and beverages are sold. 609-971-9532.

Lacey Elks Lodge # 2518 Roadside Yard Sale

Lacey Elks Lodge #2518 will hold a Roadside Yard Sale on the first Saturday of the month from 8 am - 2 pm; rain date is on Sunday. Proceeds benefit Special Needs Children's Committee. Lacey Elks Lodge # 2518 is located at 900 Beach Boulevard in Forked River, NJ, 08731. Please contact Helen at 732-618-2568 for additional information.

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Coldwell Banker Riviera Realty, Inc. Expands Through Acquisition of The Bayshore Agency

Coldwell Banker Riviera Realty, Inc. today announced its acquisition of the Bayshore Agency and the company’s office expansion into Tuckerton and Ship Bottom, New Jersey. Coldwell Banker Riviera Realty is a family owned and operated business founded in 1946 and headed by Dean R. Smith.

The former Bayshore Agency offices, located at 600 N. Green Street in Tuckerton and 1120 Long Beach Blvd in Ship Bottom will now be the seventh and eighth Coldwell Banker Riviera Realty offices. With offices now in Point Pleasant, Brick, Toms River, Forked River, Manahawkin, Surf City, Ship Bottom and Tuckerton, Coldwell Banker Riviera Realty has more than 175 independent sales associates in Ocean County.

The Bayshore Agency has served the Ocean County area for more than 50 years under the former owners Harry and Diane Disbrow, who will continue in management and leadership capacities with Coldwell Banker Riviera Realty.

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“Growth is essential in any business, and Coldwell Banker Riviera Realty’s acquisition of The Bayshore Agency will further strengthen the Coldwell Banker brand presence in Southern Ocean County.”

Charlie Young, president and chief executive officer of Coldwell Banker® Real Estate LLC.

“This is an exciting day as we continue to benefit from a strong housing market. We are clearly in a growth mode and today’s announcement is another positive sign for the viability of our region’s economic future. We are committed to ensuring that all homebuyers, sellers and tenants receive the best imaginable service and that our agents are afforded every opportunity to maximize their business potential.”

Jim Joeriman, General Manager, Coldwell Banker Riviera Realty, Inc.

“We could not have made a better choice than to place our successful family business with another successful family business. We are like minded professionals who value relationships with our clients and with our agents. We look forward to a bright future with Coldwell Banker Riviera Realty.”

Harry & Diane Disbrow

Coldwell Banker Riviera Realty is headquartered at 550 Brick Blvd, Brick, NJ. They can be reached at 609-297-7111. Visit RivieraRealty.com for more information. Each office is independently owned and operated. Since 1906, the Coldwell Banker® organization has been a premier provider of full-service residential and commercial real estate brokerage services. Coldwell Banker Real Estate is the oldest national real estate brand and franchisor in the United States, and today has a global network of approximately 3,000 independently owned and operated franchised broker offices in 48 countries and territories with almost 91,000 affiliated sales professionals.

Jersey Shore Comic Book Show

The Jersey Shore Comic Book Show returns to the Toms River Elks, 600 Washington Street, for its summer spectacular on Sunday, August 19 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Featuring vendors, artists, writers, publishers and costume groups. Guest include Joe del Beato (Marvel Comics, G.I. Joe), Matt Parton, Andrew Taylor, Gianni Boy Vee, Joseph Ryan, Steve Lisefski from Bayville, Mackenzie Rose Hawk from Manahawkin. Costume stars include Dangerous Dan, Dark Knight of PA Cosplay (Batman) and the Star Wars 501st Legion.

There will be raffles, door prizes and a costume contest for all ages. Admission for adults is $3.00 and children under 12 are free.

For more information, see jerseyshorecomicbookshow.com/tomsriver.html or call 609-242-7756.

OCC Foundation's 2018 Golf Classic Set For October 9

The Ocean County College Foundation invites you to tee off at the Pine Barrens Golf Club in Jackson on Tuesday, October 9, for the 2018 Golf Classic Tee Off for Scholarships.

The event, featuring ”Beat the Pro” and ”Putting” contests, is held annually to assist the Foundation in its mission to make higher education more accessible to Ocean County residents through scholarships and awards. By providing students with excellent educational opportunities, it opens a new world of possibilities and paves the way for their future success.

Entry fee is $325 per player. Your contribution includes brunch (9:30 a.m.), use of driving range (9:30-11 a.m.) before the shotgun start (11 a.m.), along with green fees, golf cart, and a golf gift. An Awards and Cocktail Reception (4 p.m.), in the clubhouse, will follow the tournament. Soft spikes and golf attire are required.

Join the Foundation for a day of fun and fellowship. Make your reservations as soon as possible to ensure a spot.

The event (formerly called the Golf Outing, and now in its 17th year) will be held rain or shine.

Individuals and businesses may lend support by becoming a sponsor. All sponsors receive recognition in the reception program; in addition, depending on level of sponsorship, this may also include name prominently displayed at the Golf Classic, entry fees for a foursome or twosome, tee sponsor, Mulligans, and tickets to the 2019 Scholarship Celebration. Please call for details.

Registration Deadline: September 7, 2018. To register as a player or sponsor, call the OCC Foundation at 732-255-0492.
2nd Annual National Night Out

Lacey Township Police Department’s 2nd annual National Night Out, on Tuesday, August 7th, 2018.

The event will take place at Gille Park, 56 Manchester Avenue, Forked River. The purpose of this event is to strengthen law enforcement and community partnerships and promote drug and DUI prevention and education. The event kickoff will take place at 6:00 p.m.

This event will offer a variety of entertainment for all ages to enjoy. The Lacey Township Police Department, the Ocean County Sheriff’s Department and the New Jersey State Police will be on site. Each agency will present different pieces of law enforcement equipment and apparatus. The Lacey Township Police Department will have patrol vehicles on scene and will be available for photographs with visitors.

Kids can take a picture with one of our officers in their favorite police car. In addition, the Ocean County Sheriff’s Department will provide a K-9 demonstration, and conduct Child ID.

The Gille Park Skate Park will be open from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and will have a live DJ playing music. There will also be face-painting and other fun events for the kids. The Lacey Township Recreation Department will be presenting an outdoor movie “Wonder” movie. Please bring a chair or blanket for the movie.

There will also be several non-profit organizations with tables.

For parking information please visit the Lacey Township at laceypd.org.

Announcing Lacey Township's Newest Non-Profit!

On Feb 24, 2018, the Lacey Education Foundation Inc. was born. The purpose of the Foundation is to supplement programs and items that the ordinary school budget cannot afford. Due to reductions in State funding and caps on property taxes, the Education Foundation will fund items that will bring direct benefit to the students/student achievement.

The five founding Trustees are: Robert Paladino, Domenick Biava, Donna McAvoy, Cyndi Sabatelli and Regina Discenza.

The Lacey Education Foundation is seeking volunteers to form the Development Committee that will screen grants and write donation letters to large nationwide corporations. We will train all volunteers. In order to be successful, the Foundation plans to operate solely on volunteer power. We thank those that contributed to our startup funding. Please see our website for more details or email us at LaceyEF2018@gmail.com, www.laceyeducationfoundation.org.

The Lacey Education Foundation will have a table set up at National Night Out on Tuesday Aug. 7th at Gille Park. Please come visit us and sign up to volunteer with the Foundation! Your help will make our School District rock!

Giant Yard Sale & Kids’ Stuff

A Giant Yard Sale will be held at the Ocean County Park, 659 Ocean Avenue, Lakewood on Saturday, Sept. 15 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

Vendors are now being accepted to recycle used items. Vendors are also encouraged to sell Kids’ Stuff.

A parking size spot is only $15.00. To reserve a spot, send a check to: Ocean County Parks and Recreation, 1198 Bandon Road, Toms River, NJ 08753.

The event is held rain or shine. Visit the web site at www.oceancountyparks.org. For additional information call 1-877-OCPPARKS.

The Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Ocean County Parks and Recreation sponsors this program. “Like” us on Facebook.
Natural Pain Relief is as Close as Your Garden
By Melinda Myers

Busy schedules, over indulging, and strenuous summer activities can lead to sore muscles, indigestion and headaches. When searching for pain relief, look no further than your own garden or your local farmer's market. These five foods fresh from the garden – or pot – are packed with super pain-relieving and anti-inflammatory power.

Mint

Infuse mint into your tea or ice water to refresh and rejuvenate, so you're ready for more summer fun. Mint also helps relieve headaches and general aches and pain. Grow this vigorous perennial herb in a container so it won't overtake your other plants. Then at the end of the season, root a few cuttings to start new plants to grow indoors. All you need is a sunny window, quality potting mix and regular watering.

Hot Peppers

Capsaicin, the spicy element in chili, jalapeno, habanero and cayenne peppers, is a great pain-fighting tool and is often used in topical creams to help treat backaches, arthritis and muscle pain. Hot peppers are ready to harvest when they are fully colored. Ask friends to share their harvest or purchase hot peppers at your local farmer's market if your garden is lacking this plant. Be sure to purchase extra hot peppers to dry and enjoy year-round. Then add these tasty and pain-relieving plants to your garden next summer. Plant them after the soil and air warm, at the same time you plant sweet peppers and tomatoes.

Cherries

Manage muscle pain and inflammation with sour cherries. They are loaded with disease fighting chemicals and antioxidants. Plus, they help fight inflammation and relieve pain. Purchase plenty of cherries to juice, dry and preserve so you can enjoy their health benefits all year long. And consider planting a sour cherry tree in your backyard. Montmorency is the most popular sour cherry tree, needing only 700 hours of air temperatures between 34 and 45 degrees to initiate flowering for fruit development. New hardier dwarf introductions from the University of Saskatchewan can be grown in colder regions including zone 2. Although it takes several years for cherry plants to start producing fruit, you'll enjoy watching your tree grow into maturity and bear its first crop. Just make sure to cover the plants with netting so the birds don't eat your harvest.

Ginger

Grow ginger in a pot outdoors or sunny window along side your other indoor plants. Ginger helps reduce inflammation and combat migraines, muscle pain, arthritis and post workout or post-gardening soreness. All this and it helps fight nausea so common during a summer filled with barbeques and celebrations. Although it's a tropical plant, you can find plants or rhizomes (the part you eat) online. Or join other enthusiastic gardeners who have had success rooting the rhizomes they have purchased at the grocery store to start new plants.

Sage

Harvest a few sage leaves, add hot water and brew a bit of sore throat relief. Sage tea has long been used to soothe scratchy and irritated throats and showed positive results in a 2006 clinical trial. Grow this herb in the garden or container. It thrives in a sunny spot with well-drained soil. Harvest leaves as needed throughout the season. Regular harvesting encourages more growth for future harvests. You can remove as much as one third of the plant at one time for preserving.

So next time you feeling a bit of pain, look to the garden for a bit of relief. Even the simple act of tending your garden and harvesting produce can elevate your mood, lower your blood pressure and start you on the road to feeling better.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses “How to Grow Anything” DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda’s Garden Moment TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers's web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

“Mystery and Magic – New Jersey Pinelands” Coming to The Ocean County Library

The Ocean County Library is pleased to announce that it will host “Mystery and Magic – New Jersey’s Pinelands,” a month-long photography exhibit by Albert D. Horner.

The collection, which will be displayed in the McConnell Gallery at the Toms River Branch of the Ocean County Library, 101 Washington St. during August, consists of nature photography.

Horner has been exploring the Pinelands National Reserve since childhood; using this area as his subject he has authored the book, “Pinelands: New Jersey’s Suburban Wilderness,” in which 80 of his photos are featured.

His art draws attention to the importance of preserving this ecologically important region. Mr. Horner is also a Pinelands Preservation Alliance board member and a volunteer at Wharton State Forest.

“My greatest dream is to capture the beauty of the Pinelands and, then have those images help to preserve it,” Horner said.

“Myth and Magic – New Jersey’s Pinelands” is free and open to the public. For more information, call the branch at 732-349-6200 ext. 5112, or visit theoceancountylibrary.org.

The program is free and open to the public but registration is required. To register, call 732-349-6200 or visit theoceancountylibrary.org.

Crisis Hotline Volunteers Needed!

Crisis Hotline Volunteers needed for CONTACT of Ocean & Monmouth Counties' training beginning Tuesday, September 18, 2018, two nights a week for 6 weeks (Tuesdays & Thursdays) from 6:30-9:30 P.M. Training will be held at Magnolia Gardens in Toms River. CONTACT is a 24-hour crisis intervention & suicide prevention hotline that also provides information & referral to community resources. All calls are free, confidential and anonymous. Training is free. BECOME A VOICE TO THOSE IN DISTRESS--Make a difference in your community! – Call 732-240-6104 for additional information and registration.
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Free Summer Nights at the Museum with Guided Museum Tour

A free program will be offered at the Old Schoolhouse Museum on Friday, August 17th from 7-9:00 weather permitting. This family friendly program will include a historical information, fun and making S'mores at our new fire pit! Children will be encouraged to try on provided colonial clothing. We are located at 126 South Main Street otherwise known as Route 9, in Forked River behind Mrs. Walkers. No registration required.

Brand New Show For 2018

Sight & Sound Theatre is the largest faith-based live theatre in the country and has been described as "Christian Broadway". Experience the greatest rescue story of all time! JESUS is Sight & Sound’s NEW action-packed musical adventure that takes you on a miraculous journey alongside the most famous person to ever walk the earth, and the everyday people whose lives he changed forever.

Tuesday, October 30, 2018: Package Includes: Show Ticket to “Jesus” Smorgasbord meal at Shady Maple Deluxe Round-Trip Motorcoach Transportation by Stout’s 9:00AM - Depart LUMC 11:30AM - Lunch at Shady Maple 1:30PM - Depart for Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre 3:00PM - "Jesus" begins 5:45PM - Depart Sight & Sound 8:45PM - Approximate return to LUMC.

Tickets: $135 per person $70 deposit received by May 20, 2018 will hold your seat; full deposit guarantees your seat. Full payment required by September 1, 2018.

Please contact the Lacey UMC Office 609.693.5222 or Dawn Kuch 732.232.7270 for more information.

Lacey United Methodist Church, 203 West Lacey Road, Forked River, NJ, 609.693.5222, laceyumc.org laceyumcnj@gmail.com.

Summer Concert

The Lacey Recreation Department is proud to announce the Lacey Township Outdoor Concerts as part of The Ocean County Carousel of Music on August 15th, both at Deerhead Lake.

The Lacey Township Recreation Department will hold a concert on Wednesday, August 15th presenting Sketchy Medicine, a classic rock band, at Deerhead Lake Beach starting at 6pm.

If you have any questions, please call the Lacey Recreation Department at (609)-693-1100 ext 2203.

American Legion Post 517 Lacey Township

Lacey Township American Legion Post 517 holds its monthly meeting at 1pm on the first Monday of each month at the Lacey Community Center, located at Route 9 and Lacey Road. All veterans welcome to visit.

New members always welcome. Call Dan at 609-693-9392 or Bill at 609-709-6068 for more information.
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Lacey Township Municipal Alliance
18th Annual Race
On Saturday, August 25, the Lacey Township Municipal Alliance will sponsor our 18th Annual Race at Gille Park, Manchester Ave., Forked River. The race will consist of a 5K Race, a One Mile Fun Run and Kiddie Dash.
The One Mile Fun Run will kick off at 8:00 AM followed by the 5K Race at 8:30 AM. Registration opens at 7:00 AM. Custom designed Performance T-shirts (adult sizes only) guaranteed to pre-registrants and while supply lasts to post registrants.

Our activities will include something for the entire family. Kids participating in the Kiddie Dash after the 5K Race, will receive a participation ribbon and free Italian Ice from Tom & Dee's. Everyone is welcome to join us for refreshments and sandwiches from Mike's Subs after the race.

We also need sponsors for our Ad Journal and would appreciate your support.

For sponsorship opportunities, registration fees, or for further information call Heather at 609-693-1100, x2217, or visit our web site at www.Lacey5K.com. Race applications are available on line or at the Lacey Township Recreation Office, in back of the Lacey Township Municipal Offices.

Going, Going, Gone! Auction
Lacey United Methodist Church will hold an Auction on Saturday, September 22, doors open 3:00 pm for previews and Auction starts at 4:00 pm.

We will have a variety of items, gift certificates, and baskets. Donations are from Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe, Home Depot, German Butcher, Salon Bellissimo, Blase DeNatale Jewelers Ivy Cottage, Jersey Mikes, Mindy's Ice Cream (formally Sprinkle Shack), Lucky's Bed & Basket, Sun Flower Florist, Biagio's, Ocean County Sheriff's Dept. plus so many more. There will be food for purchase. $5.00 - entry - Auction Paddle – sandwich, $3.00 - entry - Auction Paddle, and $1.00 - entry only.

Proceeds to benefit LUMC and VETWORK

Flea Market on September 15
Come and sell! Come and buy!
The Forked River Presbyterian Church is sponsoring an INDOOR Flea Market on Saturday, September 15th from 9AM to 2PM.
Rent a table for $20.00 and sell your merchandise or rent additional tables for $15.00. Early Bird Special rental is $15.00 for one table and $10 for additional tables… if your registration form is postmarked by September 1st.
You keep all the profits. We provide: 6-foot tables, publicity throughout the area, town permits, and parking. Refreshments, breakfast sandwiches, and lunch will be available for purchase.
A Home Baked Dessert Table will be featured. Also available are beautifully hand-crafted items for the season, books and games, toys, and household items.
A Special Christmas in September Table with holiday decorations and gifts will make its debut this year. The Boutique Tables will be back for jewelry, handbags, scarves and accessory bargains.

Call the Church Office at 609-693-5624 weekdays between 9 AM and 1 PM for a registration form. Space is limited so register early. Deadline to register is Wednesday, September 12th.

We are located at 131 North Main Street (Route 9) where EVERYONE is welcome!

Lacey Food Bank Yard Sale
The Lacey Food Bank will be holding a Yard Sale on September 15, 2018, (Rain Date September 22, 2018) from 8 AM to 1 PM in the Lacey Food Bank Parking Lot at 102 Station Rd., Forked River. Vendor set up begins at 7 AM.

THERE WILL BE NOT TABLES SUPPLIED. You must provide your own table. Outdoor spaces only. The charge is $25 per space. You may obtain an application at our website at www.laceyfoodbank.org. Make checks payable to Lacey Food Bank and mail to the Lacey Food Bank, Att: Harold Peters, 102 Station Dr., Forked River, NJ. with the application. If you have any questions, please call Pete at 609-242-2848 and he will return your call.
Walnut Street Theatre Announces It's 2018-2019 Independence Studio on 3 Season

Walnut Street Theatre is thrilled to announce the 2018-19 Independence Studio on 3 Season that showcases Philadelphia’s remarkable theatrical talent in the city’s premier space for theatre that’s up-close and personal.

“With each visit, I know our guests will be immersed in the intimate stories and staging that make theatre in this ever-changing venue so thrilling and different for every production,” said President and Producing Artistic Director Bernard Havard. “They’ll experience world-class theatre and, with just 6 rows of seating, be just a few feet from the actors.”

The 2018-19 Independence Studio on 3 season gives guests a variety of experiences, including a personal look into the Palestinian-Israeli identity with IN BETWEEN (September 25 – October 28, 2018); a fun and wacky holiday treat in WINTER WONDERETTES (November 13 – December 30, 2018); a timely tale of gender politics in OLEANNA (January 15 – February 17, 2018); an intimate look at one of America’s favorite stars in KATE: The Unexamined Life (March 5 – April 7, 2019); and an immersive look at the real stories of those from both sides of our country’s most divisive war in CIVIL WAR VOICES (April 23 – May 26, 2019).

THE SEASON

The 2018-19 season opens with IN BETWEEN (September 25 – October 28, 2018). On the precipice between two cultures stands Ibrahim Miari, son of a Palestinian Muslim father and Jewish Israeli mother. In this riveting and thought-provoking one-man show written and performed by Miari, he recalls his childhood in Israel and brings us into the complexities and contradictions that define his life “In Between” two worlds. With deftness, wit, and humor, Miari transcends today’s political distractions and reminds us of the deeper inner struggles and bonds that link us all.

Next, escape the stress of the holiday season with the zany and fun WINTER WONDERETTES (November 13 – December 30, 2018). Welcome to the 1968 Harper’s Hardware Christmas Party. Featured entertainment: The Winter Wonderettes, starring Missy, Suzzy, Cindy Lou, and Betty Jean, each with her own unique personality – and color scheme. Sit back and enjoy as the ladies work out the kinks, and insert their own special humor into the holidays. Along the way you’ll be treated to classic – and wacky – Wonderette versions of seasonal favorites like Jingle Bell Rock, Sleigh Ride, Santa Baby, Winter Wonderland, and over 20 more!

The season continues with OLEANNA (January 15 – February 17, 2019). Pulitzer Prize Winner David Mamet pulls us into a fierce and fiery story that foreshadowed today’s headlines. “He said, she said” reaches explosive new heights when a university professor and his student view their tutoring sessions from two drastically different perspectives. Miscommunication, manipulation, misogyny…or more? Decide for yourself in this tense and timely tale of gender politics, privilege, and power.

Next up, we’ll have a touching portrait of one of America’s most beloved stars in KATE: The Unexamined Life (March 5 – April 7, 2019). From stunning ingénue who once graced the Walnut stage, to “box office poison,” to silver screen royalty, no actress commanded the stage, screen, and the public’s attention quite like Katharine Hepburn. Join Kate on New Year’s Eve 1999 as she prepares for her next project, shares intimate details of her life and loves, and ponders – at age 92 – what the future holds. A gracefully funny, witty, and poignant look at one of our nation’s greatest stars.

Our 2018-19 season finale is CIVIL WAR VOICES (April 23 – May 26, 2019). “This is our true story and these are our words.” With this line, a cast of actor/musicians immerse us in the compelling, passionate, and true stories of real people from both sides of our country’s most divisive conflict. In their own words taken straight from the writings they left behind, this insightful and stirring play with music brings to life a deeply human celebration of what makes us American.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The only way to guarantee seats to the 2018-19 season is to subscribe. Subscriptions for all five shows are available for as little as $70 ($14 per ticket). Single tickets are $35 - $45 each. For information on season subscriptions, call the Walnut at 215-574-3550 ext. 6 (10AM – 10PM) or visit our website at www.WalnutStreetTheatre.org. All show titles, dates and subscription prices are subject to change.

Vendors Wanted

Vendors wanted for Zonta of SOC Vendor Fair at the Little Egg Harbor Community Center on Saturday, Sept 15, 2018. $30 per table. E-mail dgorgy1@comcast.net for an application!

Free Workshop on Technology Solutions for Veterans

Veterans, military personnel, and their family members are invited to attend a free workshop, Project TechVet: Technology Solutions for Veterans, on Thursday, August 23, at Ocean County College's Southern Education Center satellite site in Manahawkin.

The workshop will run from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., followed by technology demonstrations until 3:00 p.m.

Learn about technology devices designed to help with anxiety, vision loss, memory skills, organization, reading, computer access, and more.

Requests for reasonable accommodations (ASL interpreter, large print, or alternate format materials) must be submitted with your registration no later than August 14.

Project TechVet is funded in part by ATAC/Disability Rights New Jersey, via a grant focused on providing an awareness of assistive technology solutions for veterans and military personnel with disabilities.

The Southern Education Center is located at 195 Cedar Bridge Road in Manahawkin.

RSVP to accomodations@ocean.edu or call 1.732.255.0456.

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for more news, articles and events!
Sightseeing Luncheon Cruise

Woman's Club of Lacey, a non-profit organization is hosting a Narrated Sightseeing Luncheon Cruise on Monday October 1, 2018 on Manhattan's first glass-enclosed yacht, Bateaux-New York. The Bateaux New York offers fine food, sophisticated music and views of the world's most magnificent skyline. Catered Meal - Chicken Dish or Vegetarian Meal on request. Following your cruise, enjoy some time on your own at Chelsea Market. Don't forget to bring along a little cooler to pack up all your market finds. Departs from Lacy Community Hall, Route 9N and Lacey Road, Forked River at 9:30am and returns 6:00 pm.

Cost is $110 and must be purchased in advance. For information and tickets contact Barbara Bowen at 609-693-4215

Nemours Mansion and Gardens Trip

The Friends of Lacey Library are sponsoring a bus trip to the Nemours Mansion and Gardens and Longwood Gardens on Thursday, November 29, 2018. Bus departs 8:45 a.m. from the Lacey Library and returns approximately 8:45 p.m. Our first stop is the Nemours Mansion and Gardens in Wilmington, Delaware to see it decorated for the holidays. We will then travel to Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania where we will enjoy lunch or an early dinner on our own at Longwood. Wander through half a million twinkling lights, thousands of poinsettias and magnificent Christmas trees and other gorgeous plants.

Cost is $85 which includes motorcoach transportation, admission fees, and bus driver's tip. Full information and registration forms are located in the Lacey Branch of the Ocean County Library located at 10 East Lacey Road, Forked River. Deadline to register is October 20, but don't delay.

Knocking on Heaven’s Door

The Lacey Township Historical Society will host this special event Friday, October 13th at 7:00 at the Olde Schoolhouse Museum, 126 S. Main Street Forked River (behind Mrs. Walker’s ice cream). A limited number of reservations will be accepted. The cost will be $35. A person. This will include light refreshments and the time of our life! Come out and support the Museum! To reserve today call 609-971-0467 or email: DonnaMoller2017@Gmail.com. Please leave a clear message with the number in your party, your name and contact number.

The Lacey Historical society will be hosting an evening with Spirit. Local Medium/Intuitive Leslie Lagani, will use her spiritual abilities to open the veil to the other side. During this gallery style event, you will hear healing messages from loved ones and friends. Come open minded in expanding your current understanding of what happens when the physical body ceases, and the spiritual body is released into a realm of love and light. There will also be a Q and A where you can ask questions about Mediumship, the afterlife, Leslie’s work or any other thoughts you may have. Not everyone is guaranteed a connection, but my goal is to send you onward with the hope and understanding that there is life after life.

This event will raise much needed funds for the historical society, so please come out and support them and have fun supporting the museum.

2nd Annual Fluke Fishing Tournament

The Lacey Elks is holding its 2nd Annual Fluke Fishing Tournament in memory of Captain George Ellmer. The Lacey Elks is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping our community through various fundraisers. The captains meeting will be held on Friday August 24th at 6 PM in the Lacey Elks pavilion.

The entrance fee is $40 per angler. Fishing will be on Saturday August 25th and the awards picnic will be on Sunday August 26th from noon till 4PM in the pavilion. Non-anglers ($10) and children ($5) are welcome to attend the awards picnic. Applications are available at the Lacey Elks Lodge.

Any questions or concerns please contact Jessica @ 732-614-7472 or via email @ jewelsjes@comcast.net.
Thyroid Support Group
The next meeting of the Thyroid Support Group will be on Monday, August 20 at 10am at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 180 Route 539, Whiting.
Monthly meetings are held to educate and support people with a thyroid problem, interest in thyroids, or a potential thyroid problem. If you have any questions, please call the Facilitator, Stefanie at (732) 350-2904.

Trip to Princeton
A trip to Princeton will be held on Thursday, September 27. Have a docent led bus tour, eat at the Yankee Doodle Tap Room, go on a docent led tour of the Art Museum and time on your own to shop in Palmer Square. Cost is $92.50pp. Call Stefanie at 732-350-2904 with your questions.

Winterthur Trip
On November 29, 2018 a trip will be going to Winterthur. A tram tour of the grounds, Yuletide Tour, lunch, bus transportation and drivers’ gratuity is included in $80 cost. Contact Stefanie at 732-350-2904 if you are interested.

Meadows of Lake Ridge Trip
The Meadows of Lake Ridge are planning a trip to HUNTERDON HILLS PLAYHOUSE for CHRISTMAS IN THE AIR on Thursday, November 1, 2018. Join us as we celebrate Christmas like you remember all wrapped up in a show you’ll never forget. Show ticket, sit-down lunch with dessert buffet. $99.00 per person
Call: Barbara (848-227-3757) or Terry (732-849-6939)

Trip to Longwood Gardens Chrysanthemum Festival
Join us on Tuesday, October 23 to Longwood Gardens to see the fall flowers and the Chrysanthemum Festival. Cost is $56.00. Contact Stefanie at 732-350-2904.

Woodmere & Philadelphia Museums of Art Trip

Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair
The E. C.W. of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 180 Rt. 539 in Whiting, is holding their annual Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair on Saturday October 27, 2018 from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Besides the handmade crafts and popular vendor items, there will be a Treasure Auction, a 50/50 raffle, free door prize chances and the very popular baked goods table. The Kitchen Cafe will be open with items for sale for snacks and lunch. Tables are available for $10.00 plus donation of a small door prize. For information please call JoAnn Smithson at 609-575-1879 or call the church at 732-350-2121.

St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church ECW Fashion Show
On Thursday, September 20 at 1 pm, the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, 180 Route 539, Whiting, will hold their annual Fall Fashion Show. Macy’s of Toms River will provide the latest fall styles to be modeled by our parishioners.
Tickets are $10 each. Call Stefanie at 732-350-2904 to buy tickets. Tickets are available at the church office, Sundays after services, and at the door on the day (if available). Refreshments will be served.

Prayer of the Order of St. Luke the Physician
Almighty God, who inspired Your servant Luke the Physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of Your Son: Graciously continue in Your Church the love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of Your Name, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. AMEN

Dignified Junque ~ Our Annual Fair
Come to St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, 180 Route 539, Whiting, on Saturday, September 1, 2018 from 8AM to 1PM. Many treasures, new and nearly new from housewares, clothes, holiday treasures, and more! A bake sale from our ladies known for their delicious baked goods, and the kitchen is open to buy breakfast and/or lunch. More valuable items found at our boutique. Come explore and buy to support our church and its various projects and ministries.

The Order of St. Luke
The Order of St. Luke is a Healing Ministry. On the last Sunday of each month, prayers of healing are provided following Holy Eucharist at the 8AM and 10AM services at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church. Members are also available after Sunday services near the Baptismal Font. In addition, prayers are offered at our 10 AM Healing Service on Thursdays.
Anyone is welcome to join our services or come to our meetings. They are held on the second Thursday of each month following the Healing Service. Members read, study, and question together. Contact Stefanie at 732-350-2904.

American Polish Club of Whiting
We will not have monthly meetings during the months of July and August. Meetings will resume on Wednesday, September 19 at 1:30pm at Deerfield Hall, Village VI. At that time, we will renew memberships and welcome new members. You don’t have to be Polish to join our club. Come join us and meet and make new friends.
As we do at our monthly meetings, we will continue collecting clean, used clothing and non-perishable food items for “Your Grandmother’s Cupboard”. For more information, please call RoseMarie (732-350-4851) or Maureen (732-849-0511).
Lacey Library Events
8/11, 2 pm, Saturday—Unlocking the Mystery of Your Dreams
What are your dreams telling you? Connect more deeply to your intuition by tapping into your dreams. Join us for this dream interpretation class with medium RoseMarie Rubinetti Cappiello who will teach you how to understand your dreams. Please register
8/17, 1 pm, Friday—Adult Craft: Yarn Bottles & Jars
Join us as we mix recycled glass bottles & jars with yarn to create beautiful flower holders. Beginner crafters welcome.
8/25, 2 pm, Saturday—Opera Recital with Christa Dalmazio
Back by popular demand, graduate of Manhattan School of Music, coloratura soprano will perform operatic, art song, and classic musical theater selections by composers including Mozart, Vivaldi, Donizetti, Strauss, and Bernstein. Please register
8/28, 2 pm, Tuesday—Elder Law Seminar
Learn how to plan during your retirement years with Certified Elder Law Attorney Scott M. Hanula. Topics presented include wills, estate tax planning, and more. Please register
To register call 609-693-8566 or go to our website: http://thoceancountylibrary.org

Knights of Columbus Trips
September 25, 2018—Sands Casino Trip, Bethlehem, PA, includes transportation, driver gratuity, $30 casino credit and $5.00 food coupon. Cost $39pp
November 27-29, 2018—Mohegan Sun & Foxwoods Casino includes transportation, driver gratuity, 2 nights hotel, $30 slot play, two full breakfast buffets and Foxwoods Casino comps. Cost $320pp
**December 5, 2018—Trip to American Music Theater to see “The First Noel” includes transportation, admission and buffet at Shady Maple and driver gratuity. Cost $113pp
February 3-17, 2019—14 nights Western Caribbean Cruise on the “NCL Escape” from NY includes 2 amenities and taxes. Cost from $1,810pp
**March 16, 2019—Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day @ Hunterdon Hills playhouse “Irish Cabaret Show” starring Andy Cooney, Chloe Agnew, Gary Wilson, The Guinness Irish Band,World Class Irish Dancers includes show, lunch, transportation, driver gratuity, taxes and gratuities. Cost $115pp
**The following are our fundraising trips for the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, St. Jude’s Hospital and other charities.
For information and reservations, please contact Charles Serwin at 609-978-0970.

The Local Market & Kitchen Upcoming Events
April to September, 2018—Come visit The Local & The Lakewood BlueClaws at First Energy Park this season.
Grab n’ Go Local on the mainland! Coffee, Cold Brew, Baked Goods, Drinks, Grab n’ Go Breakfast/Lunch, 980 E. Bay Ave., Manahawkin.

Pieceful Shores Quilters Guild
Meets 1 – 3pm the third Wednesday and 7 – 9pm the fourth Thursday of each month at Stafford Community Center at 775 East Bay Ave, Stafford Twp. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Helen at 609-971-2798 or Yvonne at 609-242-5449.

Tropicana Christmas Show
Crestwood Village IV Shuffleboard Trip for December 3, 2018 to the TROPICANA CHRISTMAS SHOW with lunch at CARMINES. The cost of the trip is $60.00 and you get $15.00 back from the casino. Where can you sit and enjoy a great lunch and a wonderful Christmas Show. Goodie and Sandy will be selling tickets on Mondays 10-11am and 5-6pm. If you have any questions you can call Goodie at 732-350-4737.

Crestwood Village IV Golden Age Bingo
“You can't win if you don't play” Every Tuesday Night!!! Our doors open at 4 pm! Join us for dinner or a sandwich made by our excellent Bingo Chief; menu changes weekly. Complimentary cake and coffee during intermission. Doors open at 4:00pm and games starts at 6! Crestwood Clubhouse IV is located at 15 E Moccasin Drive, Whiting. For your convenience, a COMPLIMENTARY BUS RIDE is available to pick you up and take you home. Call Jerry 732-350-0230 ext.15
Bereavement Support Group

The group meets once a month and Anthony Lipari, D.Min speaks of the stages of grief. You do not have to call you can just show up whenever you wish. The group has social time and refreshments are served. For information call Rosie (732) 881-1044 please just leave your name and number and it is about the support group. I will return your call.

The meetings are from 1-3 in the D & E room of Crestwood Village VI, 6 Congasia Rd., Whiting, N.J. Fall meeting dates are Sept. 21st, Oct 26th, Nov 30th and Dec 21st. No meeting in January.

Crestwood Village IV Senior Citizens’ Club

Our Senior Citizens Club will be showing the movie "Life of the Party" on August 24, 2018 at our usual time of 6:00 pm. The movie stars Melissa McCarthy and Maya Rudolph. It is rated PG13 and run time is 105 minutes.

The movie is about a woman that when her husband dumps her and she goes back to college at the same school her daughter is attending. Embracing freedom, fun she finds her true self.

Our dinner will be served at 4:00 pm. The chef will be making a delicious corned beef dinner. The price is only $6.00 and just for the movie the price is still only $2.00. Coffee and cake will be served after the meal.

Tickets will be sold on Mondays 10-11am and 5-6pm. If you have any questions please call Jerry at 732 350-0230 x15.

Flea Market Crestwood Village IV

Our next Flea Market at Crestwood Village IV, 15 E. Moccasin Drive, Whiting, will be held on Saturday September 1, 2018 from 8 -1 pm. We have 53 indoor tables! You’ll find new and used items at very reasonable prices. Try our co-op table, up by the stage. Come visit our kitchen for breakfast or lunch. Breakfast will be served all morning and lunch will be served from 10:30-12 pm. We also have pull tabs for your enjoyment. You can win up to $175.00 for just a $1.00. If you feel lucky, see Jerry for pull -tabs!

Trip to Sands Casino

Crestwood Village 4 Bocce Club is planning a trip to Sands Casino, Bethlehem, PA. on Weds. September 26. The cost is $42.00 pp (no refunds) and includes round trip transportation, $30.00 casino bonus, $5.00 food voucher and 6 hours gambling. Bus leaves Village 4 at 9:00am. Tickets will be sold on Monday 10:00 to 11:00 and 5:00 to 6:00pm. For information call Rocco at 732-350-5413 or 732-672-1028.

Travel Bocce Club Village 5 Trips

August 25, 6:00-8:00pm—Elvis The Legend Live Tribute—$20pp; BYOB
September 18, 2018, 1:00pm—New York Yankees vs. Boston Red Sox Game—$85pp
September 20-October 1, 2018—San Antonio, Padre Island & The Gulf of Mexico— Cost: $1067 Double $1397
October 21-24—Villa Roma Resort Catskills, New York; Italian theme week. Cost: Double $489.00, Triple $463 & Single $589
November 10-17, 2018—Branson Holiday Show Extravaganza (decorated for Christmas) —All Gratuities included. Cost: $850 Double $1090 Single $80pp
December 10, 2018—New York Holiday Lights Tour; $80pp
April 23-May 7, 2019—Grand Canyon, Las Vegas and the Hoover Dam—Cost: $1455, double, $2064 single
June 3 - 7, 2019—Cape Cod & Martha’s Vineyard—Cost: $499 Double $634 Single
July 7-13, 2019—Trip to Chicago—Cost: $635 double, $844 single
Sept. 20-30, 2019—Trip to Garden of Gods, the Royal Gorge, and Colorado Springs—Cost: $1462 double, $1462 single

Self Defense for All Ages

Barnegat Recreation Department is offering a program for learning self defense for women and men of all ages. The classes are given by a renowned black belt instructor and are held on the 1st and 2nd Wednesday at 7:00-8:00pm at the Barnegat Recreation Department, 900 W. Bay Ave. The price is $15.00 for 5-one hour sessions. Pre-registration is required. Call 609-698-0080 ext. 122 for information.
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Break out the tools and garden your way to a healthier mind, body and spirit. Gardeners have always know it, but now research proves that gardening is a great form of exercise.

You'll work out all your major muscle groups when raking, digging and planting for an hour. Include gardening as a major component of your workout schedule. You'll stretch and strengthen muscles while promoting cardiovascular health and maintaining bone mass. A University of Arkansas study found that yard work as well as weight training more significantly maintained bone density than aerobics, dancing or bicycling in women over 50.

And for those of us trying to lose weight, add 30 minutes of gardening to your daily or weekly routine to help shed some extra pounds. A half hour of raking burns 162 calories, weeding 182, and turning the compost pile a whopping 250 calories. Gardening several times, a week will help keep you and your landscape looking its best. Anytime I can receive double or triple the benefit from my time and energy, the more likely I am to complete the task.

Protect your joints and muscles while gardening. Warm up, just as you would for any workout, with a few simple stretches. Protect your knees by using a stool, kneeling pad or one legged kneel (keeping your other foot flat on the ground and back straight) instead of squatting.

And no matter what shape you are in, drink lots of fluids to stay hydrated during and after you finish gardening. This is especially important with the extreme temperatures we are experiencing this summer. Try gardening early in the morning or evening when temperatures are a bit cooler. And time your work in garden beds when they're blanketed in shade.

Protect both your eyes and skin from the sun's intense rays by always wearing sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses. And consider regular checkups with a dermatologist to monitor for skin cancer.

Pace yourself so you can enjoy the process and smell the roses, heliotrope, daphne and alyssum along the way. Gardeners have been into aromatherapy long before its recent rise in popularity. A few strategically placed fragrant flowers can create a delightful welcome home, soothing scent in your secret garden or aromatherapy as you weed and tend your landscape.

Include some edible flowers and fruit for you, the birds and the butterflies. Nothing beats the flavor or nutritional value of fresh-from-the-garden fruits and vegetables. Plus, watching the butterflies and hummingbirds sip on nectar from a fuchsia, coral honeysuckle, verbena or salvia as the finches feed on coneflower seeds will provide added beauty while the squirrels' acrobatic antics on giant sunflowers are sure to entertain.

If the task is too big or your time is limited, ask for help. Gardening can also be a great team sport. Or make it a round robin as you take turns gardening in each other's gardens. You'll all enjoy a day filled with gardening, conversation and laughter. What was once an overwhelming task suddenly becomes a chance to spend time with friends, enjoy the garden and create new memories. Sharing your knowledge, plant divisions or other talents like cooking or pet sitting may be the perfect trade for your friends' time and energy.

And as a wise person once said "Planting a garden is a way of showing you believe in tomorrow."

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers's web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Whiting Chapel Chess Club
The St. Stephen's Whiting Chapel Chess Club will be having informal and social chess sessions every Thursday afternoon starting on Thursday, June 21, 2018, from 2:30-5:30pm, in the Parish Hall. All chess players adult and youth from beginner through expert of our surrounding communities are welcome to join us! Membership is absolutely free! Those interested and competitive players could represent St. Stephen's in both local and regional tournament play. All members are strongly encouraged to become members of the United States Chess Federation (USCF) to determine ratings and rankings. You are welcome to bring your own chess sets. Light refreshments will be available.

For further information please call: Bill Bodine – Club President @ 732-814-6683 or St. Stephen's Parish Office @ 732-350-2121. You can also email to: wbodine3@gmail.com. Church location: 180 Route 539, Whiting, NJ 08759.

Crestwood Village II Events
Wednesday, August 22, 2018—Atlantic City Airshow and Resorts Casino—Hear and see the power of the jets as they soar over the boardwalk. Enjoy Resorts Casino and a day by the sea. Tickets $30.00 includes bus transportation; driver gratuity and $25.00 casino bonus Bus will board Harmony Hall at 10:15 and leave 10:30. Return bus boards 5:30 and leaves 5:45.

Wednesday, Sept 12, 2018 from 2:00 to 3:00 John Pizzi will be our special guest in a one man show of comedy, magic and ventriloquism. John has appeared in Atlantic City’s Borgata Hotel as an opening act, headliner at Comedy Clubs and Theaters throughout the US. He was also one of the finalists on America’s Got Talent. Tickets $5.00 and will be on sale in the Harmony Hall Activity Room every Friday from 9:30 to 11:00 beginning June 1st until Sept 7th. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT DOOR.

Thursday, November 8, 2018-- Mount Airy Casino, Lunch and Show—A live tribute show featuring the Legendary Ladies of Country, Dolly Parton, Patsy Cline and Reba McEntire. Tickets $78.00 includes bus transportation, driver, gratuity, lunch, show and $15.00 slot play. Bus will board Harmony Hall 9:00 and leave 9:15 Return bus boards 6:00 and leaves 6:15. Tickets will be on sale in the Harmony Hall Activity Room on Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 to 11:00 until October 5th.

Any questions call Linda (732) 716-1928 or Fran (732) 581-2290.
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Festival of the Sea

Everyone enjoys the excitement of a summer carnival. It brings out the child in all of us. Since 1975, St. Francis of Assisi Parish has been hosting the Festival of the Sea Carnival, annually.

The Festival of the Sea begins Wednesday, August 8, and continues through Sunday, August 12. The carnival will be open nightly (weather permitting) from 6:00 to 10:00 pm.

The Festival of the Sea came together 43 years ago as a celebration of the community. The Festival of the Sea is held on the St. Francis Parish & Center parking lot located at 4700 Long Beach Blvd., Brant Beach, NJ. Admission is FREE! Don’t forget to take the LBI Shuttle to the Festival!

Pay one price (P.O.P) and ride all the rides you want - all night long. The Pay One Price ride bracelets cost only $25 on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. On Friday, August 10 the POP bracelet is ONLY $20. POP bracelets are a great savings to those who will be vacationing on LBI for the week.

There will be delicious carnival food favorites, pizza, seafood, ice cream and so much more. Maybe you’ll win a souvenir at one of the many game booths or you can participate in the Dunk Booth! The Youth Ministry will be running a Face Painting Booth and a Photo Booth.

You can also take a chance on a nightly 50/50. Drawings will be every hour. There will also be a Super Progressive 50/50. Win and you’ll take half the purse. Tickets for the Super Progressive 50/50 are on sale now through August 13 ($2.00 for one ticket and $10.00 for a book of six) at the Front Desk of the Community Center. Winner will be chosen on the last night of the festival and does not need to be present to win. Last year’s winner received $10,547!

St. Francis is also looking for volunteers to help with the Festival of the Sea. Volunteer applications can be found at www.stfranciscenterlbi.org or at the Front Desk of the Community Center.

Stop by the Festival of the Sea Carnival for a night of family fun. For more information contact (609) 494-8813 or visit www.lbicarnival.com.

4th Annual LBI Fly International Kite Festival

We are excited that the 4th Annual LBI Fly International Kite Festival will again be gracing the beaches of Long Beach Island over the course of Columbus Day Weekend – October 5th through the 8th, 2018. LBI Fly was organized to bring the brilliant colorful artist design kites, fun flying giant inflatable kites and the amazing show of sport kiting to our beautiful island. This free and cross-generational event will yield even more spectacular and unusual kites this year – as well as displayed at local galleries prior to the festival. We hope you will join us for this amazing community event. www.lbifly.com
Resident Club Village 5 Flea Market

Come out to our Flea Market on August 18 8:30am to 1:00pm to see what you have been missing out on. We have over 50 friendly vendors, come on in and check out our great bargains. If you just want to catch up with your friends, stop by our kitchen for breakfast or lunch. Hope to see you here at 325 Schoolhouse Rd, Whiting, NJ.

We have a flea market every third Saturday of every month. Our next one is September 20, 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. If you are interested in renting a table the cost is $10.00 per table. Please call Doug @ 908-361-8412.

Crestwood Village Six Movie Night

On Friday, August 10th "THE YOUNG MESSIAH" will be shown. Follow the young Jesus as He and his family take an extraordinary journey from Egypt to Nazareth and on to Jerusalem – where his true identity and profound destiny are revealed. This movie is rescheduled from March when the thundersnow took out the movie projector. The movie is rated PG-13, runs 1 hour and 51 minutes and is shown close-captioned for the hearing impaired. Doors open at 5:30PM and the movie starts at 6:30. Come early to sit, chat and enjoy refreshments that will be served until 6:15PM. The movie will be shown at Deerfield Hall, 6 Congasia Road, Whiting off of Route 530. Feel free to bring your own chair or cushion if the provided chairs do not suit you. All are welcome for the low cost of $2.00. Non-residents of Crestwood Village Six are always welcome. Any questions call Arlene at 732-408-5147.

P.H.O.B.I.A.

People-Helping-Others-Become-Independent-Again Panic/Anxiety support group. We meet at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 367 Route 9, Waretown, NJ. Meetings are every Wednesday night from 7pm to 9pm in classroom #4. This is a self help support group and there is no charge. For more information contact us via email at phobia@comcast.net. For cancellations due to weather www.facebook.com/phobiasupportgroup/ online group info www.members.tripod.com/~phobiaindex.html call or text cell Cathy 609-713-2963 or phone Cathy 609-971-9110.
Waretown Branch Library August 2018 Calendar

Children:
Tuesday, August 7, 2:00 pm—Slime Time — Create some slime! Ages 6 and up. Please register.

Thursday, August 9, 11:00 am OCL Puppet Show
Players Present: Children Make Terrible Pets — What happens when a young bear finds a boy in the woods and she wants to keep him for a pet? This puppet show is based on the book by Peter Brown. Ages 2 and up. Please register.

Monday, August 13, 6:00 pm—Great Adventure Safari:
Fur, Feathers, and Scales — Children will learn about the differences between 3 types of reptiles, 2 types of birds, and 2 mammals. Educators will walk around with each animal allowing students to get up close and observe the differences. Ages 5 –11. Please register.

Teen:
Thursday, August 9, 2:00 pm—Teen Science Experiments — Hands on experiments for teens. Ages 11 and up. Please register.

Adult:
Tuesday, August 14, 2:00 pm—ShopRite presents:
Exotic Fruits - Have you ever wondered how you can use the exotic fruits you find in the grocery store? Join ShopRite’s registered Dietitian Giavonna Carbonallo to learn about these uncommon fruits and how to use them in delicious recipes. Please register.

Monday, August 27, 7:00 pm—Libraries Rock Concert:
Rave On — Celebrate the sounds of summer with music from rock n’ roll’s golden era. Please register.

These programs are free and open to the public. Please register online at www.theoceancountylibrary.org or by calling 609 693-5133.

Please Donate Your Used Cell Phone for This Worthy Cause

Nancy Seibert has been collecting for “Cell Phones for Soldiers” since 2006. She has combined forces with the Berkeley based, “Support the Troops” project and Lloyd Mullikin, who has been sending packages overseas since 2004. Over the past six years these projects have worked closely together collecting phones and mailing packages which include the calling cards to our troops overseas.

Cell phones are collected in any condition and sent to a recycler. The profits from the recycling are sent to the organization headquarters in Massachusetts to purchase 60-minute calling cards for our troops overseas so that they may keep in contact with their families during their deployment.

To date, there have been over 18,500 phones collected and over 74,000 free 60-minute calling cards donated through thru our efforts to date. We have various drop sites throughout the area so that donors can drop their phones in them and then we collect them from the sites for recycling.

We are also accepting names of soldiers serving overseas to send them calling cards. We will need their name, rank, and military mailing address to mail them a package along with the calling cards.

Your participation in the program would be greatly appreciated by the Cell Phones for Soldiers program. If you require more information, please contact Nancy Seibert, project coordinator at 732-606-6040.

Thank you on behalf of our soldiers for your donation.

All Lester Glenn Auto Group locations; Berkeley “Sounds of Summer Concerts” Veterans Park, Bayville; Berkeley Twp. Police Dept, Bayville All Berkeley Twp. Municipal buildings; Shoprite, Bayville, Lobby; VFW Post 9053, Bayville; Elks, Bayville; Bayville Auto; First Energy Park (Lakewood Blueclaws), Lakewood; Berkeley Twp. Bd of Ed; Altieri Chiropractic, Bayville; Ocean County Courthouse, Toms River; Ocean County Clerk Office, Toms River; Community Hospital, Outpatient, Toms River; Toms River Armory; Pine Beach PO; Your Grandmothers Cupboard, Toms River; Silver Ridge, Holiday City and Holiday City West—various clubhouses; Silver Ridge Real Estate, Toms River; Charity Resell Shop, Toms River; Berkeley Shores Homeowners Association; Community Medical Center (outpatient desk); Sarah’s Beauty Salon, Berkeley Shopping Center; Maureen’s Precision Cut, Bayville; Bayville Auto, Bayville; Presbyterian Church of Toms River, Hooper Ave.; C&C Marina, Bayville.

Barneget Branch Library August 2018 Calendar

August 3—Watermelon Fun—Snacks, stories, and a craft. Please call the branch with any food allergies. Ages 2+

August 9, 1:30-3:30pm—School of Rock Escape Room—Unlock the box with “rock” themed clues. Solve all the puzzles to escape the meeting room. Ages 10 – 12. Please register.

August 16 & 25, 1-3pm—Ewe Knit and Crochet—Do “ewe” knit or crochet? Bring your own yarn and needles and make some new friends while you knit or crochet at the library. All skill levels welcome.

August 28, 2-7pm—American Red Cross Blood Drive—Please consider taking an hour to donate blood to those in need. Please call the branch to make an appointment or contact the Red Cross by phone 1-800-733-2767 or at their website by clicking: redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are welcomed but appointments are preferred. Teens that are at least 16 years old may donate with permission by parent or guardian.

These programs are free and open to the public. Please register online at www.theoceancountylibrary.org or by calling 609-698-3331.

Eating Disorders Support Group

This weekly peer run group provides an opportunity for those with eating disorders to share with others, learn practical skills/tools and work toward recovery. Meetings are 5:45 pm on Thursdays at Journey to Wellness, 25 S. Shore Drive, Toms River. Offered by the Mental Health Association — Ocean County. 732-914-1546.

Visit our website for more events, stories, etc….

www.forkedrivergazette.com
A few days before his high school graduation, my best friend Joe was admitted to the hospital with a brain tumor. Joe had been suffering from constant headaches and nausea for most of his senior year, but it wasn't until he started to see in double vision that he went to the doctor. The tumor they discovered was the size of a golf ball and the doctors said that it had been growing since he was child. At 9AM on Monday, June 18th, Joe started his brain surgery. It was expected to take only 8 hours, but due to the risk involved in such a surgery, it went on to take longer. Around 10PM that night, almost 13 hours later, the doctors announced that they would be finishing up. Little did they know that Joe would soon hemorrhage and have to go back into the operating room. By the end of it all, Joe spent nearly 18 hours unconscious and in surgery. Recovery is a long process and although Joe is healing remarkably fast, he is still not 100%. Not only that, but medical bills are adding up and so are the normal monthly bills.

Joe's parents, Dave and Lauren Serrano, have been taking shifts sleeping with him at the hospital while the other takes care of their 3 other children at home. They are a single income household and Dave is running out of sick days.

The Serranos are the kind of family that puts others before themselves, something you've probably seen for yourself if you know them :) Joe served as President of Interact, a community service club at his school, an officer in his student government, was a member of NHS, and was a part of his school's STEM program. Joe is the kind of kid to always say "hello" and it is almost impossible to catch him without a smile. Joe hopes to become a doctor after he recovers and graduates college and dreams of making a difference in this world.

**Love for Joseph**

**Joe strives to help others, but right now, he needs your help.**

UPDATE: With the doctor's permission, Joe was able to return home early rather than go back to rehab! The tube that was put into place during his last surgery will continue to flush out the brain fluid for Joe and he will receive physical, speech, and occupational outpatient therapy. Friends and family are welcome to reach out and come visit now that Joe is back home. As always, please let them know if you are planning to visit :) Although we are out of the hospital, there is still a long road to recovery. Thank you to everyone that has helped the Serranos during these past two months! Please join hands in helping the Serrano family during their time of need!

Remember every donation helps, no matter how small. Here are some ways to help the Serrano family:

- [http://www.gofundme.com/4juy4-love-for-joseph](http://www.gofundme.com/4juy4-love-for-joseph) or [Meal Train Link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4faea82aaaf49-meal](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4faea82aaaf49-meal)

**Free Concert at the Strand Theater This August**

Enjoy a free concert of the U.S. Air Force Heritage of America Band sponsored by Fulton Bank, Ocean First Bank, and the Strand Theater, **Friday, August 17, 2018, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Strand Theater, 400 Clifton Avenue, Lakewood, New Jersey.** This concert features big band favorites from the 40’s and 50’s, and new songs from today’s greatest jazz composers.

With music dedicated to our veterans and all Airmen serving worldwide, the Rhythm in Blue Jazz Ensemble honors our American military heroes for their selfless sacrifice at every performance. Whether presenting the sounds of the great big band era or the new sounds of today, Rhythm in Blue appeals to all ages.

Made up of outstanding, active-duty Airman musicians from around the country, Rhythm in Blue is one of the few traveling big bands still in existence that performs regularly. From the swinging’ sounds of Major Glenn Miller to the best of contemporary big band jazz, Rhythm in Blue entertains audiences of all ages with style and sophistication.

Paying homage to the great big bands of Basie, Ellington, Kenton and Goodman, Rhythm in Blue also spotlights the works of modern bands and composers such as the Mingus Big Band, Vanguard Jazz Orchestra, Maria Schneider Jazz Orchestra, and John Fedchock’s New York Big Band.

Although the concert is free, everyone must have a ticket. Get tickets through Ticket biscuit at [www.strand.or](http://www.strand.or) or 732-730-5925. For more information, contact Lori Davis at 732-367-7789 Ext. 216 or emallori@strand.org.

Visit [www.heritageofamericaband.af.mil](http://www.heritageofamericaband.af.mil) for more information about U.S. Air Force Heritage of America Band.
8/1--TY MARES
8/2--CAPT. ERIC & the SHIPWRECKS DUO
8/3--WE’LL BE FINE
8/4--JIM SHAW (1-5)
8/4--TWICE AS GOOD
8/5--TRANE STEVENS (12-4)
8/5--SHAY & JAY BAND (5-9)
8/6--UNDISPUTED DUO
8/7--JOSH WERNER
8/8--BROTHER PETE DUO
8/9--JOE FARONEA
8/10--FRITZ ELECTRIC
8/11--BILL STASSE (1-5)

8/11--WHITE RABBIT
8/12--AVA PANZA (1-4)
8/12--MELANIE & SONNY BAND (5-9)
8/13--BRUE CREW
8/14--POOR PLUTO DUO
8/15--JOHN RODDEN
8/16--NED RYERSON & GROUNDHOG DUO
8/17--KATFISH LUCY
8/18--JIM DELUCCI (1-5)
8/18--MATT NOFFSINGER BAND
8/19--JIM SHAW (12-4)
8/19--NAKED APES (5-9)
8/20--SHAY & JAY
8/21--JOE FARONEA
8/22--JOEY B
8/24--MOONDOGGIE
8/25--THE AMUSED (1-5)
8/25--IMPULSIVES
8/26--CHARLIE MATSON (12-4)
8/26--LET’S BE FRANK (5-9)
8/27--BROTHER PETE DUO
8/28--BLUE COLLARS BAND
8/29--TRANE STEVENS
8/30--MATT NOFFSINGER
8/31--CAPT. ERIC & the SHIPWRECKS

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Ocean County Library to Host Artist Martin Mayo

The work of visual artist Martin Mayo will be on display at the Barnegat Branch of the Ocean County Library, 112 Burr St., throughout the month of August.

Mayo, a resident of Barnegat, is also a musician and performer. He graduated from Parsons School of Design and works in mixed media including acrylic, pen and ink, house paint, and collage.

The artist’s work has been published in many magazines and newspapers including The New York Times, The Washington Post and The Boston Globe. Mayo also draws caricatures and paint murals.

For further information about Mayo call the branch at 609-698-3331.

Movie Night

Emmanuel Community Church of Bayville, NJ will be hosting a Movie Night on August 24 at 7:00 pm. They will be showing the movie "I Can Only Imagine".

This movie has been recently shown in movie theaters. The cost is FREE and refreshments will be served and infant child care will be available.

Emmanuel is located at 331 Wheaton Ave. in Bayville. For more information: ECCBayville.org or contact the office 732-269-5690

Attention All Marines

If you served in the U.S. Marine Corps we’d like to make contact with you.

The Southern Ocean Marines is assembling a directory of the Globe and Anchor brotherhood who live in Southern Ocean County.

There are no dues or formal meetings and you won’t be asked to contribute to causes. What is intended is that you will be advised of occasional Marine Corps activities taking place in the area.

Parents feel free to send info on your son or daughter currently serving on active duty.

Send e-mail with name, address, rank/grade, MOS and years in the Corps to Doug Rattazzi, Officer in Charge at: SOMarines@comcast.net.

Semper Fi.

“Tech Buddies” Ready to Help You

Need help to program your phone or tablet? Want to get library books on your eReader? The Toms River Branch, 101 Washington Street, will host “Tech Buddies,” where teen volunteers or library staff will assist you with your tech needs.

Attendees can bring their device(s) and spend up to 30 minutes with a teen volunteer who will share their expertise and help you navigate your device.

Drop by the computer lab for help, no need to register.

For more information contact the Toms River Teen Services Team at 732-349-6200 ext. 5203.
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Become a Volunteer Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate

Has the #MeToo movement encouraged you to become involved in the anti-sexual violence movement? We have a way you can get involved! St. Francis Counseling Service of Ocean County is now taking applications for the Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate (CSVA) Training Program. The trainings are held from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM every Monday for 12 weeks beginning September 10th through December 10th 2018. After completing the training, you will be on call to provide sexual assault survivors crisis intervention, information, and referrals by phone and in person. Advocates may respond to a survivor for an accompaniment at one of four Ocean County Hospitals, any Ocean County Police Department, or the Ocean County Prosecutors Office. If you are an Ocean County resident motivated to provide guidance, support and information to survivors and would like to volunteer time in your community, please consider joining our team. Here are some messages from our team members: “This is my own way of helping survivors to feel empowered and not afraid to speak up when they are violated. Lately, women are finding their voices! Hooray!!” -Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate “I had overheard a sexual assault survivor being told if they hadn’t drunk so much this would not have happened. I love forensics and anthropology and it combined the two.” –Forensic Nurse Examiner

“I think I wanted to do sex crimes because you have the opportunity to make the biggest difference in a wide variety of people’s lives. It’s about giving people some sort of peace in a situation that doesn’t lend itself to peace. Talking to anyone about anything sexual (even consensual events) is uncomfortable. It takes a special mindset to be able to talk about deep dark horrible secrets and traumas. I felt like I could do that and feel like I do well with it and I’m glad I can accomplish that.” – Prosecutor’s Office Detective Great experience for social work, counseling, psychology, sociology and criminal justice majors! Please call 609-494-1554 to learn more about the program and to schedule an interview. Applications can be found online at: www.stfranciscenterlbi.org.

Looking for a Few Good Men

The Cpl. William H Smith Detachment Marine Corp League of Lacey is looking for a FEW GOOD MEN. The Marine Corps League is comprised of persons who are serving or who have served honorably in the United States Marine Corps this includes Navy Corpsman who have trained and served with the Marine Corps.

We meet twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at the VFW in Bayville NJ. Interested individuals can contact Commandant Larry Migliorisi at 732-797-0138 or Adjutant Bob Meola at 732-674-7504. Semper Fi

Epilepsy Services New Jersey Officially Launches

The now-former Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey relaunched as Epilepsy Services New Jersey, a state-based organization dedicated to providing support, care, and service to 129,000 New Jerseys with epilepsy, and their families, caregivers, and communities.

Epilepsy Services New Jersey was founded in the wake of the Epilepsy Foundation of America's disaffiliation on July 22 of several state affiliates, following disagreements about that organization's direction. In recent years, the Epilepsy Foundation's focus had shifted towards research, fundraising, and centralizing operations in its Washington area headquarters, while state affiliates remained engaged in providing direct support to people living with epilepsy in their local communities. Epilepsy Services New Jersey is also an affiliate of The Family Resource Network.

"This is a brand new day for those with epilepsy. We have a new name, but the same mission of caring for people with epilepsy, and the people who care for them," said Eric M. Joice, Chief Executive Officer of Epilepsy Services New Jersey, a founding partner of Epilepsy Alliance America. "We want to be the first call for anyone living with epilepsy, the person newly diagnosed with epilepsy, the parent of a child struggling with seizures, and the caregiver of a loved one without work because of their condition. We are here for them."

Multiple now-former state affiliates of the Epilepsy Foundation of America are in the process of forming Epilepsy Alliance America, a new, national organization which also launched this week; these affiliates include Epilepsy Florida, Epilepsy Alliance Louisiana, Epilepsy Alliance North Carolina, Epilepsy Alliance Ohio, Sociedad Puertorriquena De Epilepsia (Puerto Rico), Epilepsy Services New Jersey, and Epilepsy-Pralid, Inc. (New York). Additional former Epilepsy Foundation affiliates are in the process of joining in the weeks and months to come.

Services provided by Epilepsy Services New Jersey include seizure recognition and first aid training, webinars, emergency medications, Camp NOVA, and M.E. — the My Epilepsy app. Anyone seeking assistance managing their epilepsy in New Jersey should visit EpilepsyServicesNJ.org.

3 million Americans are living with epilepsy, with 150,000 more people diagnosed each year. 1 in 26 people will be diagnosed in their lifetimes with epilepsy, the fourth most common neurological condition in America, which can cause seizures.

Viking Village Antique & Collectible Show

Viking Village Antique & Collectible Show Sunday August 5 from 9am -5pm at 19th & Bayview Barnegat Light, NJ.

Over 65 Quality Dealers with something for everyone. Rain or Shine. Free Admission, Fresh Seafood Lunch, Coffee Bar and ATM on premises.

For more information go to: vikingvillageshow.com.
90th Anniversary Celebration

We are excited to celebrate our 90th Anniversary on Thursday, August 2nd! Get ready for throwback deals and entertainment for a fun filled day of Jenkinson’s memories!

3-7pm Strolling Entertainment
6-9pm Glass Slipper Princess & Yellow Dress Princess
6-9pm Caricaturist in the Amusement Park
4pm & 6pm Circus featuring music and dancing “Through the Decades” on the South Beach Stage
7pm Garden State Radio on the Pavilion Beach Stage

Fireworks at Dark

Special Anniversary Deals for Thursday, August 2nd: (some restrictions apply, while supplies last)
* $.90 Hot Dogs (10am-3pm) at the following locations: Light House Point, Little Mac’s, Boardwalk Bar & Grill and Jenkinson’s Pavilion Fast Food
* $.90 Soft Serve Small Ice Cream Cones or Small Kiddie Cups (10am-3pm) at the following locations: South Beach Sweets, Carousel Candies, Jenkinson’s Sweet Shop, Light House Point, Dippin’ Dots and Sugar Shoppe
* Buy a large coffee and receive a FREE Limited Edition 90th Anniversary Refillable Cup at the following locations: South Beach Sweets, Carousel Candies and Jenkinson’s Sweet Shop
* Buy ALL THREE of the Limited Edition 90th Anniversary Salt Water Taffy Boxes for $29.95 (normal price would be $39)

For more information: jenkinsons.com/event/90th-anniversary-celebration/

Surflight Theatre Upcoming 2018 Events

Saturday Night Fever The Musical

This energetic musical is based on Nik Cohn’s 1975 New York Magazine article “Tribal Rites of the New Saturday Night” and Norman Wexler’s 1977 film, featuring music by the Bee Gees. This musical adaptation of the ’70s classic film is the story of Tony Manero, a talented, streetwise kid from Brooklyn who attempts to escape his dead-end life through dancing. The score to Saturday Night Fever includes many disco-era hits by the Bee Gees. Almost all of the songs from the original movie sound track are included in the stage musical including, “Stayin’ Alive”, “How Deep is Your Love” and “More Than A Woman.”

August 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 at 8:00 pm
August 9, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 26 at 2:00 pm

NEW JERSEY PREMIER!

Bright Star

Music, Book & Story: Steve Martin. Music, Lyrics & Story: Edie Brickell. Inspired by a real event and featuring the Grammy-nominated score by Steven Martin and Edie Brickell, Broadway’s Bright Star is set in the American South of the 1920s and ’40s. The story revolves around a literary editor’s meeting with a soldier who has returned from World War II with whom she shares a special connection. Songs include: “Bright Star”, “Sun is Gonna Shine” and “I Had a Vision”

August 28, 29, 30, 31; September 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 at 8:00 pm
August 30, September 2, 4, 6, 9 at 2:00 pm

The 39 Steps

Mix a Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, add a dash of Monty Python and you have The 39 Steps, a fast-paced whodunit for anyone who loves the magic of theatre! This 2-time Tony® and Drama Desk Award-winning treat is packed with nonstop laughs, over 150 zany characters (played by a ridiculously talented cast of 4), an on-stage plane crash, handcuffs, missing fingers and some good old-fashioned romance! In The 39 Steps, a man with a boring life meets a woman with a thick accent who says she’s a spy. When he takes her home, she is murdered. Soon, a mysterious organization called “The 39 Steps” is hot on the man’s trail in a nationwide manhunt that climaxes in a death-defying finale! The 39 Steps amounts to an unforgettable afternoon or evening of pure pleasure!

September 12, 13, 14, 15 at 8:00 pm;
September 13, 16 at 2:00 pm

Souvenir

Florence Foster Jenkins, a wealthy society eccentric suffered under the delusion that she was a great coloratura soprano when she was in fact incapable of producing two consecutive notes in tune. Nevertheless, her annual recitals in the ballroom of The Ritz- Carlton hotel, where she resided, brought her extraordinary fame. As news of her terrible singing spread, so did her celebrity. Her growing mob of fans packed her recitals, stuffing handkerchiefs in their mouths to stifle their laughter—which Mrs. Jenkins blissfully mistook for cheers. The climax of her career was a single concert at Carnegie Hall in 1944. Famously, it sold out in two hours. Souvenir, by turn hilarious and poignant, tells her story through the eyes of her accompanist, Cosme McMoon. Faced with her boundless certainty, Cosme comes to revise his attitude, not only towards her singing but to the very meaning of music itself. As the play ends the audience enters her world completely, finding there the memories! “A musical odd-couple for the ages,” “A beguiling comic jewel with a heart.”

August 30, September 2, 4, 6, 9 at 2:00 pm

For more information visit surflight.org.
Laurita Winery Events
August 4 & 5: Laurita Irish Festival!
August 8: Laurita Summer Grill & Flight Night!
August 9: Laurita Idol – Junior Finals!
August 10: Disco Night at Laurita!
August 12: VinoVinyasa with Mettamade!
August 15: Laurita Summer Grill & Flight Night!
August 18 & 19: Awesome 80's Food Truck Festival!
August 22: Laurita Summer Grill & Flight Night!
August 25: Pound and Pour!
August 29: Laurita Summer Grill & Flight Night!
August 31: SangriaTown at Laurita!
Laurita Winery is located at 85 Archertown Rd New Egypt, NJ 08533. For more information call 609-752-0200 or lauritawinery.com.

Remembering the King
August 18 at 7pm
This is A GREAT! EXCITING! FUN! show. One of America's favorite ETA's, Richie Santa delivers a riveting performance with his 10 piece band singing all of your favorite songs by the KING! Special performance by Comedian Billy Garan!
Tickets include an Amazing after show Meet n' Greet with free CAKE AND COFFEE in the GALLERY! $45, $35 and $25.
For more information call 732-367-7789 or www.strand.org. The Strand Center for Arts is located at 400 Clifton Ave., Lakewood.

Mermaid Day
Mark your calendars for August 3 & 13, because a mermaid is coming to visit, and she is bringing the fun from under the sea to Breakwater Beach Waterpark, 800 Ocean Terrace, Seaside Heights!
On select dates this July and August, a mermaid will be available to meet with you, your family, and friends.
Our visiting mermaid friend will be available to meet with you from 1-3pm. Exact locations will be announced soon.
Come learn about her mermaid pod, as she tells stories of her under-water adventures. Hear her sing songs of the sea and hear about her fish and animal friends.
Take a picture with her and make mermaid memories. Splash and play, the mermaid way.
For more information call 732-793-6488 or https://www.facebook.com/PrettyPrincessJersey.

Blue Claw Crab Race & Craft Show
Come join the fun on August 18 from 10am to 3pm at Harvey Cedars Sunset Park, 7606 Long Beach Island Blvd., Harvey Cedars!
A blue claw crab race for the kids and lots of arts and crafts for the rest of the family. You can either bring your own crab or rent one from the sponsors, PBA 175. Prizes awarded for several categories. The Craft Show features handmade items, something for everyone. Food is available.
Central vs. Lacey
Join us on Saturday, August 4, 2018 at Lacey Twp. High School for the Alumni Football Game with Central vs. Lacey.

General admission is $10 and kids 5 and under are free.

This game is to benefit both schools athletics programs. The classic football game is full contact.

CRHS vs LACEY football Classic game will have players that were top football players in their high school, all state players that consist of mayors Chiefs of police , superintendent of schools, former NY Giants, teachers and more.

Miss Liberty will conduct the "miss coin toss" Miss Heads or Tails for the game. She will also present the award I am Miss Liberty USA sanctioned by US Troops.

A Plan to Protect the Barnegat Bay-Little Egg Harbor Estuary
August 15 @ 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

The Barnegat Bay-Little Egg Harbor estuary is under threat. Suburban sprawl and over-development prompted the Governor of New Jersey in 2010 to direct the NJ Department of Environmental Protection to research and develop a protection plan for the Ocean County bay. Citizens from the region, recreational users, commercial fisherman, activists, scientists, and land developers all shared their experiences with the NJDEP to develop a research strategy towards formulating new regulatory policies and a management plan for protecting the bay. This session explores how the research impacted the protection and stewardship planning. Issues of concern to the environmental regulatory agencies and the public include: nuisance jellyfish blooms, excess nutrients, the imminent closure of the Oyster Creek nuclear power plant on the bay, the benefits of marine conservation zones, and the status of the fish, crab and shellfish populations. Noteworthy is the collection of these data before and after Superstorm Sandy came ashore at BB-LEH, and its impact on the shallow bay. This program is part of the NJ Council for the Humanities Public Scholars Project.

Speaker Thomas Belton Thomas Belton is a Research Associate in Science Writing with the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University. He is a retired Senior Scientist with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection where he served as the Research Coordinator for the Governor’s 2010-2016 Action Plan for the Barnegat Bay-Little Egg Harbor Estuary. His book “Protecting New Jersey’s Environment: From Cancer Alley to the New Garden State” was named an Honor Book by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities due to its ability to take complex scientific information and put it into language and entertaining stories that everyone can understand. In his book and his lectures, he points out how people search for environmental remedies in their neighborhoods and the challenges they face that result in what Belton calls bare-knuckles environmental protection, replete with back-room political deals, infighting, criminals, and hapless victims. Belton demonstrates the ways that scientists, regulators, lobbyists, and politicians interact and offers the public a go-to guide on how to seek environmental protection in practical ways.

Please call 609-296-8868 to register.

JDRF/FARE Crab Race
On Saturday August 25th (raindate August 26th) at 5:00pm, artificial plastic crabs will be released from Patriot’s Plunge into the Revolutionary River at Breakwater Beach in a race to benefit Juvenile Diabetes and Food Allergy Research Education.

You can purchase your “crab” for only $5 in the waterpark any day we are open! We start selling crabs August 1st!

Each donation, IF PURCHASED PRIOR TO AUGUST 18th, receives a Twilight Admission for the day of the crab race.

If you purchase your crab between August 18th – August 25th (noon), you will be entered to win prizes but will not receive admission to watch the race.

Winning crab gets $100 and a 10 All-Day Passes to Breakwater Beach for the 2019 season. LOTS of other prizes will be awarded too.

You can purchase your crab at Breakwater Beach Waterpark. All proceeds from the event go directly to JDRF and FARE in hopes of finding a cure for these diseases.

We will stop selling crabs at 12 Noon on the day of the Crab race.

Don’t forget – you can still make the donation for the crab entry and do not need to be present at the event to win.

For more info: Casinopiernj.com.
Cajun Shrimp Bowls

INGREDIENTS

FOR THE SHRIMP
1 lb. shrimp, peeled, deveined, and tails removed
2 links chicken sausage, cut into 1/2" rounds
1 red bell pepper, sliced
1/2 yellow onion, sliced
2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
1 tbsp. fresh thyme leaves
2 tsp. Cajun Seasoning
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper

FOR THE AVOCADO SALAD
1 avocado, sliced
2/3 c. fresh cooked corn
Juice of 1/2 lemon
Pinch of Cayenne Pepper
Kosher salt

FOR THE BROWN SUGAR GARLIC SAUCE

Juice of 1/2 lemon
1 tbsp. hot sauce
2 tsp. brown sugar
1/4 c. mayo
1/2 tsp. Garlic Powder
4 c. cooked brown rice
2 green onions, thinly sliced (for garnish)

DIRECTIONS
1—Preheat oven to 400°. On a medium baking sheet, arrange shrimp, sausage, peppers, and onion in strips in a single layer. Drizzle with oil and sprinkle all over with thyme and Cajun Seasoning, then season with salt and pepper. Bake until vegetables are tender and shrimp is opaque and cooked through, 15 to 18 minutes.
2—Meanwhile, make avocado salad: In a medium bowl, stir together avocado, corn, lemon juice, and Cayenne Pepper. Season with salt.
3—Make brown sugar garlic sauce: In a medium bowl, whisk together lemon juice, hot sauce, and brown sugar, until sugar is completely dissolved. Stir in mayonnaise and Garlic Powder and place in the refrigerator until ready to serve.
4—Build your bowls: Divide rice among bowls, then top each with shrimp and sausage, vegetables, and avocado salad. Drizzle with sauce and garnish with green onions before serving.

S’mores Icebox Cake

1 package instant chocolate pudding mix
2 c. cold milk
1 c. heavy cream
2 tbsp. sugar
7 oz. marshmallow crème
1 sleeve graham crackers
1 package mini marshmallows

DIRECTIONS
1—Line a 9"-x-5" loaf pan with plastic wrap, allowing overhang on all sides.
2—In a large bowl, whisk pudding and milk until fully combined. Let cool completely.
3—Make marshmallow whipped cream: In a large bowl, beat heavy cream and sugar until stiff peaks form. Fold in crème and set aside.
4—To loaf pan, add 1 layer of graham crackers, breaking crackers up when necessary to completely fill bottom. Spread 1/3 chocolate pudding on top of that, then add an even layer of mini marshmallows (about 1/2 cup). Spread on 1/3 marshmallow whipped cream mixture, then repeat process 2 more times, ending on marshmallow whipped cream. Refrigerate overnight.
5—When ready to serve, invert cake onto flat serving platter and peel off plastic.
6—On a baking sheet, add 1/2 cup mini marshmallows. Using a kitchen torch or broiler, toast marshmallows until golden brown. Once cool enough to handle, place on top of cake. Serve immediately.
Ice Cream Summer Sundays Are Running Weekends Through September

Beat the heat with a cool treat this summer with Sugartooth Tours! We’ll introduce you to the most delicious cold treats from uniquely flavored ice creams, ice-cream sandwiches, artisanal gelato, frozen yogurt and more!

This tour starts in the Union Square area you will meet your licensed tour guide and the rest of your tour group, which will range from 3-16 guests for a conversational experience. We will cover about 2 miles at a leisurely pace as we explore frozen delights down to Little Italy, Soho, and Chinatown.

You may opt to book a private tour for groups of 6 or more. We can even tailor it to your personal tastes. Our tours make great birthday party tours, bachelorette, tours, family get-togethers, office team building, incentive programs, and more.

Sugartooth Tours specializes in walking dessert food tours in New York City that combine culinary and cultural history with the best desserts in the city. On a Sugartooth tour, guides showcase the city’s best hidden bakeries and off the beaten path gems where the locals go. Guides dish out equal helpings of delicious desserts with the city’s cultural and culinary history, and guests leave with a full stomach and newfound knowledge of NYC’s best bakeries. Our tours are a perfect excursion for all ages, and for locals and visitors to the Big Apple alike! Tours are small in size with no more than 16 people per group for a conversational experience. Sugartooth Tours is dedicated to serving the sweet tooth in everyone, creating communities by connecting consumers with local food purveyors, and by providing the best customer experience through high quality tastings, superior customer service, and friendly and informed licensed tour guides.

OCC’s Southern Education Hosts Open House

If you live in the southern part of Ocean County and want to know about the opportunities available to you to attend college, Ocean County College’s Southern Education Center in Manahawkin will host an Open House on Wednesday, August 8, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Discover how OCC helps its students prepare for their future.

Meet with representatives from Admissions, Advising, Financial Aid, and the Kean-Ocean program, and take a tour of the SEC classrooms and facilities, as well as the adjacent Marine Academy of Technology and Environmental Science (MATES) building.

You can also fill out an application, meet with an advisor, and register for classes.

OCC’s Transfer Coordinator, Laura Wills, will be available to explain transfer options, and representatives from Kean University will also be on site to provide an Instant Admission Decision.

The Southern Education Center is located at 195 Cedar Bridge Road in Manahawkin.

Advance registration requested. To register, visit go.ocean.edu/events. For questions or more information, contact the OCC Admissions Department at 1.732.255.0400, ext. 2960.

Rising High School Seniors Can Apply Now To Stockton at Instant Decision Days

Qualified high school seniors interested in attending Stockton University can skip the fall rush and apply this summer through Stockton’s Pre-Senior Instant Decision Days (or PIDD).

Stockton will host two Pre-Senior Instant Decision Days – Tuesday, August 14 and Wednesday, August 15.

The PIDD allows qualified high school seniors to apply, interview and receive an admissions decision all in a single day. PIDD allows students to connect with faculty, administrators, and students as well as get a feel first-hand for Stockton’s academic, social and campus life. At the end of the day, applicants will receive a letter of acceptance for admission to Stockton University for Fall 2019 and scholarship award information, if eligible.

Space is limited and interested students must submit a PIDD application in order to attend. To apply, go to admissions.stockton.edu

Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:

- High school senior, grade 12, as of September 2018, with expected graduation by June 30, 2019
- 1200+ SAT combined score (Evidence-Based Reading & Writing + Math) or 25+ ACT composite score
- Top 20% class rank as calculated end of junior year (if your school does not rank, an equivalent GPA is required)
- PIDD application signed by your high school counselor and faxed to the Stockton Admissions Office

This is a non-binding decision. Accepted students have until May 1, 2019, to confirm or decline acceptance for Fall 2019.

For more information, call admissions.stockton.edu email idd@stockton.edu or call the Stockton Admissions office at (609) 652-4261.

3rd Annual VFW Post 10118 Classic Car Show

Join the VFW 10118 and the Vintage Automobile Museum of New Jersey on August 25 from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm for their annual Classic Car Show.

Car show is open to all cars and trucks, but only those 1993 and older will be judged. The show is co-sponsored by VFW Post 10118 (2652 W. Lacey Road, Forked River) and the Vintage Automobile Museum of NJ.

Trophies by judges choice, dash plaques for the first 100 vehicles, with food and beverage available.

Vendor fee $50. Rain date is Aug. 26.

For more information visit vintageautomuseum.org.

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