

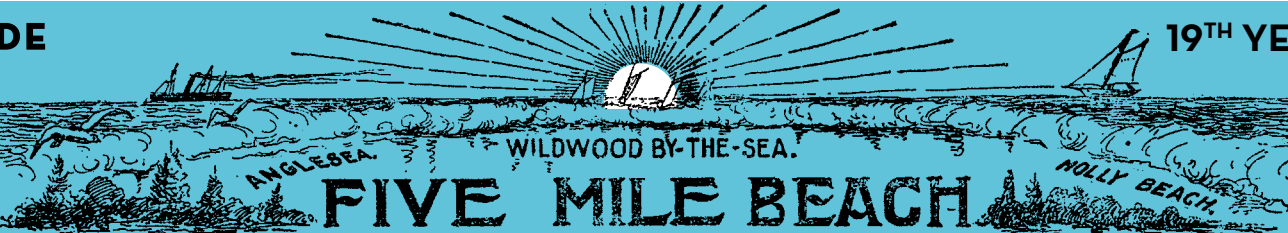
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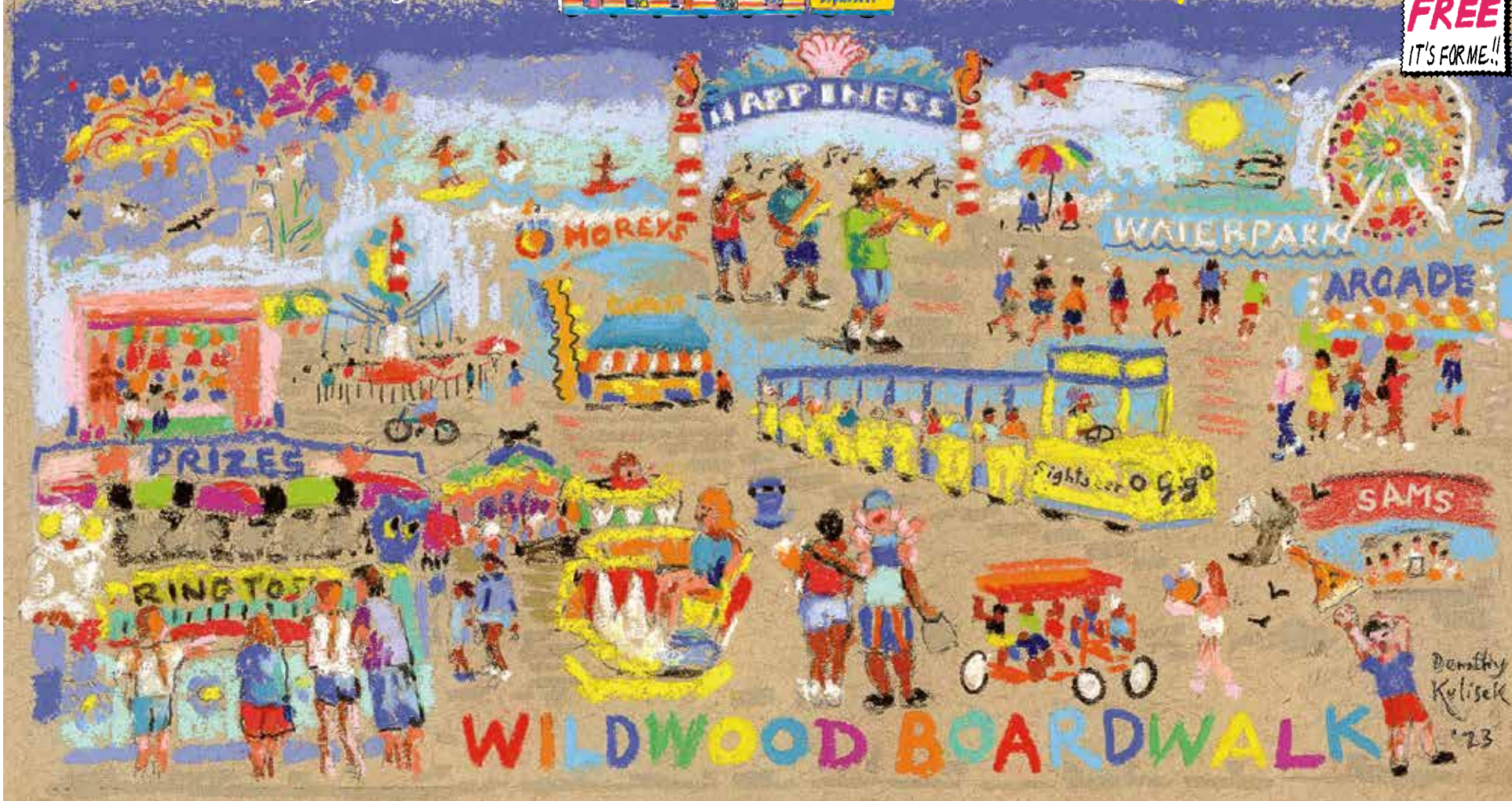
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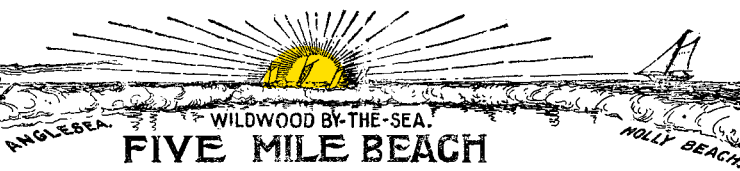
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Meet Carole Pantalone
Broker/Owner
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Carole is a lifelong resident of Wildwood Crest. The Wildwoods are truly her home, giving her a deep understanding of the community, its neighborhoods and ever changing property.

This familiarity with all the Wildwoods are obvious in the wide range of listings that she holds. Every customer's needs, no matter what the price range, are singularly important. Customers recognize her commitment for much of her business is based on referrals from satisfied customers. Her familiarity with island and mainland communities is extensive, based on years of listings, selling and investing in properties throughout the community. For Carole, real estate professionalism means creating a relationship of trust that provides clients a rewarding satisfying experience the kind of relationship that continues to bring them back the next time they need to buy or sell property.

Wildwoods NJ 1945



Joseph & Rita Von Savage
c. 1940s
on the Wildwood boardwalk



"Rest is not idle, is not wasteful. Sometimes rest is the most productive thing you can do for body and soul." ~ Erica Layne

The FIVE MILE BEACH Sun

WHERE YESTERDAY & TODAY MEET BY-THE-SEA

Happy Summer Dear Sun Readers!

Summer surely brings out the best in us, but I must confess I'm actually happy for the winter here at the shore. It's a season of rest, of going within our homes, within ourselves and like nature and the animal kingdom around us, it's a necessary time of hibernation for our tired spirit, and weary souls ... especially for those of us who work seasonal jobs.

Knowing that just around the corner, once the new year begins... like a seed planted deep in the earth, we will all rise with renewed energy once again in the sunlight of Spring and be in full bloom by Summer.

Personally, I thrive in the God-designed circadian rhythm of the changing seasons around the Sun. The sleepy winter is actually counterintuitively productive not just for my soul, but to reach my goal of creating The Sun.

Some may think it's magically whipped together, but on the contrary, it's woven together over the long off-season months.

As time marches on, I enjoy more and more of this Unhurried kind of Life... (after being on a perpetual deadline for the past 20 years)

If you find yourself on a life-sucking busy schedule and escape to the shore for some soul quenching beach days, just remember, rest is God's gift to us. And most often, rest has nothing to do with sleep.

Rest is feeling the sea breezes. . . Sitting in your beach chair with your toes in the sand and The Sun in hand Sitting long on the porch with friends and family ...where wasting time is time

well wasted
Sharing stories ... And good meals
Taking off your shoes of busyness and putting on your flip flops
Strolling the water's edge looking for sanddollars and special shells
Enjoying an outdoor shower
Leisurely hanging out your clothes to dry on a clothesline
Spending the day out on the deep blue... Fishing
or a Sightseeing boat ride
or riding bikes on the boardwalk

As I bring this letter to a close, I urge you to *take your time savoring every bit of this issue. Don't read too fast, make it last.* It's hard to believe, even for me, that this will be the only one I publish this year.

God has blessed me with gifts to be able to produce this magazine and the fact that so many of you tell me how much it blesses you is such an incredible blessing to me!

With some of my extra time, I will be painting and making art and new books! Keep your eyes open for the first volume of my Sun story archive series entitled Once Upon a Time in Wildwood by-the-Sea ©

So, however you spend these blissful balmy days, I pray it is a restful season for you my friends. May your stories happily unfold by the sea... because we know... Every Summer has its own Story!

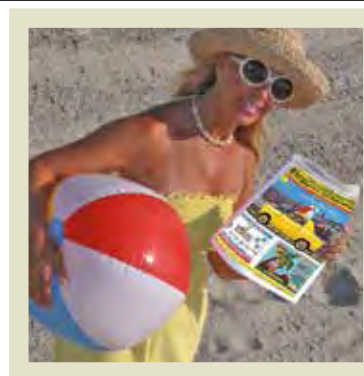
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The SUN by-the-sea, WILDWOOD, NJ



Do birthdays celebrate the years completed or the year to be fulfilled? One would assume that it is the 20th Anniversary of the birth of The Sun since this is the 20th year of being published. There is a case to say that the day of your birth is actually your first birthday, so you turn 1 on your second birthday, which is the first anniversary of your birth. In which case, The Sun turns 19 on its 20th birthday, as it enters its 20th year, on the 19th anniversary of its birth. Born 4-01-04

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Don't read too fast
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Make it last!

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"Think of a special ordinary occasion... The sunrise? The presence of one you care for?... And how you can celebrate it today." ~David Kandtz

GET LOST IN THE EXCITEMENT!

Here are some of the fun events happening in the Wildwoods:

JULY 7

Wildwood Crest Sand Sculpting Festival

JULY 14-16

NJ Jeep Beach Invasion

JULY 14-16

NJ State BBQ Championship & Anglesea Blues Festival

JULY 26

Wildwoods Baby Parade

AUG 11-12

Latin Music Beach Festival

AUG 11-13

Tattoo Beach Bash

AUG 25-27

Sports Card, Toys, Comics & Collectibles Show

AUG 26

'Tri the Wildwoods' Triathlon, Wild Child Triathlon & 5K

SEPT 3

End of Summer Block Party

SEPT 8-9

Mummers String Band Show

DON'T MISS THESE FREE WEEKLY EVENTS ALL SUMMER LONG:

- * Friday Night Fireworks on the Beach at 10 p.m.
- * Concerts 4 Nights a Week
- * Downtown Wildwood Farmer's Market
- * Boardwalk Craft Shows
- * Movies Under The Stars
- * Family-Friendly Festivals

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June Events

JUNE HATH 30 DAYS.

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~HAL BORLAND

6/22 Downtown Wildwood Music in the Plaza Concert Series Kick-Off FREE Every Thursday 7:30-9pm thru 8/31 DOOWW.com

6/23 Wildwoods Boardwalk Friday Night Fireworks Kick-Off FREE 10pm from Pine Ave. beach every Friday night thru 9/1 DOOWW.com

6/24-25 Cape Express Beach Blast Soccer Wildwood beach between Poplar & Spencer

6/24 Grassy Sound Marina Annual Flounder Tournament

6/24-25 Cape Express Beach Blast Basketball Wildwood Convention Center 631.926.5942

6/25-29 YOUTH FOR CHRIST Heatwave. Wildwoods Convention Center & beach. 8am-10pm 412.854.1110

6/27 Downtown Wildwood Movies in the Plaza Kick-Off -FREE Every Tuesday at sunset thru 8/22 DOOWW.com

6/30-7/2 SPORTS CARD, TOYS, COMICS & COLLECTIBLES SHOW Wildwoods Convention Center 732.690.2476 RKSportsPromotions.com



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July Events

JULY HATH 31 DAYS.

FULL BUCK MOON JULY 3RD 7:39 AM

At the Beach... we forget to count the days

7/1-3, 15-16 Boardwalk SID Craft Shows All handmade products. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

7/4 Independence Day & Patriotic Pooch Parade 8th - 9th & Atlantic Ave. North Wildwood. 9am

7/4 **NEW!** Downtown Wildwood July 4th Party Byrne Plaza 7:30pm. Big House Band

7/6, 20 Anglesea Nightmarket & Food Truck Fest Olde NJ Ave. 5-10pm

7/7 WILDWOOD CREST SAND SCULPTING FESTIVAL Heather Rd. beach, 9am

7/8 SIDEWALK CHALK COMPETITION at Bill Henfey Park. North Wildwood. 9am.

7/9-10 Wildwood Cornhole Tournament Garfield & the Beach 11am

7/11 Phila. Flyers Community Caravan Allen Park

7/14-16 Anglesea **BLUES** Festival & NJ State **BBQ** Championship Olde NJ Ave., Smokin' hot blues on an outdoor stage.

7/14-16 **NJ JEEP INVASION** Wildwood

7/15-16 Cape Express "MORE" Beach Blast Soccer between Spencer & Poplar on beach

7/22 Wildwood's Christmas in July Golf Cart Parade. Boardwalk 10a.m. - 1 p.m.

7/22 Christmas in July with Santa Claus On the Beach in North Wildwood.

7/22 WILDWOOD CREST CHRISTMAS in July Festival along Sunset Lake. 6pm-9pm

7/25 The Wildwoods Love Waddler's Baby Waddle - Wildwoods Convention Center Turnaround circle. 10:30am

7/26 Wildwoods Baby Parade Wildwoods Convention Center, Boardwalk and Fox Park 6pm

7/29-30 Ultimate Beach Frisbee Tournament Beach at Schellenger Ave, Wildwood. 9-5

7/29 Community Band by the Sea (rain date 7/30) Byrne Plaza, Wildwood. 7PM Honoring of "The Golden Age of Bands" Look for their ad in the Downtown Section

Summer Races

7/7 Cape May County Lifeguard Championships, Rambler Rd. Beach, 6:30pm

7/14 Beschen-Callahan Memorial Lifeguard Race 15th St. & Beach. 6pm

7/15 BOOGIE BOARD Races 15th Ave. 10am

7/15-16 StepBack 3v3 Basketball Tournament

7/22 Sun and Sand Police & Fire Survivors 5K Elks Lodge, 1st & Olde NJ, 9am start

7/29 Dutch Hoffman Memorial Lifeguard Races Lincoln Ave. Beach, 6:30 pm

7/29 Wildwood Crest 5K Beach Race 8:30am

7/30 WBP PIER TO PIER Challenge 1 Mile Ocean Swim 6:30pm. Lincoln Ave.

8/3 TRI WOOD LIFEGUARD CHAMPIONSHIP Lincoln Ave. Beach 6:30pm

8/3 MAYRA Greater Wildwood Yacht Club Youth Regatta. Sunset Lake 10am-2pm

8/5 LIFE ROLLS ON Baker Ave Beach 6 pm

8/6 Wildwood NAVY SEAL Challenge Lincoln Ave Beach 6 pm

8/12 "LIVE LIKE BOLLE" 5K Race Start location 15th Ave. beach, 8:30 am

8/15 Around the Island Row Inlet beach 8am

8/26 TRI THE WILDWOODS 15th & the Beach. 6:30am. Delmosports.com



"There is a magic about the sea. People are drawn to it. People want to love by it. Swim in it. Play in it. Look at it." ~Cecilia Ahern

August Events

AUGUST HATH 31 DAYS.
FULL STURGEON MOON AUGUST 1st 2:32 PM
BLUE MOON AUGUST 30TH 9:36 PM

"In Summer, the Song Sings itself." ~William Carlos Williams

8/1 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - FREE
 5:30-8:30pm
WILDWOOD - Fox Park
NORTH WILDWOOD - Bill Henfey Park
WILDWOOD CREST - Centennial Park

8/3-5 Wildwood Beach Boogie Skydive.
 856.629.7553

8/4-6 Battle at the Beach Mixed Martial Arts Tourn. Wildwoods Convention Center

8/7 National Lighthouse Day- Hereford Inlet Lighthouse. 10am - Noon

8/11-12 Spanish Music & Food Fest.

8/11-13, 18-20 Baseball on the Beach between Andrews and Rio Grande Aves.

8/11-13 Tattoo Beach Bash WCC

8/19 WWE Wildwoods Conv. Center

9/2 Ed's Funcade World Championship Skee-ball Tournament

9/3 Wildwood Block Party and Music Festival - Fox Park, Noon.

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Music Events

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on the Beach between Spicer & Garfield

Wildwood Block Party

Sept. 3 at Fox Park

1pm - 10pm

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Fox Park at 7:30pm FREE

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Fox Park, Saturday July 15 6pm-10pm

CHRISTMAS in JULY

July 22

Golf Cart Parade, Craft Show, Music

10am-12pm Parade

Wildwoods Baby Waddle July 25

Wildwoods Baby Parade July 26

on the boardwalk at 5pm.

National Night Out Aug. 2 Fox Park

Sporting Events

Cape Express Soccer

July 15-16

Dutch Hoffman Memorial Lifeguard Races

July 29 Lincoln Ave. Beach

Ultimate Beach Frisbee Tournament

July 29-30

Navy Seal Challenge

August 6 Lincoln Ave. Beach

Beach Baseball Tournament

August 11-13, 18-20

Tri the Wildwoods Triathlon

5K + Kids Race Aug. 26

Monster Truck Sept. 29 - Oct. 1



Ben & Mary Clark opened their doors in Cape May on 2/11/23

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Mary Clark is the owner of Vagabond Cape May and co-owner, with her college roommate Megan Murphy, of Vagabond in Philadelphia. Her background is in fine art, history, and making hand-knit sweaters and one-of-a-kind clothing. Vagabond started as a way for her to employ her artistic talents while building a small business and providing a place for local designers to sell their creations, while being committed to helping marginalized people, both locally and overseas. Vagabond first opened in 1994 on Pacific Avenue in Wildwood, across from Common Ground Coffee House. In 1997, the original Vagabond Cape May opened on the Perry Street side of Congress Hall, then moved to Carpenters Square on Perry Street. **Fast forward to 2023, Mary Clark comes full circle with her all new Vagabond Cape May located at 518 rear Washington Street Mall on Carpenter's Lane. See Mary's Ad on page 13, and be sure to stop by to visit her!**

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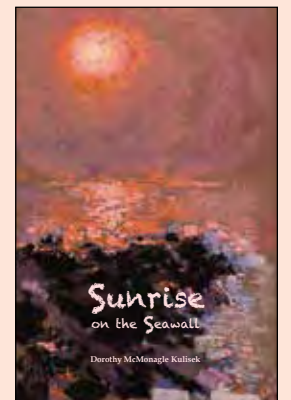
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Billy Walton Band 4-7 PM

Chris O'Leary Band 7:30-10:30 PM

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Sidewalk Chalk Competition
Sat., July 8 All ages. Bill Henfey Park. Contest 9am, Judging 10:45am, Prizes 11am

Beschen-Callahan Memorial Lifeguard Races
Friday, July 14, 6pm 15th Avenue Beach, North Wildwood. 609.522.7500

Boogie Board Races
Saturday, July 15 Reg. 9am Contest Begins at 10am
on the beach at 16th Avenue, North Wildwood. Prizes!

Philadelphia Flyers Community Caravan
Tuesday, July 18 4pm-6pm
George D'Amico Hockey Rink, 23rd & Delaware Aves.

Sun and Sand Police/Fire Survivors 5K Race + 1 Mile Walk
Saturday, July 22 Reg. 7:45am Race Begins 9am. - 1st & Olde New Jersey Ave.

Christmas in July with Santa Claus
Saturday, July 22 Begins at 1pm on the Beach, North Wildwood

National Night Out
Tuesday, August 1 5:30pm, Bill Henfey Park 8th & Central Avenues

46th Annual Around the Island Row
Tuesday, August 15 Begins at 8am on the Inlet Beach

Summer Camps

Buckets Basketball Camp NW Rec. Boys and Girls
July 3 - 7 9am - 2pm Ages 9-15 yrs. July 17 - 21 9am - 1pm Ages 5-9 yrs.
July 31 - August 4 9am - 2pm Ages 9-15 yrs.

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- July 20 Lights Out
Frankie Valli Tribute
- July 22 The Chiclettes & Tommy C
- July 27 Jimmy & the Parrots
Jimmy Buffet Tribute
- July 29 52nd Street Band
Billy Joel Tribute
- Aug. 3 Uptown Band
- Aug. 5 The Classics
- Aug. 10 Another Tequila Sunrise
Eagles Tribute Band
- Aug. 12 Real Diamond
Neil Diamond Tribute
- Aug. 17 Joey Arminio
- Aug. 19 Chicago 9
- Aug. 24 Elvis Jesse Garron
- Aug. 26 The Cameos
- Aug. 31 Beatlemania

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Mummers Brigade & String Band
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SUNSET YOGA 7:30PM

Thursday:
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Friday:
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Saturday:
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July 12 ~ Dead Reckoning (Grateful Dead tribute)
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July 26 ~ Billy D. Light Trio (classic pop, rock)
Aug. 2 ~ The Mugshots (rock/pop hits)
Aug. 9 ~ Street Life Serenade (Billy Joel tribute)
Aug. 16 ~ Loose Ends (classic rock)
Aug. 23 ~ Basic Cable (hits of the 1980s)

SATURDAYS 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (new time)

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July 15 ~ Winslow (Eagles tribute)
July 22 ~ No Show. Christmas in July at Sunset Lake
July 29 ~ B Street Band (Bruce Springsteen tribute)
Aug. 5 ~ Foreign Journey (Journey tribute)
Aug. 12 ~ Chicago 9 (Chicago tribute)
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Saturday, September 16th 9AM - 1PM

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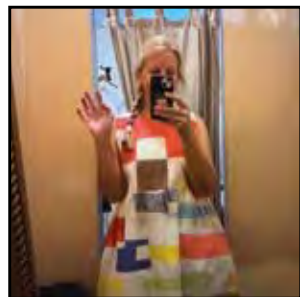


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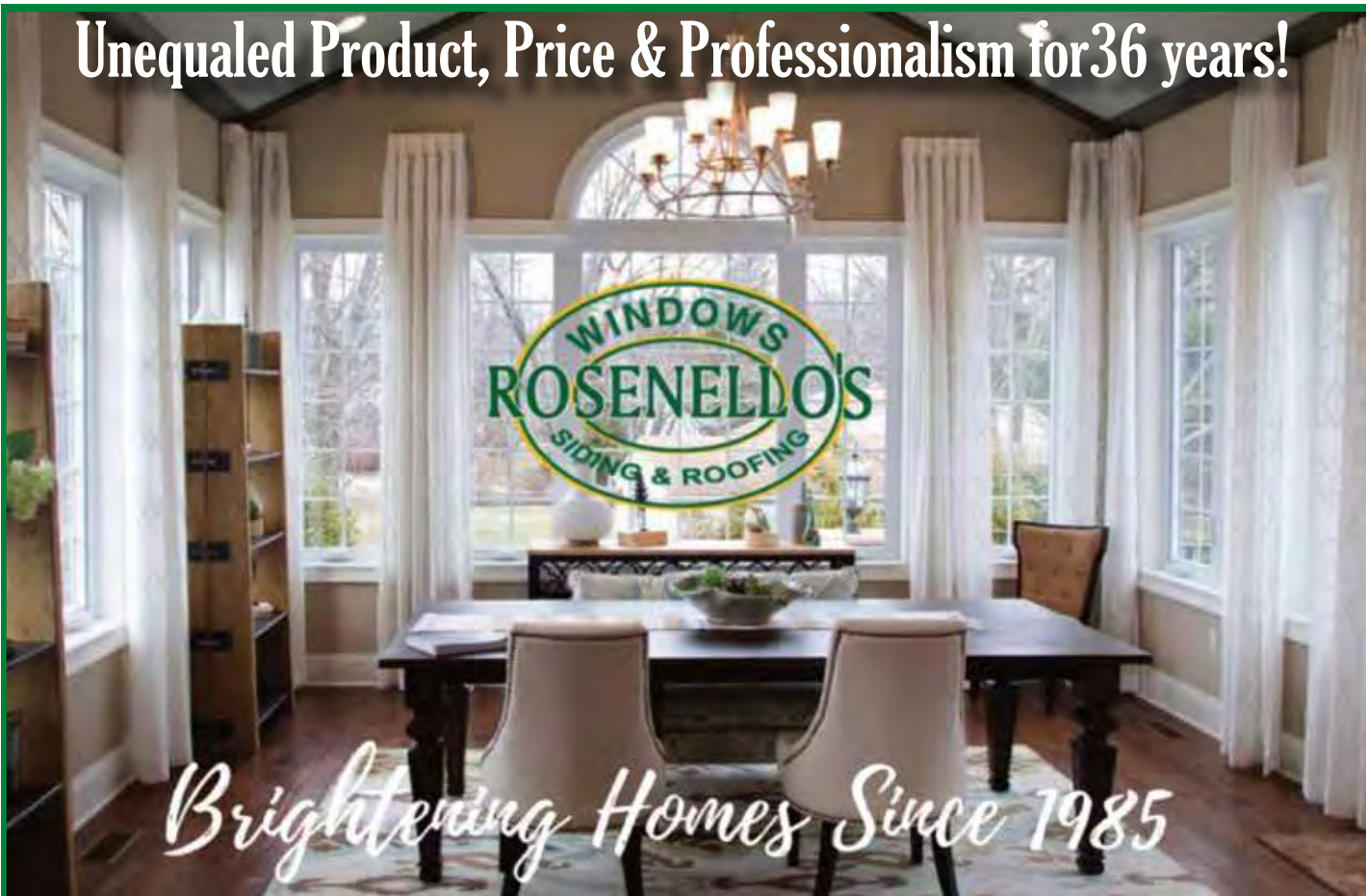
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by Nicole Leapheart



This summer my daughter, Simone, turns 15. We've been visiting Wildwood since she was two years' old and have been nearly every summer since, missing only the summer of 2020 due to the pandemic. As guests of Wildwood natives Patty BeBee Wilson, Scott Wilson and their daughter Wylie (and now husband John), we have been accepted as part of the lovely tribe of locals who have watched my daughter grow every year, reaching new milestones every summer.



We look forward to traveling to Forget-Me-Not and enjoying those scenic beach days. Our Boardwalk nights include Morey's Pier, Mack's Pizza, Curley's Fries, and being careful to "watch the tram car please!" There's also brunch on Sunday at Surfside West Diner.



Wildwood is where Simone learned to boogie board and swim in the ocean, where she developed a respect for the majesty of the ocean and the wildlife within it. Wildwood has been a beautiful haven for us - myself a landlocked 17-year transplant from the Midwest to Philly and my daughter, a West Philadelphia born-and-raised city kid.

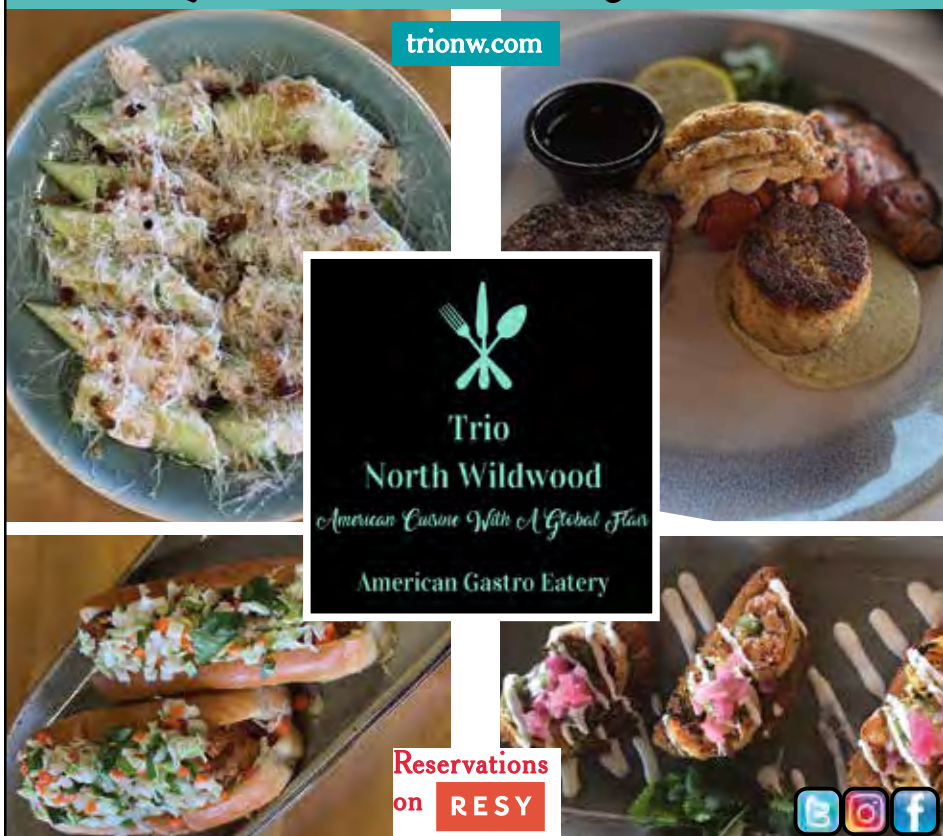
back! Many thanks to the Wilsons and their circle of extended family and friends who have made our relationship with Wildwood so special. See you this summer!

When Simone was in elementary school, she proudly proclaimed to someone, "We summer in Wildwood!" Not quite, but we love Wildwood, and certainly feel that Wildwood loves us

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Prohibition in the WILDWOODS

*by Anne Vinci, originally
published in The Sun in 2017*

A short time ago I was listening to a "golden oldies" station and came upon a song written and recorded by American country singer Roger Miller. Chug-A-Lug was recorded in 1964, and the lyrics included "Grape wine in a Mason jar" and the discovery of a big old barn where "we uncovered a covered-up moonshine still". While the song was a humorous reminiscence of youthful encounters, it was reminiscent of an actual time that took place in these United States called Prohibition and The Wildwoods were dry or so they were supposed to be. In October, 1919, Congress passed the National Prohibition Act; the legislation was more commonly known as the Volstead Act. Both federal and local government struggled to enforce Prohibition over the course of the 1920s, but Wildwood's harbors and shoreline made it a bootlegger's dream.

In a 1982 article from the Atlantic City Press, a local builder and club owner, Ben Lauriello purchased a wooden building at 501 Montgomery Avenue in Wildwood. While he was tearing out a wall, he found two rubber hoses. He traced the hoses up through the wall until they ended underneath two 1926 newspapers. Under the newspapers he found a copper tank wrapped in burlap. The tank is reportedly a remnant of the building's heyday as a speakeasy and brothel. Local sources reported to the Atlantic City Press that Lauriello's building had once housed a speakeasy called Chester Dick's Harbor Inn.

Lauriello eventually found two copper tanks embedded in the wall. The tanks were used to hide illegal whiskey from federal and state agents. Proprietors of the establishment apparently funneled whiskey into the hidden tanks from the attic. The hoses ran to the first floor, where customers presumably filled their glasses. The copper tank on display at



The Dew Drop Inn on Otten's Harbor
Photo Wildwood Historic Museum

the museum has a series of puncture holes in it. In my conversation with Ben Lauriello, it was explained to him that they were bullet holes made by agents during a raid. They would know about these concealed tanks and fire at the walls looking for them.

According to Stanley Gage of the Wildwood Crest Historical Society, at that time, "Wildwood was a pretty wild, open town during the 1920s." Boats rendezvoused with mother ships to bring illegal Canadian whiskey into the harbors, which were ringed with speakeasies. Like many speakeasies of the day, Chester Dick's Harbor Inn was also reportedly a brothel.

In reviewing some verbal history made by the late Mayor Doris Bradway who served as Mayor of Wildwood from 1933 to 1938, she fired the entire police department during the prohibition period. She claimed they were bringing in the booze and one detective had a "stable of girls". In searching her memory, she recalls the old houses of Cedar Avenue that had 4 and 5 story houses, some of which served as brothels and "maybe a saloon or two in there." The detective did business with someone that reported it to the mayor and she had the girls brought in and they said "Sure!" It seems he was supplying the women for the men, and men for the women, so she fired him. According to the Bradway tapes, the police detective took her to court, but "they didn't put him back because the court said I was right." In the meantime, the rest of the police were doing everything they could to undermine her authority.

Admittedly, a lot of Wildwood's history is a bit "colorful" to say the least, but, it seems the federal government came to its senses and in early 1933, Congress adopted a resolution proposing a 21st Amendment to the Constitution that would repeal the 18th. It was ratified by the end of that year, bringing the Prohibition era to a close.

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Prohibition in the WILDWOODS

By Laura Quinn,
author of *Thicker Than Water*

Ever heard of Boo Boo Hoff? No? Affection for bow-ties aside, you won't find him at Jellystone Park but that's where I come in.

Known as the "King of Bootleggers," Hoff built quite an empire for himself in the Philadelphia area during Prohibition. Valued at a whopping \$5 million dollars (over \$85 million circa pre-pandemic 2020 figures), the liquor ring was larger than that of even Al Capone when it collapsed in October 1931, at which time the Philadelphia Inquirer reported agents uncovered the following:

- 12 outlaw radio stations
- 6 rumrunning boats
- 2 cutting plants
- 1 massive warehouse in Delaware County, PA (with 2 smaller ones in NY and Atlantic City)
- And a partridge in a pear tree

But Hoff didn't act alone. Wildwoods' own, J. Frank Hilton, played a key role in orchestrating behind-the-scenes transactions and distribution.

The eldest son of Anglesea founder Augustus "Gus" Hilton, Frank got his start working at one of the family's many island businesses, Consolidated Fisheries. Located on Ottens Harbor, having the plant and ice house next to the railroad made for faster, fresher shipping of both fish and liquor.

The process was simple and straightforward, operating under the same

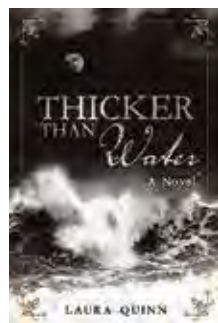


Boo Boo Hoff

King of the Bootleggers

premise businesses today consider wholesale. Known as Rum Row, supply ships from outside the U.S. anchored themselves three miles off the coast. Courier boats would then fill their holds with sacks of liquor and land at drop points such as Two Mile Beach, Hereford Inlet, and Higbee Beach (in Cape May).

From there, the booze was loaded onto trucks and delivered to either local warehouses or cutting plants, where it was modified by adding harsh chemicals before rebottling. Ordered liquor was then distributed to various operations within the ring. In Philadelphia, these included Hoff's 21 Club, Picadilly Club, and Sylvania Hotel. Among Wildwood venues were the Dew Drop Inn, and Tangerine Cafe, both of which happened to be located on Ottens Harbor.



Like what you've read so far? Then you may be interested in Laura's new novel, *Thicker Than Water*. The book is the first in a trilogy and has been recognized by the Philadelphia Inquirer as a summer beach read. It is available at our local Hooked on Books, as well as the Wildwood Historic Museum.

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This Little Pink House Standing Strong in Wildwood by-the-Sea

by Dorothy McMonagle Kulisek



115 W. 15 Ave., N. Wildwood

It's been said, Heaven is a house with a porch. Sitting on the front porch of "The Little Pink House" on 115 W. 15 Ave., reminiscing with Dan Brady and his parents, I was thrilled to be a part of sharing the stories that little house has inspired. After posting the Little Pink House on my Facebook and Instagram pages, we reflected on the good memories their home inspired. Those memories will never be replaced, he said, but memories are even sweeter when shared with someone intrinsically connected to that time and place. Dan's Aunt Bev (Eleanore's sister) joined in on the reminiscing, vividly remembering her carefree, summer days, walking to the beach with her grandfather, picking up surf clams and eating them right out of the shell. The sea was an integral part of their Irish family, who emigrated to West Philadelphia from Donegal. Beverly can still hear her grandmother's wise advice to "take a dip in the ocean!" for almost any problem that arose. Simple but effective, for as every seaside knows,

saltwater really does possess magical healing powers. They found their way to this barrier island circa 1930, purchasing the home on W. 15th Ave. and beginning their magical story by the sea. Like so many other Wildwood homes, theirs has been passed down from generation to generation, with nearly 100 years of stories to tell. As legend has it, Dan's great grandparents, Liza & Jimmy Stewart, were believed to have purchased the house in 1931. Liza and Jimmy had 5 girls that were completely doted upon. His grandparents, William & Margaret Leek, were married in 1935 at the church which still stands on 18th & Central Aves. and had their reception in the backyard. William and Margaret had 3 girls. Dan's parents Eleanore & Jack Brady also honeymooned at the cottage in 1956 and have 4 children. As the story goes, Liza borrowed money from a neighbor (until her husband took the train down for the weekend) to purchase another house located across the street at 106 W. 15th Ave.

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115 W. 15th Ave. original owner, Jimmy Stewart with his first grandchild Margaret Eleanore (Dan's mother), born to William & Margaret Leek Oct. 16, 1936



Margaret Leek at her lovely little pink cottage



Oh those Wildwood summer days!



Dan & father Jack Brady



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As true Wildwood lovers know, the magic of our little slice of seaside heaven transcends time and space as its memories are passed on from generation to generation as shown here for the Stewarts & the Leeks





"If you will stay close to nature, to its simplicity, to the small things hardly noticeable, those things can unexpectedly become great and immeasurable." ~ Rainer Maria Rilke

... Little Pink House

Story continued from previous page



William & Margaret Leek

That house, (next to the Suitcase Motel) which initially sold for \$1,000 in 1905, is still in the family, belonging to their Granddaughter Beverly. Both cottages were passed on and shared among William & Margaret's daughters, who proudly continue the sweet, simple tradition of living life according to the tides; with beach days, boating, crabbing and just sitting on the porch.

Simplicity of summers at the seashore has always been the essence of both their cottages. The family never spent much time inside, but rather in their big yard, which is actually an empty lot next to 115. Eleanore said, "Between gardening and cleaning fish, it was an all day affair." Necessary chores aside, those hold as many memories as the walls within their cottages, with the salt air and seabreezes gently reminding them they were always home.

Dan and brother-in-law Steve Binn have done all the work to upgrade and maintain the home, with lots of blood, sweat and beers to make their little Pink House the Belle of the Block that regally stands today! The



William & Margaret Leek

comments that followed the Wildwood Sun post totally overwhelmed and rewarded Dan for what has truly been his labor of Wildwood love. Often, while Dan is working on the house, a butterfly will appear, as if by magic, announcing the presence of a family member who has passed on. One strong presence he feels is that of his Great Aunt Betty, encouraging him to keep going. Dan said, "I hold onto the past in my heart, and it only takes the appearance of a sole butterfly in the yard to remind me of my roots here, as well as the history your publication brings to light for so many." Dan's own family makes the 6th generation in the house. His love for this special place has made him not care to go anywhere else but here in the Wildwoods for vacation.



106 W. 15 Ave., N. Wildwood



Bev is modeling her "Myrtle the Turtle" swimsuit



Such is the sweet, simple life by the sea, where Heaven and Earth magically meet.



The Christaldi's of W. 15th Ave.

{Dan Brady's relatives were the Stewarts} The Stewart's and the Christaldi's owned multiple homes on the block and still do. Back-in-the-day, many of the island cottages were complimented with large vegetable and flower gardens. Legend has it there was a tiff between old man Christaldi and Dan's Great-Grandfather Stewart about who had the better garden. Dan recalls the Christaldi's won the garden hands down. He said, "Today, we have no garden left at all and the Christaldi house door still has a healthy producing fig tree that Mr. Christaldi planted almost 100 years ago. Cass and I were picking figs just last week before the birds got to them."

Cheers to the Christaldi & Stewart/Brady family on W. 15th Ave.!



Cass Christaldi Matkowski (top right) with siblings and friends



The Christaldi family in their garden

Mom & Pop Christaldi in their later years





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WWII Veteran Mable Jaworski Turns 99!

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Mable Rose McKee Jaworski served as a Signal Corp. Sergeant in US Army during WWII. When war broke out she was working for the phone company (her brothers Walter and Larry in old photo here, had been drafted already.) She saw a sign that Eisenhower desperately needed teletype and telephone operators and if she enlisted, her job would be secure until after the war was over. She



Walter, Mable and Larry McKee

remembers being shipped over on the Queen Mary, landing in London during a bombing. She was then stationed in Paris for the remainder of the war where she maintained calls to Eisenhower's headquarters in Germany. Thank you for your service Mable!



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WWII Veteran Henri J. Bedard, the Greatest Generation

Happy almost 100 Henri J! Oct. 14, 2023

Cheers to North Wildwood's Henri J who returned home after spending 3 months in a nursing home after suffering a stroke this winter. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers as he works hard on his road to recovery. He is determined to celebrate his 100th birthday on October 14th this year.

(To read more about him, search his name in Wildwood Sun by the sea.)



Henri J with his children Denise & Hank and Dorothy from The Sun. April 2023



HENRI J BEDARD
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83rd Infantry, U.S.Army

As many of you know, Henri J is WWII D-Day vet who has lived a life of terror that none of us could ever fathom, with fighting on the frontlines of some of the deadliest battles in that war, and that he has lived on to share the beautiful things of this life with tales of strength and friendship.

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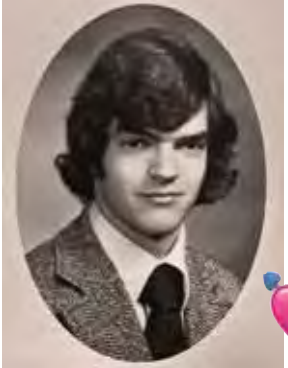
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Wildwood Catholic 73
(also pictured on right)



Mary Louise McAlarnen
Wildwood Catholic 74



Richard Simpson
Wildwood High 75



Richard Simpson stands next to his name **SIMP**, reminiscing about his 'wonder years' growing up in the Wildwoods. In 1973 him & his friends wrote their names in the newly poured concrete seawall between 2nd & 3rd on JFK Beach Drive. After 50 years, Richard still loves to come and see their artwork... remembering the day a group of young teens had nothing better to do than to embed their mark in concrete forever.



North Wildwood 1st Ward Councilwoman **Peggy Bishop** takes the oath of office for her 4th term from **Judge Louis Belasco** (see his adjacent yearbook photo) at the city's reorganization meeting Jan. 3, 2023. Her son **Lou Bishop, Jr.** holds the Holy Bible.

Turn the page to read her remarkable story!



James McHugh
Wildwood Catholic 97
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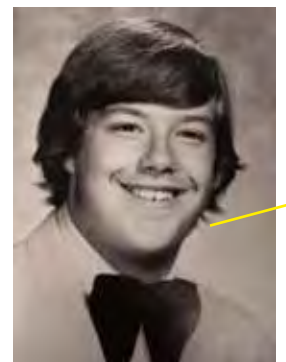
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After 43 years, on March 30, 2023, **Dr. Scott Maslow** closed his **Diamond Beach Dental** office in Wildwood Crest.

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"The sign of a beautiful person is that they always see the beauty in others." ~Onar Sulieman

The Remarkable Mrs. Bishop

By Carolyn Mee, PhD



A Bishop family traditional Valentine's Birthday Toast is held every year at Anglesea Pub to honor Lou. Sr. who was born upstairs. Taken 2/14/23

Sometimes the person who doesn't expect any special accolades is exactly the person who so richly deserves them. One such person is North Wildwood's own Mrs. Margaret (Peggy) Bishop.

While Mrs. Bishop is a very accomplished woman, she may also be one of the most modest you'd ever meet. When asked about being interviewed for this story, she laughed and said, "I don't know that anyone wants to read about me. I never did anything great." But many of us whose lives were changed for the better for having known Mrs. Bishop would disagree.

Let's find out a little about her.

Mrs. Bishop's childhood is one that many readers in the Wildwoods can relate to. Peggy Patterson grew up in the Wissinoming section of Philadelphia. As a young girl, she attended the Henry W. Lawton Elementary School, and after that, she made lifelong friends at Frankford High School, a family tradition, as many of her relatives were also Frankford Pioneers.

Every summer was spent in the Wildwoods. As a teenager, she spent much of her time working at Baker Brothers 5 & 10 on Pacific Avenue and The Sandbox Luncheonette. During the school year, she often took the bus to Wildwood on weekends and stayed with friends, because what teenager doesn't want to be "down the shore" with friends?

Meanwhile, the Bishop family was settling into North Wildwood. Louis (Looty) Bishop, was the first of the Bishops to move here from Camden. He owned and operated Bishop's Cafe at Walnut and Olde New Jersey Aves. His brother William purchased the Germantown Hotel, later Bishop's High Steps, and now Anglesea Pub.

On Valentine's Day 1920, the brothers' nephew, Louis (Lou) Bishop, who was to become the love of Peggy's life, was born on the second story of the High Steps where the family lived.

After graduating from Wildwood High School in 1940, Lou went into the Army. He served extraordinarily well becoming a decorated veteran of WWII. He served in the Army 44th Infantry Division, spending the war years in Europe.

Then, the war was over. And in early summer 1951, Peggy and Lou met at Walnut Avenue House on Olde New Jersey Avenue (now Exit 6), which at the time was owned by Louis Bishop's brother.

On a lovely autumn day, Nov. 1, 1952, Peggy and Lou married at the Wissinoming Methodist Church. Peggy had bought her lace wedding gown and "all the trimmings" at Silverman's on South Street in Philadelphia. After the reception in a local catering hall, the couple took the train to Washington, D.C. where they enjoyed a weeklong honeymoon, touring all the sights of the capital city, like the Smithsonian Museum.

When they returned, they set up their home on First Avenue where they lived their whole married lives, and where Peggy lives to this day. In 1958, they were blessed with a son Louis; then in 1964, a second son, Timothy.

Both were born at Burdette Tomlin Memorial Hospital in Cape May Court House and both attended Margaret Mace Elementary School and Wildwood High School. Peggy was a stay-at-home mom till they went to school. And then, with a little time on her hands, she began working at jobs that would improve others' lives.

Peggy spent many hours working for organizations designed to raise funds for the local Republican Party, like the Cape

May County Republican Women's Association and the New Jersey Federation of Republican Women.

From 1979 to 1981, Peggy was a vocational counselor for the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA), a federal program designed to match clients with companies for temporary jobs that would hopefully become permanent positions. Peggy's job was to assess candidates' abilities to perform jobs for various employers. In 1981 the program was phased out, but Peggy went on to other important work.

She was a charter member of the Wildwood Chapter of the Deborah Hospital Foundation that raised funds to support the hospital so patients never had to pay for their treatment.

More recently, Peggy is best known for her work on North Wildwood City Council. She served briefly in the 1990s, and then after a hiatus, she was elected again in 2011. On Jan. 3, she was sworn in for her sixth term. Over the years she's served on many committees. Currently she serves on the Public Safety Committee that recently installed new police officers and firefighters.

Through the years, Peggy and Lou were also active in the Greater Wildwood Elks Lodge #1896. Sadly, her husband Lou passed away in 2018. Still, these days Peggy continues her active support of the Elks' projects.

Their two sons are college grads who went into government jobs. Louis works in the Labor Department and Timothy worked as a probation officer. She's also very proud of their two grandkids: a grandson who is a respiratory therapist and a granddaughter who is a buyer for Spencer Gifts.

Asked what—among her many accomplishments—she's most enthusiastic about, she answered, "The work the Elks have done on the Elks Veteran's Committee," for example, buying a special wheelchair for a disabled child, and helping vets in their transition to civilian life.

And she stays active in all the City's events. In December, she attended the North Wildwood Christmas Tree Lighting, then quickly drove to Wildwood to represent the City on a float in the Wildwood Christmas Parade.

Asked what she's looking forward to this year, ever smiling she said, "My next birthday! Seriously, I always look forward to the next day. When I wake up, I'm always glad I have another day."

So are we, Mrs. Bishop. So are we!

The "W" Tree Song



This is Vanita Allen as she graduated Wildwood High in 1979. But when she was just 8 years old, she wrote this song for a school project with one of her classmates Margaret McKelvey about Wildwood's famous "W" Tree and when the 23rd President of the USA, Benjamin Harris (1889 to 1893) visited Wildwood and stopped by the "W" tree.



Words and Music by
Margaret McKelvey and Vanita Allen

Third grade Glenwood Avenue
School October 1969

In the olden days, in the olden days,
there was a "W" tree.
In the olden days, in the olden days,
Holly Beach by the Sea.
All the people gathered 'round to talk
about their problems. The President
came out. He gave a big shout! Took off
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The "W" Tree

A Symbol of Wildwood~ an Interesting Story



Five-year-old Norman W. Ryan, is shown sitting in the tree as his father, R.W. Ryan looks on in 1897. The child was the first boy to be born in Wildwood. In honor of the occasion they gave him the middle name of Wildwood. ~"Wildwood Middle of The Island", historian George F. Boyer



You learn something new every day... especially at the Wildwood Historic Museum! {and a very good reason to visit!} Who knew that The "W" Tree was originally known as the Rainbow Tree?

The oddly twisted piece of timber is the only existing remnant of Wildwood's famous "W" Tree, ages older than the city itself and symbolic of the primeval forest which inspired the resort's name. Our tree, an American Holly of magnificent beauty, was growing between what is now Pine and Wildwood Aves., {where the Wawa is today.} The island then was a wild stretch of sand dunes blanketed by a dense vine-tangled jungle in which strangely formed hollies abounded. Early settlers gave the hollies names, the most famous being the "W" tree, so named because as a sapling, its limbs had been lashed by the savage winds of Atlantic storms into an almost perfect W. For years the tree grew undisturbed, occupying a warm spot in the hearts of Wildwood residents and visitors. On a sunny August day in 1890, President Benjamin Harrison, while visiting Wildwood, insisted his photograph be taken by the tree. For many years the area surrounding it was maintained as Magnolia Park, with the "W" tree as its feature attraction. When eventual development forced removal of the tree, it was placed in front of the Baker Bros. Office. Later it found its way to City Hall, and when the boroughs of Holly Beach and Wildwood were consolidated in 1912, a picture of it was incorporated into the city seal. The Wildwood Historical Society moved this remnant of the venerable tree from City Hall to the Museum in April 1990 where it is on permanent display.



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The 2022 National Marbles Tournament Queen Jessica Johnson (center front) is surrounded by her Cape May County and Wildwood teammates. Jessica was inducted into the National Marbles Hall of Fame this year. Standing (l to r): Kirialis Estrada (Wildwood), Sarai Salas (Wildwood), Jose Morales (Wildwood), Evelyn Merino (CMCO), Rasheem Jones (Wildwood), Samuel Santiago (CMCO), and Marco Juarez (CMCO). Merino and Juarez were the runners up in their divisions, and Salas and Santiago were among the top 8 girls and boys who competed in the semi-finals.

By Betty Harshaw

When walking on Wildwood’s famous Boardwalk, and you look onto the beach area on Wildwood Avenue, there are 10 concrete pads with big yellow circles painted on them. And one may wonder, “What are those for?” Every year, beginning the day after Father’s Day in June, mibsters from across the country converge on these rings to play a simple game that does not require modern day electronics, but old-fashioned skill and precision – Marbles!

The 2022 National Marbles Tournament returned after a two-year hiatus to Ringer Stadium in Wildwood, and ended with Jessica Johnson of the Cape May County Marbles Team claiming the championship title. Johnson defeated her teammate, Evelyn Merino, 8-5 in games of Ringer to become the first ever marbles champion from New Jersey to grab the top spot in the 99-year history of the National Marbles Tournament.

In the boys’ side of competition, Cape May County’s Marco Juarez was runnerup to this year’s winner, Todd Kmiecik of Middletown, MD. Both of the winners will each receive \$2,000 scholarships to go towards their college educations.

This year’s tournament was also historic because it was the first time that six (6) local players finished in the top 16 players out of the field of 34 players who came from all over the country. Three (3) girls placed in the top eight (8) – Johnson, Merino and Wildwood’s Sarai Salas, and the same for their male counterparts – Juarez, Samuel Santiago (Cape May County) and Rasheem Jones (Wildwood).

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A Rhine River Viking Cruise requires The Sun! Stopping for a visit to Cologne, Germany are, (L-R) The Kollas: Mike, Linda, Catherine, Ronnie, Sandi, Steve with Tom MacWright in the back (his wife, Jane took picture)



Jay and Sue Ramsey catching up on The Sun on their cruise to Bermuda... taking a break from all the restoration work on their old Poplar Avenue house.



Mike and Bob Cavanaugh at the 150th British Open at St. Andrews Scotland, where they could always use some Sun!



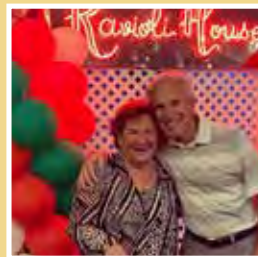
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Sean Carragher's Lucky Day

His jaw collapsed after finding a travel itinerary tucked beneath an envelope

by Michael Bautista



Sean (center) receiving his St. Patrick's Day birthday gift trip to Ireland from his employee family, the Mendel's of SandJamm

In October 20, 2022, Sean Carragher, 49-years-old, embarked on a week-long dream vacation alongside 73 travelers, accompanying the McMullan family on their annual Ireland Adventure.

The McMullan's decade-long tradition was temporarily thrown off the rails due to the pandemic. The trip typically consists of regulars from Anglesea Pub visiting destinations such as Belfast, Donegal, and Galway.

One of those regulars is proud Wildwood resident Sean Carragher. On March 17, 2022, Carragher walked into work at Sand Jamm, located a few blocks away from his home. Carragher found it rather odd that both of his boss's daughters had their cars parked outside. Upon entering, he was greeted by a four-leaf clover and birthday balloons. Carragher, who isn't accustomed to receiving gifts, was stunned when the Mendel family handed him a birthday card with the itinerary for his Ireland trip.

"I'm speechless, I'm excited. I'm a little nervous at the same time. I've never flown over the ocean before but, I just can't wait for it," said Carragher at the time. When he's not supervising the staff, inventory products or printing out barcode labels as a manager at Sand Jamm by day, he can be found taking



brisk evening walks at the North Wildwood Seawall trail. Streaming tunes by Jimmy Buffett or Bob Marley while enjoying a slice of pizza and watching dogs chase one another at the Wildwood Dog Park was once a distant reality.

Nearly two decades ago, Carragher made it his goal to live at the Jersey Shore. Since birth, the Massachusetts native and his family spent afternoons staring at amusement rides like the Jumbo Jet, Star Wars and Kong from the beach. Carragher, his two older brothers and cousins returned to shower at a house they'd spend a week at provided by his grandmother's friend. Evenings were spent at Surfside Pier.

Carragher's sacred childhood memories began slipping away in 1983, however, when his family cut back on expenses to purchase a new house. "We didn't go to Disney World, our vacation was Philly, but Wildwood was the thing you couldn't wait for," said Carragher, who experienced a "Wildwood drought" while building the foundations to his present-day reality, still thirsty for those Wildwood days even after graduating from the University of Massachusetts in 1995.

After tiresome days, Carragher returned home, reminiscing on his childhood while browsing through the Wildwood365 web page as well as reading each copy of The Sun by the Sea. That fascination with Wildwood built up over the years, leading him to revisit in 2006. The memories came flooding back, planting the idea to move to Wildwood full time. "It was just unbelievable. I don't know if I can put it into words, but when you're a kid it's just a fantasy land here." After eleven years of hustling, Sean Carragher is living his dream of proud Wildwood resident, with a trip to Ireland all part of the package.



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Mick Stachelski volunteered for the North Wildwood Police Department for 10 years and now enjoys bringing his wife Alice of 58 years, to help their friend Markos open up his boardwalk Hot Spot. Mick is also part of the Biker-riding club that enjoys breakfast at the Hot Spot together.



Janelle enjoyed her very first tram car ride ever. She met Gigi too :-)



Chris Altimari with N. Wildwood Vol. Fire Co. He also manages a facebook page North Wildwood Coalition



Tom & Beth at 7th St. beach in the Fall. They love their house in West Wildwood that was built by Grandfather in the 1920s. Future Sun story!



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WILDWOOD DAYS

By Allison O'Connell



Little Allie at 7th St. Beach

Every time my family drove over the bridge to North Wildwood, NJ, my dad would roll down the window, take in a deep breath of bay funk and announce, "It feels good to be back."

From the time I was five years old, I lived with my grandmother and brother every summer at 411 E. 7th Avenue. My grandparents have owned it since my dad was sixteen years old. My parents would join us every weekend. Although I was born in Philadelphia, I feel as though I truly grew up in North Wildwood.

My grandparent's lived on the first floor of a duplex. Their lifelong best friends, who I called Aunt Gail and Uncle Charlie, lived upstairs. Surrounding their duplex was "the courtyard" in which the tent sat (we now call it The Pavilion), where we played cards, ate dinner, and enjoyed "Dreamsicles" ice cream with my friends.

My best friend then, Analiese, lived across the street. We spent our days at the beach, exploring the Lighthouse's magical garden and walking along the scenic Sea Wall.

When I was in sixth grade, my parents bought a shore house four blocks away from my grandparent's house. As a teenager, I worked at Russo's Market, where many family members have worked over the years. At night, I went to the boardwalk with my friends.

North Wildwood has brought my family together and has given me memories that I will cherish for a lifetime. It has helped shape me into the person I am. It is where I became responsible and learned how to work, where I made the greatest friends. North Wildwood is the place I call home. Last year, my parents built a home in a community called "Bayside" in Fenwick Island, DE. It is commonly said that one doesn't know what they've got until it's gone. I can truly relate to that. This past summer was the first summer that I didn't make the trip to the Jersey shore because of my work schedule, preparing to leave for the University of Delaware and spending time with my parents at our new house on Fenwick Island. I miss my grandparent's classic seashore house and North Wildwood, but I know that I will carry my Wildwood Days with me forever.

Allison wrote this essay for a Senior High School project in 2017.

She has since graduated from the University of Delaware and from Drexel University (BSN) and is now a NICU nurse at C.H.O.P.



411 E. 7th Avenue with the Collins family

In another SUN Serendipitous moment, David Collins sent this photo of his family in front of 411 E. 7th Ave. circa 1955. The Collins family were the original owners and have many blissful memories of their beach house until selling it in 1982 to the O'Connell's. David and his wife, far left, love bringing their family to the Wildwoods most summers.

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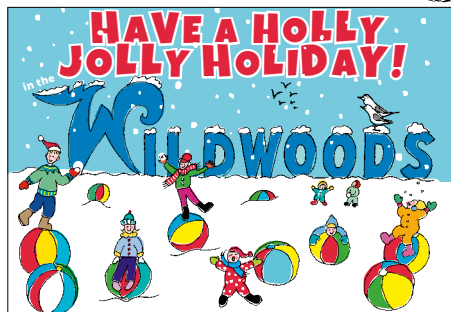
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"Life takes us down many paths, but the best one leads to the eternal sea." ~Beach Lover

written by Steve Murray

Anglesea Fisherman Heroes

for the Five Mile Beach Sun

In the very early morning hours of Wed. Sept. 16, 1903, Delaware Capt. Ebe Townsend Chandler was piloting his vessel, the Spartan, up the Delaware Bay. The Spartan was a sturdy ocean going steam tug of 243 tons. It had been contracted to tow coal barges back and forth between Philadelphia and New England. On this trip there were 3 barges being towed, with a crew of 15, including the Captain, manning the Spartan.

It was a while before daybreak when a ferocious storm suddenly converged on the Spartan without warning. Later to be referred to as "The Vagabond Hurricane", it left a path of destruction all along the Mid Atlantic states, including many shipwrecks, flooding, destroyed buildings and loss of life. Torrential rain and 80 mph wind swept seas pounded and tossed the vessels like mere toys. Capt. Chandler had no time to search for a safe harbor, his only option being to drop anchor and try to ride out the storm. The anchor proved no match against the immense power of the storm and the tug with the three barges tethered behind, were pulled aground on the treacherous Brown Shoal, about mid-way center of the Bay. The Captain knew that a ship aground in a storm such as this is almost certainly doomed. The increasingly battered Spartan quickly began taking on water and in an effort to at least save his own ship, he ordered the tow lines cut. It was no use though. The Spartan was sinking and would have to be abandoned.

The Capt. barked for everyone to get their life vests on and launch the life boat. Before the crew could evacuate though, several huge waves washed every man overboard. Captain Chandler had not even had time to put on his life vest. The men struggled in the darkness and churning sea to grab on to any debris that might help them stay afloat.



An ocean going steam tug very similar to the Spartan"

September 16, 1903

Wreck of the Tug "Spartan"

The deafening wind, heavy rain and rising and falling swells made it impossible for the men to stay together or communicate. They quickly drifted apart, each to his own fate and probably with a prayer on their lips, as the Spartan was turned into drift wood.

At the very same time at the mouth of the Bay, about 5 miles off Cape Henlopen, the 42' fishing sloop Irene, out of Anglesea, was also in the grips of the storm. Her Captain, John Leonard Carlberg, also had no other option but to drop anchor and ride out this storm that came out of nowhere. The anchorage held fast at first but soon the Irene was also being dragged away by the tempest. A huge wave washed one lifeboat overboard and stoved in the other. The only other boat remaining was a small 12' dory, useless for the crew to escape to.

The anchor finally grabbed and held fast. By 9am there seemed to be a brief lull in this fast moving storm (maybe the eye of the Hurricane) and the Captain decided to carefully reset sails and try to slowly

limp back to Anglesea. In short time however, he noticed two forms in the distance bobbing up and down with the swells. It was two of the survivors from the Spartan. Without a moments hesitation the Capt. changed course to go to their rescue. In fear of running them over, he laid anchor a safe distance away from them. The only way he could get them safely on the Irene would be to send out the little dory. He really needed a small member of his crew to do this and 21 year old Carl Aspenberg, stepped forward to volunteer. At only 130 lbs, he was very small in weight and stature but certainly strong and brave in spirit to leave the safety of his own boat to row a dinghy out in a hurricane.

Carl got to the exhausted men one at a time, but for fear of upsetting the boat by them struggling to climb aboard, he had them hang unto the stern while he rowed them back. When the rescued men, Carl and the boat were safely on board the men said there were 13 others that had abandoned the Spartan with

them. Captain Carlberg braved the storm again searching a 12 mile radius for any survivors. One by one he was finding more and by noon 8 more men had been rescued. That made a total of 10 men saved from the Spartan. Five more, including Capt. Chandler, were no where to be found.

It was 12 noon, and all hope being given up, Capt. Carlberg set course for their home port of Anglesea, arriving there about 4pm. The exhausted, soaked, hungry and injured Spartan crew members were transferred to the Anglesea Life Saving Station, near Hereford Inlet Lighthouse, where they were given first aid, warm clothes and a hot meal.

The next day there was some great news. Miraculously, two of the missing crew members, Capt. Chandler and his first mate, were picked up in the Bay by pilot boat Philadelphia. They had been in the water for 16 hours, the Capt. clinging to a 12' board the entire time. They were both taken to the port of Lewes Delaware for medical treatment and care. Unfortunately, the remaining three had perished.

The bravery exhibited in this rescue made the newspapers Nationwide, including the New York Times. The crew of the Irene were celebrated in Cape May County as local heroes. Letters of request went to President Teddy Roosevelt and members of Congress to award Captain Carlberg and Carl Aspenberg the Congressional Life Saving Medal. This silver medal is usually reserved for members of the U.S. Life Saving Service. Despite the Captains insistence that he did not want to be honored for just doing his humanly duty, enough influential people made it happen.

On January 5, 1906, both brave mariners were awarded this medal. Engraved on the back
To John Leonard Carlberg / Carl Aspenberg "For Gallant Conduct In Saving Life Wreck Tug Spartan"
Sept. 16, 1903



"The summer wind came blowin' in from across the sea..." ~Frank Sinatra

Paris is Always a good idea! *oui! oui!*

The Sun was shining bright at the Eiffel Tower this year! The *tour Eiffel* was built by Gustave Eiffel for the 1889 Exposition Universelle, which was to celebrate the 100th year anniversary of the French Revolution. Construction took 2 years, 2 months and 5 days and was a technical and architectural achievement.



Terry, Duffy, Eileen, Leo, Mike, Linda, Sandi and Steve with The Sun.

Last July, this group left their summer homes in North Wildwood to enjoy a lovely river cruise on the **Viking Radgrid**. They stopped in Paris to see the Eiffel Tower.



Holly Doran spent a good part of her summer studying abroad in Toulouse, France. She made sure to pack a copy of The Sun.

Ed. Note: I hope your schoolmates were able to see all of the photos you captured for the paper. Thank you for covering so many wonderful Wildwood events! Congrats on your acceptance into CORNELL!



Dorothy Kulisek took her Sun to the world renowned **Shakespeare & Co.** Book Store in Paris at Christmastime to visit her son



Ed Anderson and Karen Alig shine bright with The Sun at the Eiffel Tower in the City of Light



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Growing Up in Wildwood... It Was the Best of All Worlds!

I Met My True Love at the **HUNT'S** **Starlight Ballroom** **WILDWOOD** by Dave Neff



Front of 116 W. Poplar Ave., C. 2021



Front & back of 116 W. Poplar Ave., C. 1941

I was born August 11, 1941 in a 2-bedroom bungalow at 116 W. Poplar Ave., in Wildwood, and have lived and worked here ever since. Growing up in Wildwood during the 40s and 50s was wonderful. It was the best of all worlds! We had the beach, boardwalk, bay, summer friends, winter friends, and lots of opportunities for young people to earn spending money. We collected used magazines, newspapers and various kinds of junk metal and pulled it in our wagons to Snyder's Junk Yard about a mile away on W. Montgomery Ave. to earn a few dimes, or perhaps a quarter if you were lucky enough to have some copper or brass. We mowed lawns, washed windows, shoveled snow, shined shoes, turned in deposit bottles, checked phone booth coin returns, ran errands for neighbors, and for a time, I filled and carried coal buckets in and out every day for a neighbor during the heating season. We



David & Rhoda in a Boardwalk Photobooth, c. 1958



David & Rhoda, 2022

did anything we could do to earn some spending money, inasmuch as most of us got little or no allowance. In those days if you wanted something you had to earn enough money to buy it.

At 12, we were old enough to get a newspaper route. When school let out, I got a Phila. Evening Bulletin route. My older brother already had a route and had proven to Jack Campbell, the man in charge of assigning routes and supplying the newspapers, that he was honest and reliable, so he took a chance on me. At 14, my brother obtained 'working papers' and got a 'real' summer job, so I took over his route along with my own. A few months later a neighborhood friend gave up his route and I took on that one as well, making it three Evening Bulletin routes from 26th to Pine Ave., from New Jersey Ave. to the Bay, which I worked until the summer I turned 15. I had obtained working papers the previous summer, but only worked five mornings a week at Morton's Restaurant on Wildwood Ave. before delivering the Bulletin in the afternoons. Morton's some years later became the Alton Motel and The English Grill. The following two summers, 1956 and 1957, I worked at the famous GROFF'S. At 17, I graduated from Wildwood High in 1958.

Dick Clark replaced Bob Horn for the teen dance program, Bandstand, on a Philadelphia TV station and during the summer of 1957 on most nights, Clark would travel to Wildwood to host it at the Starlight Ballroom. ABC TV picked up Clark's show, renamed it American Bandstand, and as stated in Wikipedia, "the first national broadcast of American Bandstand was filmed in the Starlight Ballroom in Wildwood, NJ" on August 5, 1957. It was a big deal!

There were two other record hops in Wildwood. One was at the roller rink on the

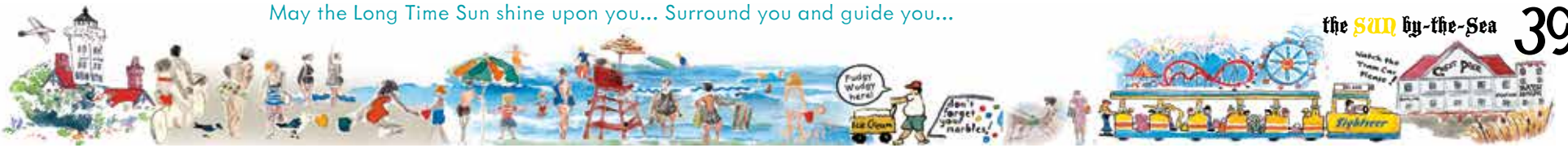
2nd floor of a building at the west end of the Casino Arcade at Cedar and Atlantic Aves. The other, was a much lesser known record hop in the auditorium of the OLD Wildwood Convention Hall which was located on the ocean side of the Boardwalk between Spencer and Youngs Ave., which is now the location of Morey's Adventure Pier. That record hop was hosted by me and my friend, Louie Conley. Well, not exactly 'hosted', but we sat on the stage, spun the 'top 40' records, and took requests.

1957 was the summer of "Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On" by Jerry Lee Lewis, and that little known enterprise was a venture, or I should say mis-adventure, taken by my father and a good friend of his, Ed Norris, who was an electrician in Wildwood Crest and an expert in sound systems and lighting. The sound system Ed installed was amazing, and he had somehow wired hundreds of small lights which hung down above the dancers' heads. They looked like stars in a night.

It was my understanding that a fellow named Turc Duncan, a longtime wrestling promoter, had for many years leased the hall for his Saturday night wrestling matches, which were quite popular at the time, leaving the auditorium empty the other six nights. When my father and Ed Norris leased those other six nights a week they had no knowledge of the formidable competition they would be facing that particular year. We couldn't operate our record hop on Saturday nights, the busiest night of the week because of the wrestling matches. Nevertheless, Sunday thru Friday nights we averaged at least 100 persons, but, in that cavernous space, didn't look like much more than a small gathering. But the kids that came loved it, and most kept coming back night after night. The record hop that summer was a

financial bust, but the venture was saved from being a total loss by the one-night appearance of Bill Haley and his Comets. How my father and Ed Norris secured that booking I'll never know, as I had never asked, but if I were to speculate, I would think Turc Duncan most likely had something to do with it, he was, after all, a promoter. Bill Haley and his Comets "Rock Around the Clock" became the biggest selling rock and roll single in the history of the genre and retained that position for many years. Bill Haley and his Comets were at the height of their popularity in 1957 and for that one night, the place was packed! Ticket sales paid the act and our concession stand sales provided a small profit for the night and for the summer. My father and Ed Norris took on a second location which they operated over the summers of 1957 and 1958 in Cape May City in a unique building on Beach Drive which in the early 1950s had been occupied by the Cape May County Art League. When I tried to find any record of it for this writing, while I failed to do so, I found similar buildings that have been preserved in other locations and learned that they were built to house merry-go-rounds. Perhaps that is what it had been built for in Cape May. That Cape May dance location, although much smaller, being the only record hop in town, did much better than the Wildwood location, which ended with the 1957 season.

The summer of 1958, having graduated high school, taken on a full-time job, and with no record spinning duties, ironically, I spent most nights at the Starlight Ballroom. Dick Clark had become a HUGE national personality and therefore in 1958 he would appear at the Starlight Ballroom only sporadically on weekend nights. No matter, on one fine Wildwood summer night I met and danced with a beautiful girl. Her name was Rhoda and she was there with several of her girlfriends from Wildwood Crest. Our first dance was to the Tommy Edwards hit "It's All in The Game". A few weeks later she became my steady girl, and three and a half years later, she became my wife. In January 2022 we celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary and are enormously proud of our two children, David & Lauren, and our five grandchildren. Thank you, Wildwood, NJ for a truly wonderful life so far.



"Follow what lights you up and you light up the world." ~The Sun

Dear Sun

My wife, Rhoda and I have been huge fans of your Sun magazine ever since you began publishing it many years ago. In its pages over the years, the articles, your reader's recollections and great old pictures have brought back so many wonderful memories of our lives in the Wildwoods' in the 1940s, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s...

Your work in putting everything together and publishing The Sun these many years has been remarkable, and is so very much enjoyed by us and so many others. Your request for photo booth pictures moved me to locate some old pictures that I knew that I had tucked away, and motivated me to write a kind of Reader's Digest version of my early life in Wildwood leading up to the time these Wildwood Boardwalk photo booth pictures were taken. Hopefully, you'll find them worthy of a spot in a future issue.

Thank you and God bless you.
David Neff, Wildwood

Thank YOU David!
I LOVE yours and Rhoda's story!
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dear *Sun*, I just happen to be cleaning out a drawer the other day and came across these photos taken in 1969 at the Carousel Motel when my parents, sister and I took a trip to Wildwood with our cousins from Pittsburgh. I love your magazine and look forward to every issue. Thank you for all of your hard work! ~LYNDA ENGLAND

dear *Sun*



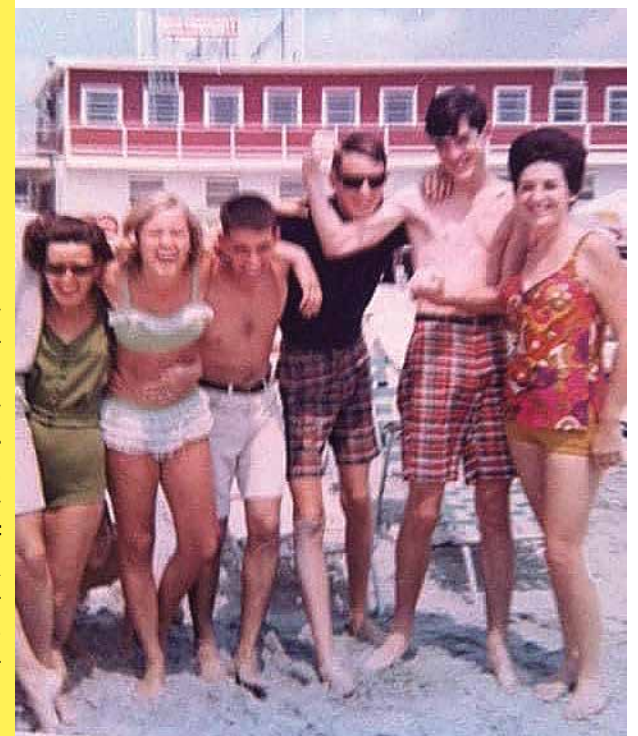
Above & below, the Rodgers family of Mayfair at 26th Street beach, circa 1964. The grand dame above, second from the left is Bertha Rodgers born on the Fourth of July, 1890

Submitted by Thomas Schweiker

Everyone has a ball at Wildwood Beach and Boardwalk. What with all the attractions... the rides, throngs of people, good things to eat and the world's finest and safest bathing beach, the imagination is caught and held spellbound. Above, we get a glimpse of some of Wildwood's finest basking away before the mad rush of evening sets in. Top row: Danny Oasis Club , Charlie Surf Club, Marcie Hurricane, Rhonda Hurricane, Carmen Elmira, John Fairview, Romero Rainbow, Nick Elmira, George Fairview, Bottom Row: Steve Elmira, Nino Oasis, Joey oasis, Bob Elmira, hot dog Tony mascot, Armand Rainbow, Carl Rainbow, and Chuck Rainbow.

FEATURED IN SHOUT MAGAZINE JULY 1966.
SENT BY NINO CUSELLA SR.

My family vacations were in Wildwood every year growing up! My dad was transferred out of state in the early 70's, but my brother still lives there. He sends me your magazine every time it comes out. I just love it! and read it cover to cover... I love the old photos you put in it. It brings back so many happy times with my family! I thought I would send you a photo of my grandparents sitting under the boardwalk back in the 50's or 60's. That was the coolest spot for them to sit. My grandma would love to knit or crochet! I can't wait for your next edition! Thanks for all the memories !! ~Jane Rossi Wolfe





"I think fitting in is highly overrated. I'd rather just fit out... Fitting out means being who you are..." ~ Golda Poretsky

PORT ROYAL MEMORIES

By Brian McBride



Father & son, Will & Jack Morey, Moreys Resorts



Port Royal Hotel, Moreys Resorts

My earliest memories of the Wildwoods is the Port Royal. I always viewed it as a "grand dame" of Wildwood Hotels. It had the perfect view of the catamaran races and an awesome pool and game room.

My Grandparents stayed at the Jolly Roger which I believe was also part of the same ownership at the time. My Godparents stayed at the Nomad down the block. The Nomad had the best waffles and ice cream because the ice cream was a solid block frozen on dry ice. It melted perfectly under the hot waffle as the moonlight and the lights of the Port Royal glowed in the distance. We went back in through the hotel garage because I thought it was the coolest thing I had ever seen.

Way back in the 1980's, we didn't need laws to tell us not to discriminate against disabled people. We didn't even need a chair lift beside every hotel pool. We had fathers. I couldn't have been older than seven because I had no siblings at the time My dad just finished playing with me in the deep end of their pool. He asked me to get out and gave me to my mother. I thought it was because the big kids wanted to use the diving board.

While I was being greased with sun-screen chemicals burning my eyes, I turned around, cleared my eyes only to see another hotel guest rolling up to the concrete stairs of the Port Royal pool with his wife. The distinctive red logo of Everest and Jennings jumped out amongst the sun reflecting on the perfect polished chrome of the wheelchair. As he was rolling up, my Dad, and a man from New York named Angelo Toronto, who stayed in the room

next to ours every year, and about five other Dads helped the man in the pool. The hotel lifeguard led the operation to make sure it was done safely. After the job was done, people went back to their vacation.

It was a memory I'll never forget because the guests and staff were so kind and compassionate. No one dared take a picture or film the dads being dads. I never said a word about it until now and to mark the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the hotel. I was left with immense pride in my father and what it really meant to be a father myself. Memories from the Port Royal are not just reasons to smile, they serve as a guide post on my journey as a father.

One of the greatest joys came true for me when I got to bring my own daughter to the Port Royal on its 48th season on 2020. She and my wife joined me in the same pool where I first saw my dad as a hero all those years ago. To see my mother in law, a die hard Ocean City loyalist, convert to a lover of the Wildwoods was a great moment that, through the love of a husband for his dad and later his wife, two families, instead of just one, fall in love with the Wildwoods and all because of the Port Royal.

Happy Anniversary to the Way and Morey families on 50 great years of Wildwood hospitality like no other.

*Written in 2022, by Brian McBride, whose wife Debbie blissfully roasts coffee at her BLISS Airstream parked on Rio Grande Ave. by the Starlux... another fine hotel owned by Morey Resorts.

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Mary's Wildwood Memories ~ Old & New

submitted by Mary Fulginiti Litrenta



The Fulginiti men, father & sons 1957



Mary & her sister



The Fulginiti house and apts. on 19th



Mary's grandparents and friends

I always look forward to reading the Sun. I especially enjoy the stories of multigenerational families and their memories of vacationing in the Wildwoods. There is a common thread among these stories. They focus on their families, and you can weave your own stories into them. We all share the same love of being in the Wildwoods, no matter which section, street, or beach. My Wildwood story starts way before I was born. My mom's dad took his family to Wildwood in 1929. His wife and six children would take the train from Philadelphia to a boarding house on Rio Grande Avenue in Wildwood. There the seeds were planted in my mom that began her love affair with the shore. My mom always told me her father wanted to purchase a home there. Sadly his dream never became a reality because shortly after their Wildwood vacations began my grandmother died. His dream of owning a home died with her.

Time moved on and my mom married and started her family. Day trips were more common at that time in her life. Around 1950 my aunt and uncle with another couple purchased property on 19th street and the beach. There a small four apartment complex was built and my mom's North Wildwood story began. Every year as soon as school closed our family would go to the Pelican Apartments for two weeks and rent a one bed, one bath apartment. My mom's family grew and we were seven people in that tiny apartment. My parents shared their bedroom with me on a cot, my sister in the crib, two of my brothers on a pull out in the living room, and my third brother on an army cot in the kitchen. We thought it was heaven. The 1950's were a fun time to be at the shore. Our apartment was so close to the beach that my mom would wave her kitchen towel when it was time

to go home for dinner. High tide came in under the boardwalk and my sister and I would sit on these short pilings that lined the beach. There was just one house between the apartments and the beach. That property later became the site of the Buccaneer Motel.

Because my relatives rented all the apartments for 2 weeks, I grew up with my cousins on the beach. We would go on the boardwalk and walk to Howard Johnson's Ice Cream to see what new flavor was being served. As much as I would have loved to get pizza on the boardwalk that never happened. Both my parents were excellent cooks. My dad would stop at Jim's Clam Bar as soon as we came off the rickety bridge so he could buy clams for his clams & linguine. On the days that my dad and my brothers went crabbing, mom would have a pot of crabs and spaghetti on the table. My mom also loved to bake at the shore. She said it was something about the water. She made homemade pizza and donuts. The more family appeared at her apartment, the more she cooked.

Every year my uncle would load us kids into his car and drive to Wildwood Crest where we would see all the new motels that sprang up over the winter. They were all so unique with lights ablaze at night with their beautiful swimming pools. In the evenings we would walk to the Casino Arcade and ride the Wooden roller coaster, the Caterpillar, and go through the Fun House.

When I was young, I thought coming to North Wildwood from South Philly was like a breath of fresh air. The sky was so big, the streets so wide and the stars filled the sky. When I was a teenager in the mid-60's there was no place better than being in the Wildwoods. My friend and I would go on the boards and meet

kids from different high schools. We went to the Starlight Ballroom and danced the night away. It was around this time that the apartments, which now had expanded to six units, were sold and the Malibu Motel was built. The apartments remained part of the complex and now we also had a pool. At 18 I started going to the shore with my cousin on the weekends. We would take the bus on Broad and Snyder and hoped it was the express to Wildwood. We stayed at a boarding house on 19th and Atlantic for \$5 a night and we ate Mack's pizza all day. Could life be any better!

My Wildwood story continues with my marriage in 1971. This began a new generation with my two daughters and their cousins now vacationing in the same apartments with their grandparents. Now my children had their cousins to play on the beach all day, go on the rides at night, and swim in the motel pool. They went to Hunts Pier, Dracula's Castle and Eds Funcade. My parents still rented an apartment, and my mom was still cooking. When my dad made his clams and linguine, and my mom her crabs and spaghetti, we would go with our pots into her kitchen and have our own take out. Sadly, the apartments were sold and the Malibu expanded. Our hearts were broken. What stood since 1950 was gone and so were our Wildwood days. My cousins and my brothers moved up the coast. They had houses in Stone Harbor, Avalon, Sea Isle, Ocean City and Longport. Wildwood was left behind. At times during our parties my brother would drag out the slide projector and we would all shout and scream with all our Wildwood memories. Our girls were grown. College, grad school, and medical school took up their time and other places were on their list for vacations. I thought this would be the end of my Wildwood story.

Until one beautiful winter day in December 2004 my husband and I stayed at a B&B in Cape May. I hadn't been to the Wildwoods in 20 years. We decided to take a ride since so much was happening there



Mary & Larry Litrenta with their grandkids

with old motels gone and new condos being built. We saw a beautiful townhouse on 6th Ave. located one short block to the beach. We decided right then to purchase it. I think my family thought we were crazy, but I felt like I was coming home.

The year after we purchased our house our first grandchild was born. Shortly two more grandchildren completed our family. My grandchildren are the fifth generation coming to the Wildwoods. They are cousins spending time on the beach and going on some of the same rides their moms went on. So much of the boardwalk I knew is gone, but for this generation it doesn't matter because they are making their own memories. My grandchildren are all in high school now. I never regretted that day we decided to buy our house. We have been here for 18 summers, and my grandchildren never missed a summer on the beach. Things are different now. They have sports camps and jobs, but they have the same salt water in their veins as my mom and I did. My parents are long gone. I make the crabs and spaghetti now. But the kids go to Sam's pizza and get their donuts on the boardwalk. My grandfather never had his dream come true, but I did. And yes, we still watch those crazy slide shows and relive our own Wildwood days.

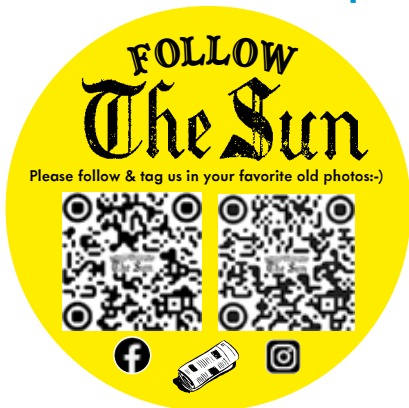
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"We were living our once upon a time. Every day felt like a lifetime; every moment was alive." ~Pratik Mishra



Feel Free to Share Your Memories on
Once Upon a Time in Wildwood by-the-Sea
Group Facebook Page



Oh! the delight of reading a story and being immediately engaged by such opening lines as "Once upon a time."

Storytelling has captivated humans since the dawn of creation—functioning as a way to pass down knowledge long before written language existed.

Since preserving stories has become the heartbeat of The Sun, I created a group page on Facebook titled "Once Upon a Time in Wildwood by-the-Sea" as another way to share our stories. Since "a picture is worth a thousand words", here are a few such stories that were shared (posted). I look forward to seeing your old photos and stories.

~Dorothy



BOBBY SHERMAN at WILDWOOD CONVENTION CENTER
Submitted by Jane Hiller

"Today is September 1971 and last night I saw Bobby Sherman in concert on the boardwalk in Wildwood NJ. I was walking on boardwalk and there he was!!! Three other girls and myself followed him to his hotel and waited outside. He came out to head to the airport and took pics with all of us. He's so nice!!"



CAN'T FORGET THE TUNES!
Sisters on Anglesea Beach 1964
Submitted by Linda Macintyre Pratt



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Bill Auty, Rob Kulisek & Ed Gibson go back to the early 1990s when Bill & Ed were NWBP rookie guards at the Inlet Beach. Rob is one of the kids they watched over. They've shared friendship and a love for surfing all these years.



Joe Grotolla & Lisa Roselli above summer 2022 and below summer love 1989



Everyday's a holiday in the Wildwoods! Greater Wildwood Yacht Club members enjoyed their 2nd annual "Ice Cream Crawl". They enjoyed strolling together to several ice cream parlors in the Crest... Cone Crazy, Lizzy's and Duffers. Thank you to Pam Kelly for organizing it.



Wildwood High Coach Ken & the beautiful Priscilla Loomis



Foul Shot Billy Burke at Step Back Foundation's 3vs3



after a long, cold winter, there's only one thing on our mind... SUMMER!



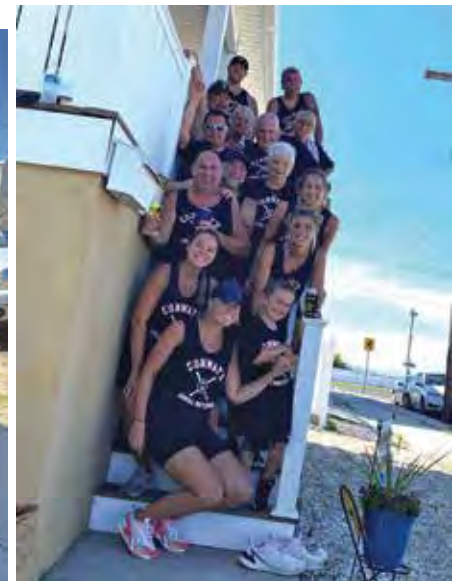
Wildwood's best electrician, Rocco & Marta Angelastro



Bob, MaryKate, Emmie & Reagan Sahasaylo at Pink Cadillac Diner, May 22, celebrating Bob's new position as executive director of Greater Wildwood Hotel Motel Assoc.



The 20th Annual Conway Family "Waffle Ball Tourney" was held Saturday, August 6th, 2023 at 23rd & the Bay. This year's tournament, held every summer in memory of the family patriarch, Howard Paul Conway, was won by his grandkids, Larry & Jess Conway





"Down by the waves is a place I want to go, it's a place called "long ago" a long, long time ago." ~Chris Kastle, folk singer

The Dog Days of Summer



Mary Lou Wagner happily remembers all the years she spent coming to the Wildwoods beaches.

As most Sun readers know, the best place for reflecting on the passage of time (and pretty much everything else) is at the beach...our own timeless sanctuary. . . and never more so than when one season is letting go while another is rising to take its place.



Dear Sun,
We enjoy the summer every year in June in Wildwood Crest. I always try to get a copy of The Sun as soon as possible after we arrive. There are good stories and it always helps us when we're trying to figure out where to eat, whether it's a restaurant or ice cream!!
I took my copy with me to the excellent El Carmen Resort in the Dominican Republic. Thank you for a great paper!

Ken Barton, Lancaster, PA



Nick Moran with his beloved 'Puppy' as a puppy in 2008. Rest in Peace Puppy. The cutest dog ever!



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So thankful for all who help deliver The Sun! This is Michael & Dan Purdon



Ed & Carol Gorczyca at Coco Cay, the Royal Caribbean's private island in the Bahamas. The Sun brightened their cruise!

"Friends, sun, sand and sea. . . that sounds like summer to me."

The Sun

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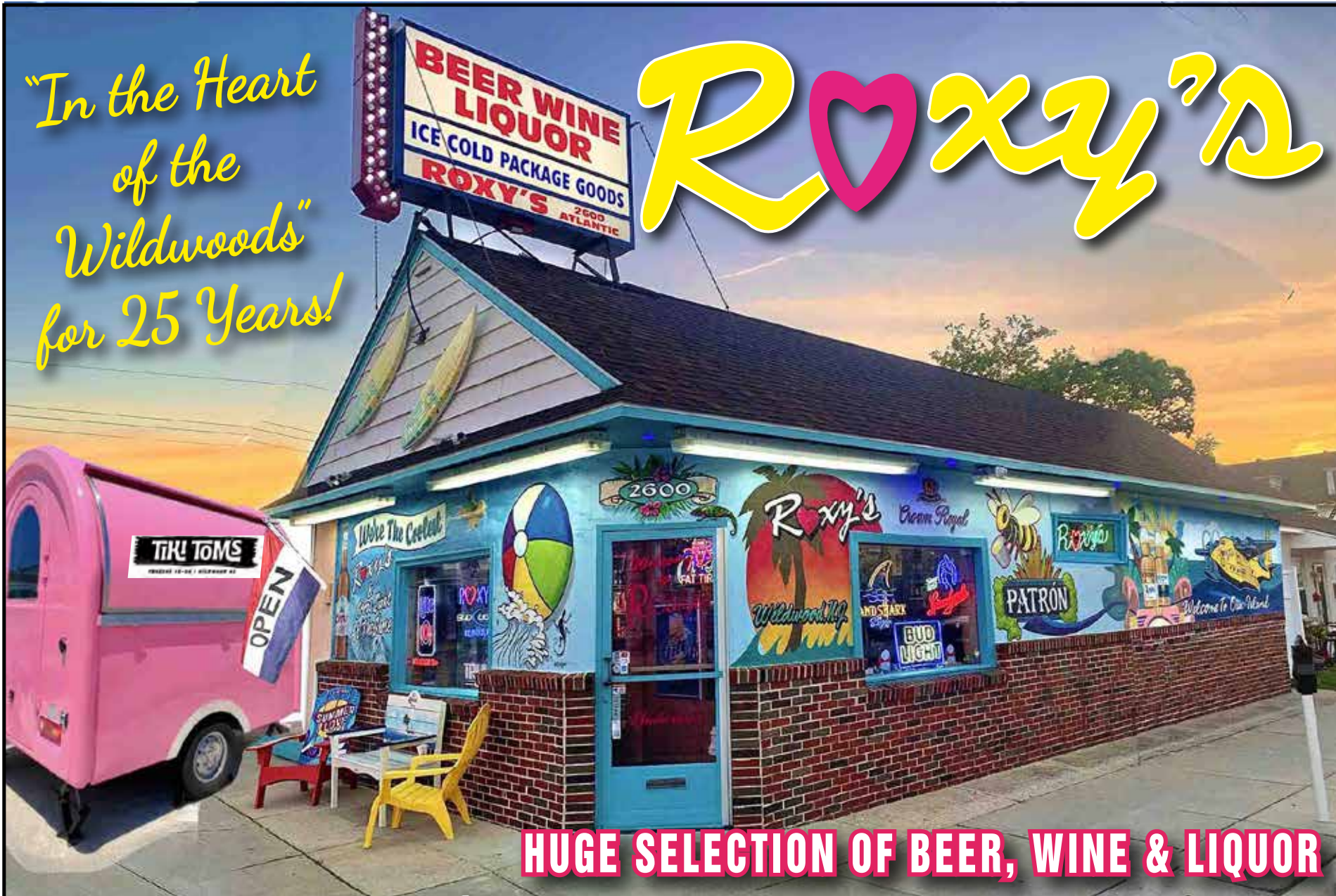
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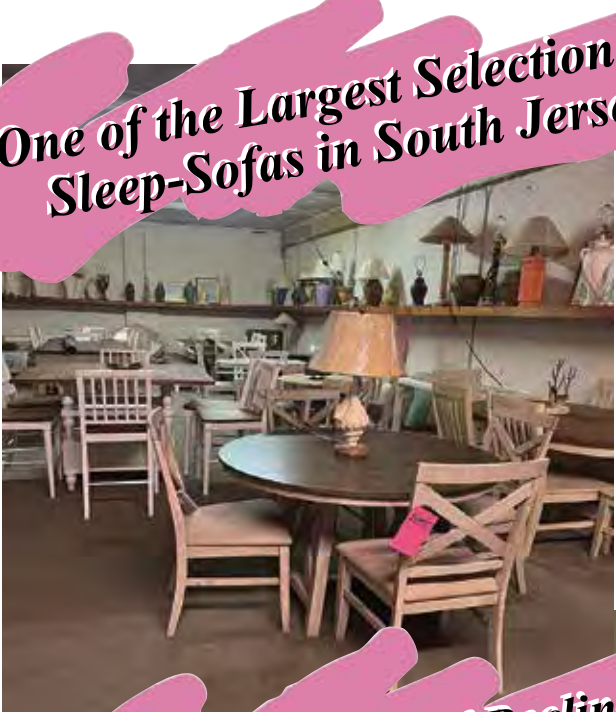
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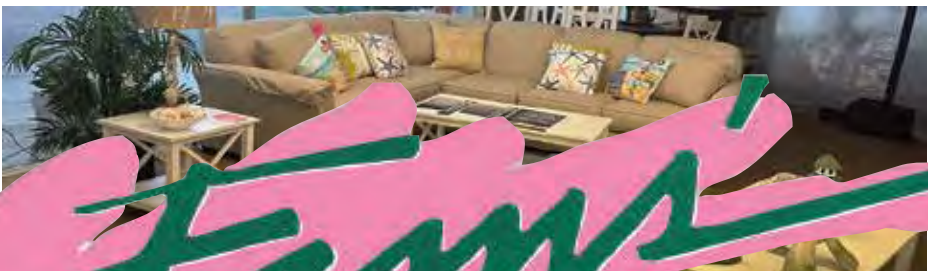


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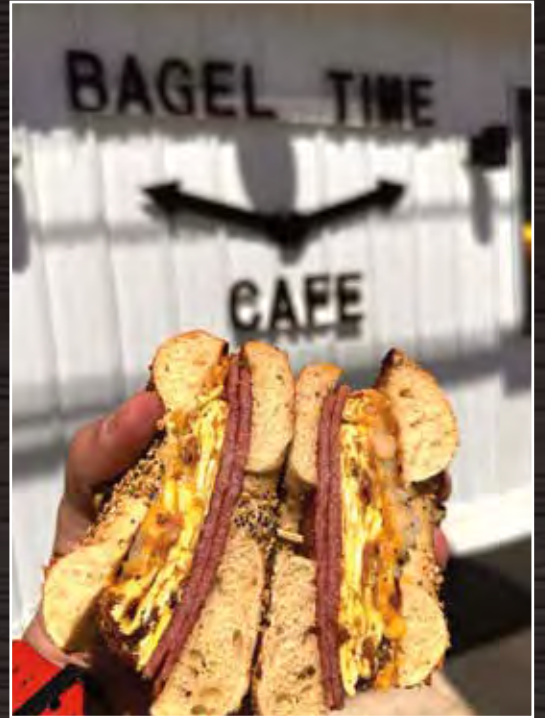
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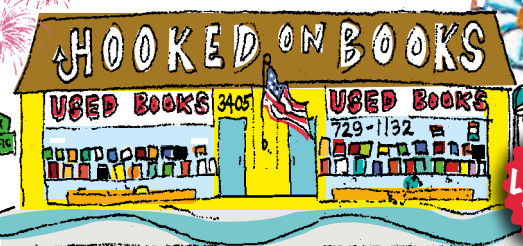
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Tony



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On **June 27th**, we're headed **Straight Outta Nowhere-** (where) **Scooby Doo** (voice of Frank Welker) **Meets Courage the Cowardly Dog**, (release date 2021) who we can only assume will encourage him to try every thrill ride on Adventure Pier.

On **July 11th**, **Tinker Bell** (voice of Mae Whitman, release date 2008) arrives with her talented fairy friends, displaying their own brand of magic at the Dance Xplosion National Dance Finals.

On **July 18th**, **Minions, The Rise of Gru** (voice of Steve Carrell, release date 2022) finds an eleven-year-old Gru already in villain mode and wisely avoiding the North Wildwood Christmas in July with Santa Claus.

On **July 25th**, we discover **Luca** (voice of Jacob Tremblay, release date 2021) on an Italian seaside adventure, where the backdrop of sand and sea contribute to his life-changing summer.

On **August 8th**, **Hercules** (voice of Tate Donovan, release date 1997), raised among mortals but possessing enough super-human strength to win every game of whack-a-mole, learns what it means to be a real hero as he fights to restore his immortality.

On **August 15th**, our **DC League of Super-Pets** (including voices of Dwayne Johnson and Kevin Hart, release date 2020) keep busy fighting super crimes in Metropolis, leaving no time for making furry friends at the corruption-free Wildwood Dog Park & Beach.

On **August 22nd**, **Puss in Boots** (voice of Antonio Banderas, release date 2022), on the last of his nine lives, takes a heroic voyage, journeying by way of tram car and go-carts, in search of the mythical Last Wish.

Meanwhile, we here at **The Sun** have already had our Summer Wishes granted. We hoped all winter long for blissful beach days and star-filled movie nights and now happily travel to those make-believe lands, where we know we'll meet the most colorful characters. **Tinker Bell** and friends promise to bring the talent, **Hercules** is always the hero while **Puss in Boots** will surely be the coolest cat in movie town. The **Minions** and **Gru** will be up to no good (resulting in great entertainment) as **Luca** compares rich Italian food to local Boardwalk cuisine. The **Super-Pets**, when not rescuing **Superman**, will be using their superpowers to master the art of miniature golf. Let the games begin!

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Follow @City.WildwoodNJ on social media for more information.

AT THE BEACH LIFE IS GOOD! FROM summer 2022



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The Buddy Tarbotton Memorial
AROUND THE ISLAND ROW
T-Shirts designed by John O’Brien of the NWBP

SAVE THE DATE!

Around the Island Row, Tuesday 8/15 8am



Artist John O’Brien who creates the designs that so many people have come to love.

Lifelong summer resident, John O’Brien, spent close to 50 years on the North Wildwood Beach Patrol. He’s been designing the annual “Around the Island Row” t-shirts for the past 45 years.

John’s unique illustrations typically capture the essence of the previous year’s row. For instance, 2022 design being a nod to Chief Tony Cavalier’s retirement. They all tell a story of this annual event. Here are just a handful of Wildwoodians wearing their shirts, most have been collecting the unique shirt designs for years.

To purchase your 2023 shirt, contact the NWBP at 609-522-7500. Or email nwbp@NorthWildwood.com

CLIFFORD’S BIG RED DOGHOUSE



Cliff’s entire summer wardrobe consists of Around the Island Row t-shirts :-)

Here he is wearing 2005, 2007 & 2010



Susan Greenspan & Joe Odorisio wearing 2013



Bathing beauty Virginia wearing 2012



Rex Garrison wearing 2014



Boardwalk Bob Ingram wearing 2013



NWBP Brian Stulz with 2022



Tom & Pat McGuigan, 2012 & 2014



Ed Dean, wearing 2009 (taken in 2015)



Joe & Kim McMonagle, 2016, standing by their daughter Kelly’s NWBP memorial chair at 7th St. beach

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Newlyweds Pete & Kathy Savard
1979



The Savard's new old house



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Pete Savard eyeing up the new house, envisioning his renovation



Summer at the family homestead
Kara, Ava, Kathy, PJ, Chase, Tessa, Corey



One of the many sweet Savard family photo ops



The "grands" in Wildwood-by-the-sea



Celebrating Dr. Corey Savard



Pete and friends working on one of the additions built onto the old house



Kathy in her own little garden of eden



A painting of the family home by Dorothy K, commissioned by Kathy



Pete taking his daughter & granddaughter on their Los Ninos Maiden Voyage



In memory of Pete, his family decorates a tree and takes the Los Ninos out for a Christmas row

Pete Savard was an old salt at heart. He even looked like one. His love of the ocean lured him to Wildwood by-the-sea from Montreal Canada.

His work ethic earned him a summer job as a maintenance man for Mr. Barnes of Fun Pier. Pete and a few Canadian friends spent their summers at a rooming house on Spicer Avenue called the "Landsdown Apts."

Entering our story is a young girl from Pennsauken NJ, also drawn to the sea and looking for a summer job. She found one waitressing at Uncle Lou's Pancake House. As fate (and good storytelling commands), Kathy Singer and a few friends also spent their summers at "Landsdown Apts."

It was the summer of 1972, and their love story was just beginning. Kathy and Pete stayed in touch during their winters apart. Following the summer,

they fell deeply in love; they could no longer be separated. The next chapter of their love story began in 1979 when they were married.

A master carpenter, Pete started his own building business, keeping busy restoring old Cape May Victorian houses before eventually purchasing an old fishing house near Otten's Harbor. He and Kathy were truly living their best lives.

With the help of his good friends and brothers-in-law, Pete worked tirelessly on the house renovation, making a home for their soon to be family of five. While raising Kara, PJ (young Pete) and Corey, Kathy, being the super mom she is, built a twenty-five-year career at the County Youth Shelter Services, advocating and caring for children less fortunate.

After many years of working on old

houses, Pete changed direction to building new homes. Combining his love for family, building and the sea, Pete put his boat building skills to work, making one for his children and later one for his grandchildren.

For Pete & Kathy, it was always their dream to have their family near the sea. They were blessed with four grandchildren by their daughter Kara~ Ava, Chase, Tessa and Knox. Pete built them a sweet little dory he named "Los Ninos," meaning "the children," in Spanish. He had a thing for speaking Spanish :-)

Pete & Kathy cherished every minute of their life together, living within their means on their very own Sea of Love. Then came a storm that welled up, bringing Pete's cancer diagnosis. Pete fought hard for four years, sadly losing that battle on January 30, 2013.

Their love story, however, did not end. It remains stronger than ever, enabling Kathy and her kids to navigate through their sea of grief.

Her sons, one continuing in his father's footsteps in the building business, the other a doctor, had the great idea of building a farm on the empty lot next to the house. Kathy loves the joy gardening brings her. The fruit of their labors is a bounty of organic crops, but more than anything, a bond of unbreakable love. When Kara, her husband and children come to visit every summer for two weeks, they enjoy the home created by their beloved grandfather's hands. Kathy is often approached by developers wanting to buy her double lot, but she always refuses, wisely knowing that many chapters remain in her family's cherished seaside tale...

"By the sea, time loses all sense of speed and stress and space and stands so still and ... sacred."



"Memories, pressed between the pages of my mind . . . Memories, sweetened through the ages just like wine. . ." ~Elvis Presley

You and me, you and me, Oh how Happy we'll be!

♪ Bathing Beauties Mother & Daughter Lee Ella & Dottie Scully

Old photos are like glue that holds family stories together over time. These wonderful Wildwood photos taken between 1912 and the 1940s and were sent in by Barbara Holscher Hall of her grandmom, Lee Ella Mathis Scully and her mom Dottie Scully. Their wonderful Wildwood story about Scully's Beach Grill was published last summer in 2022. There is a timelessness about the shore in the gathering of friends hanging out on the beach all day long. Photographs are not only a reflection of people, but a reflection of the fun, love and memories they enjoyed, as shown in these images frozen-in-time, in Wildwood by-the-sea. Thank you for sharing Barbara!



Lee Ella Scully driving little Dottie on her lap. The shadow is a bit ominous



The Scully residence still stands at 121 E. Garfield Ave. Wildwood



Lee Ella Mathis Scully sits on her porch at 121 E. Garfield, reminiscing about her wonderful life in Wildwood by-the-Sea!



"There's a place in the sun where there's hope for everyone...got to find me a place in the sun..." ~Stevie Wonder

Shoot-a-Photo Blast from the Past

FROM THE SUN ARCHIVES

PASSING OF THE TORCH

by Larry Braun



As kids, my brothers and I could not wait for the last two weeks in August because that meant we were going to be in Wildwood Crest, back in our little piece of heaven as we liked to call it.

After being on the beach all day until after the lifeguards left, we would go to our rental house. We would clean up, grab a bite to eat, then walk the twenty-five blocks to experience the magic of the boardwalk. We would do this every night as brothers, except one special night out of the two weeks, my dad would come up to the boardwalk with us. He would go on the rides, get some boardwalk food, and play games with us. He would make it a point to go down to Mid-way Pier and be sure to play the Photo Shoot game.

The Photo Shoot game was directly across from Dracula's Castle. It was played by using a single shot pellet gun aimed at a target. If you hit the bullseye, it would set off a camera that took your photo. Dad would show off and hit every time we went to the boards together. What Dad didn't know was I was practicing each night when my brothers and I would go up without him. Finally on this particular night, after all the fun and rides, and of course a bag of hot potato chips, Dad headed to the Photo Shoot game. It was three shots for a dollar. Dad tried three times and missed. When I asked if it was ok for me to try, Dad replied "if you think you are ready to take on the champ!" I was nervous with Dad and my brothers standing behind me. I missed on the first shot and they all started to give me a hard time, as family does in competitions. On the second shot, I took my time and I drowned them out with the noise from Dracula's Castle. I took



Souvenir of Wildwood
PHOTO SHOOT

The Braun boys at Shoot-a-Photo

Hitting the target was the only way to get PHOTOGRAPHIC PROOF ... it was all about getting the photo!

The competition among Larry and his brothers and their father was a perfect capture for a game!

They probably went down to Wildwood on vacation with \$50 that took them all year to save for the boardwalk and spent about 25% just at the Shoot-a-Photo! :-)

~Patricia Braun

the shot and a bell went off and a bright flash came over us. Within minutes, the man who ran the game gave me my developed picture. When I looked at the picture it was poetic justice to see my dad pictured behind me looking on as he just handed over the torch to the new champ of the Photo Shoot. This was and always will be a cherished memory, along with all the other great memories of Wildwood by-the-Sea!



Young Steve Murray with his parents



Ray & Beth Forbes



Jack & Dolores, July 4, 1950



Vince Stendaro



Joe Signorello with his buddies 1955



Generations at the Shooting Gallery
Joe Contino, Sr. on left & Joe Contino, Jr. on right



"My mother always used to say: The older you get, the better you get, unless you're a banana." ~Rose (Betty White), The Golden Girls

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PHOTOS TAKEN OCTOBER 2022



Bill Auty

Wildwood waterman Bill Auty initiated the After-School Surf Club 6 years ago because he believes so strongly in the importance of being in the ocean, and because no one else was doing it. After all, when you have the ocean as your backyard and playground, isn't it better to go play in it?

Bill has taught people of all ages, including his two sons, Will and Weston, both students at Wildwood Catholic Academy, how to swim, surf and most of all, to enjoy the benefits of being lucky enough to live by the sea...



Clare, Abby, Theo, Savanna & Beau



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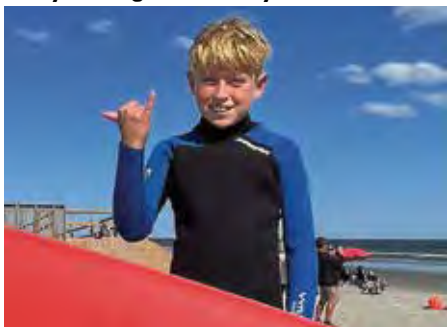
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Jenny on her Kona "fish"



Weston Auty



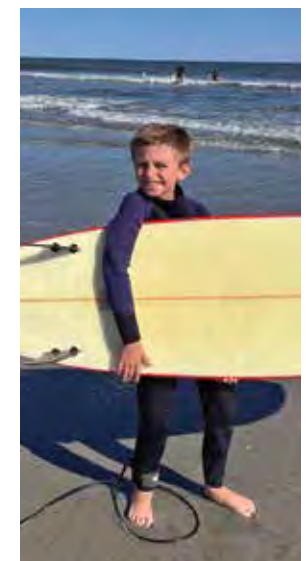
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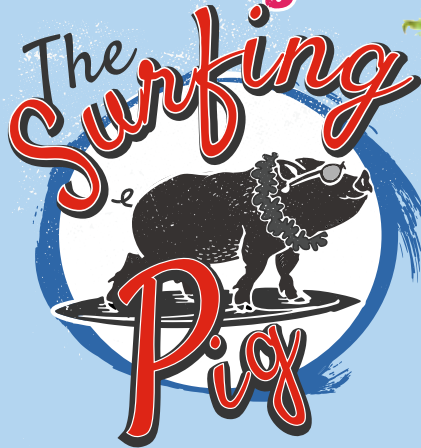
Will Auty

"In the water, you can't tell who's president, who's a lawyer, or what. It's just people having a good time." ~Donald Takayama

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I Am The Beach

written by Bill Flynn

Yes, you know me well. My white sand and wet shoreline is your playground by the sea. I can honestly say I've seen every configuration of a human foot there is and every degree of sunburn or tan possible. No where on earth can you see Sandcastles built and decorated with such imagination and patience. Give a child a bucket and shovel then set them free. I'm the best babysitter there is!

I have grown water as my neighbor receives eastward. Wherever you lay your blanket now there were once fish swimming overhead and clam boat stretching back and forth. Many years ago I was located where you now have concrete asphalt and buildings. I am larger now than ever before. Be careful though. The locals have a saying, "what the Sea gives, the Sea can take away." I am similar to the girls and their bathing suits. Years ago I was covered and today I am almost bare.

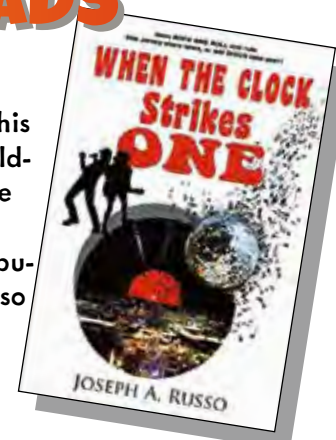
It is fun observing you humans. You are so predictable. If it is hot and sunny, you all come visit me. When it rains, you desert me. As the sun sets, you walk off talking about dinner and the boardwalk. As darkness blankets me the young couples appear, walking hand-in-hand. Wow, the stories I could tell! I've got to admit... I'm a pretty romantic place. Starlit sky, the moon rays dancing across the ocean, a gentle breeze with the music of the waves serenading you – simply spells romance. There is another local saying, "I am the beach! I am the queen of the Wildwoods!"

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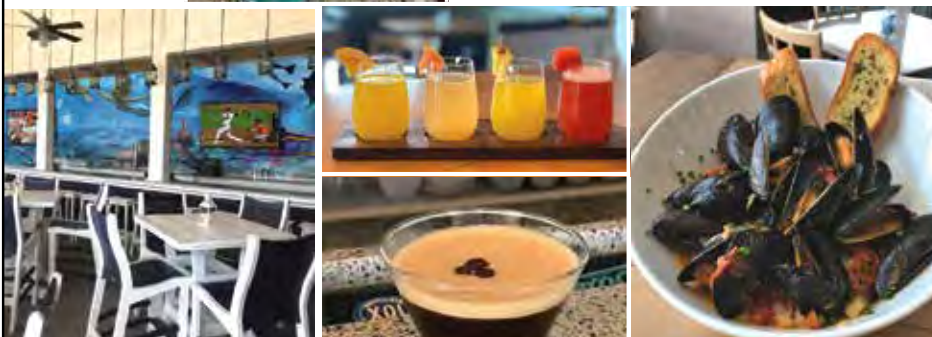


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Richard Dietz with his Wildwood history photo albums that he loves to share with anyone willing to sit and listen.

*Editor Note: Did you know Richard & I republished an antique 1905 book together called Wildwood Ways? Available at Sunstore.Bigcartel.com, Hooked on Books & Wildwood Historic Museum



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Elaine Youngs is living up to her name looking as young as ever!

Many of you may know the lovely, friendly Elaine Youngs who works at North Wildwood CVS, but did you know that she spent most of her life on rollerskates? She happily skated 3 times a week for many years at Skaters Choice Skate Rink in Hurfville, NJ and Evesham Skate Rink Marlton. Perhaps that is where her infectious smile comes from and her 'energizer-bunny' personality!



Steve Forktus' grandkids, Katie and her new sister Mackenzie, a new generation of Wildwood lovers! They can't wait to get to the Wildwoods this summer and have fun in the Sun!

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Hello and Welcome to Fish Story 2023, This article has two goals for you. Number one, if you had a great trip fishing take a second to relive it. Two, if you have not experienced a great fishing trip, I feel sorry that you have missed the opportunity. The oceans cover around two thirds of the world. Technically, you have missed the chance to explore that part of this world. Get excited and fire up the energy to get out and fish. The conversation with fellow anglers are unique. We come from all walks of life. All the problems in our world remain at the dock. The act of fishing brings out the best in people. Often anglers lose tackle. The stranger next to you usually offers to replace the tackle, sometimes it results into a friend for life. I Love the comradery that develops out on the water.

Sometimes I let my mind drift away from fishing as I can gaze at the wonderful backdrop of the combination of sea and sky provided by nature and the Almighty. The relaxation of fishing is a bonus for your health and personal spirit. I always enjoy the opportunity to encourage a youngster to experience the sport of fishing. We all have the responsibility to pass it on to them. I guarantee you will enjoy the day and feel humanity at its best. I know it helps us by allowing the problems in life to go away for the day. The excitement and drama of a fish being reeled up brings back times like a young person. Reeling in a fish is like the unknown while opening Christmas gifts. The excitement and curiosity of what is going to come to the surface as you continue to reel faster. I confess that netting a keeper flounder gives me a smile, knowing one of the best meals you can have soon with the family. The ticket to success when you start fishing is to gather all the information you can receive from any experienced Anglers. Most are willing to give you the latest information and what will work today. You must learn all you can about the species you are pursuing. Understanding about their ways of feeding and surviving

during the season. The fishing seasons are influenced by many issues like Wind, Tidal changes, and what bait is available for the fish to feed daily.

Since this will be the only issue of The Sun this year, I will try to cover the monthly expectation of what seasons are open during the summer and fall. I recognize certain species by certain times of the year. May and June will start a unique smorgasbord for most anglers. Flounder is in shallow waters of the back bay searching for warmer water. They will be spawning for the future. As the water warms up to high, they will find different areas for the bait and water comfort. Flounder will bite from June to September in the back bays. Drum fish will continue in Delaware Bay to the end of June. After their spawning they will return to the deep ocean. Weakfish, Bluefish, will search for structures like Jetties, bridges, and shoals in the Delaware Bay. The ocean starts to have Flounder and Seabass on structures like the artificial reefs. They will stay in various areas off the beaches until the water cools off and chases them offshore. Flounder Season closes at the end of September. Seabass fishing reopens thru the Fall with good catches but regulations can have some closing periods. Strippers usually appear in the fall heading south on their migration. Unfortunately, in the past couple of years they have arrived at late December. Check with the many bait shops for the latest information on When, Where, and How the fish can be caught. Party and Charter boats will continue to run through the fall. Lots of videos on Youtube can show how the pros catch the many species out there waiting for you.

How blessed we are to live next to one of the greatest wonders of the world! Don't miss the chance to experience this wonderful ocean wilderness and relive those memories for ever.

Enjoy and God Bless,
Captain Gary Sloan,
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July				
	High		Low	
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
1 Sat	6:39	7:10	12:37	12:21
2 Sun	7:34	8:01	1:29	1:14
3 Mon	8:27	8:52	2:21	2:07
4 Tue	9:21	9:44	3:12	3:01
5 Wed	10:15	10:36	4:03	3:57
6 Thu	11:10	11:29	4:55	4:54
7 Fri		12:07	5:46	5:54
8 Sat	12:24	1:06	6:39	6:57
9 Sun	1:21	2:06	7:32	8:03
10 Mon	2:20	3:07	8:26	9:10
11 Tue	3:22	4:07	9:20	10:15
12 Wed	4:24	5:04	10:15	11:17
13 Thu	5:24	5:57	11:07	
14 Fri	6:20	6:45	12:14	12:01
15 Sat	7:10	7:30	1:05	12:45
16 Sun	7:56	8:12	1:51	1:30
17 Mon	8:39	8:51	2:34	2:12
18 Tue	9:20	9:29	3:14	2:53
19 Wed	9:59	10:06	3:53	3:32
20 Thu	10:38	10:42	4:29	4:11
21 Fri	11:16	11:17	5:03	4:50
22 Sat	11:54	11:53	5:37	5:31
23 Sun		12:34	6:09	6:16
24 Mon	12:30	1:16	6:43	7:06
25 Tue	1:12	2:03	7:22	8:04
26 Wed	2:01	2:57	8:07	9:07
27 Thu	3:00	3:55	9:00	10:12
28 Fri	4:06	4:55	9:58	11:15
29 Sat	5:14	5:53	10:59	
30 Sun	6:18	6:50	12:14	12:01
31 Mon	7:16	7:44	1:09	12:58

August				
	High		Low	
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
1 Tue	8:12	8:37	2:02	1:55
2 Wed	9:05	9:28	2:52	2:50
3 Thu	9:58	10:19	3:42	3:46
4 Fri	10:50	11:10	4:30	4:42
5 Sat	11:43		5:19	5:39
6 Sun	12:02	12:38	6:08	6:39
7 Mon	12:56	1:36	6:59	7:42
8 Tue	1:54	2:35	7:52	8:48
9 Wed	2:56	3:37	8:48	9:55
10 Thu	4:02	4:38	9:46	10:58
11 Fri	5:05	5:34	10:43	11:55
12 Sat	6:02	6:25	11:37	
13 Sun	6:52	7:10	12:46	12:26
14 Mon	7:36	7:50	1:30	1:11
15 Tue	8:17	8:28	2:09	1:52
16 Wed	8:55	9:04	2:46	2:32
17 Thu	9:31	9:39	3:20	3:09
18 Fri	10:06	10:12	3:52	3:47
19 Sat	10:41	10:44	4:22	4:24
20 Sun	11:15	11:17	4:51	5:03
21 Mon	11:50	11:52	5:21	5:46
22 Tue		12:29	5:54	6:34
23 Wed	12:32	1:16	6:34	7:31
24 Thu	1:23	2:14	7:24	8:37
25 Fri	2:27	3:20	8:24	9:47
26 Sat	3:42	4:29	9:33	10:54
27 Sun	4:57	5:34	10:42	11:54
28 Mon	6:04	6:33	11:46	
29 Tue	7:02	7:28	12:49	12:47
30 Wed	7:56	8:19	1:40	1:43
31 Thu	8:46	9:09	2:28	2:38

Moon Phases	
Full Moon.....	3
Last Quarter.....	9
New Moon.....	17
First Quarter.....	25

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Full Moon.....	1,30 <Blue Moon!>
Last Quarter.....	8
New Moon.....	16
First Quarter.....	24

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HEREFORD INLET LIGHTHOUSE

On June 10, 1872 Congress approved funding to construct a much needed lighthouse on the Hereford Inlet at the Northeast end of the Five Mile Beach Island. The 1.5 acre of land was sold to the U.S. Govt. on July 7, 1873 for a whopping price of \$150. It was purchased from Humphrey S. Cresse, who was among one of the many Mayflower descendants living offshore in Cape May County. He owned much of the Anglesea section of the island.

Construction began on the uninhabited barrier island on November 8, 1873 and was completed on March 30, 1874. In just 4 short months, the magnificent Hereford Inlet Lighthouse beacon was lit for the first time on May 11, 1874. This is the first known photograph and can be seen hanging inside the Lighthouse today. Early Anglesea settlers sought shelter here during many horrific storms. Also, the island's first religious services were held in the Lighthouse parlor.

John Marche was appointed the first Keeper of the Light. Unfortunately after only three months on the job, Keeper Marche drowned when his small boat capsized on a return trip from the mainland.

The job of Lighthouse Keeper was a very important position to hold in the 19th century. Human lives and valuable ships and cargo depended on a vigilant, capable and trustworthy person. Someone with these qualities along with a seaman's resume is what the government was looking for in a replacement. On September 28, 1874, Freeling Hewitt became the new Lighthouse Keeper. He and his wife Abbie took a big leap when they left their Cape May Court House home to live in the lighthouse. They were, at that time, the only permanent residents on the island. The Keepers' pay at Hereford Lighthouse in 1874 was \$450. per year.

Threatened by the encroachment of the south side of Hereford Inlet, its foundation was damaged in a severe storm on August, 1913. As a result the lighthouse was moved inland (150 feet to the west) where it still shines brightly today.

Photo from Richard Dietz Photo



HEREFORD INLET LIFESAVING STATION

The first Lifesaving Station in 1850 in the vicinity of 1st & Surf Ave. The Federal Government placed a small lifesaving station here, which housed a lifeboat and essential supplies for persons involved in shipwrecks. Hereford Inlet Lifesaving Station No. 36 was built in 1871 and in 1888 a more modern one was built next to the Lighthouse. The US Coast Guard took over and built what is now the NJ Marine Police Building in 1938.

Before trains, automobiles and planes, the ocean was the main highway for transportation. There were at least 60 shipwrecks documented in Hereford Inlet between 1766 to the early 1900's.

The majority of wrecks were southbound vessels and involved the coastal Schooner, A.K.A., the "Allied Van Lines" of its day, which transported all types of bulk cargo up and down the coast. Ships sailing at night or in foggy weather often ended up running aground and battered to pieces by the breakers. This was one of the main reason for the construction of the Hereford Lighthouse in 1874.



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANGLESEA

The First Baptist Church of Anglesea at 3rd & Atlantic was the island's first church founded in 1898. This was their first church building after outgrowing the parlor of Hereford Lighthouse. This was replaced by another wooden building. The stained-glass window from the second building was preserved and placed in the front of the current brick building which was built in 1973.

In 1885, a Union Sunday School was the first organized church service held in the parlor of the Hereford Inlet Lighthouse, under Keeper Freeling H. Hewitt's care and supervision. The tiny congregation met in Hereford Light for 13 years until 1898.

Outgrowing the Hewitt's parlor, the congregation filed for incorporation and became a legally instituted body. A chapel was erected on a lot owned by Hewitt, then known as Third and Pennsylvania Aves. (3rd & Atlantic Aves. today)

Fifteen hundred and twenty-four dollars totaled the final cost of the chapel. Today, one chuckles at such an amount, but consider what \$1524. meant to fishermen and shipwrights in 1898!

The first settlers of Anglesea, hardy and conservative folk, knew the struggle against storm, driving wind, and making a living off the sea. Families needed care, children needed shoes, and everyone needed food and shelter. Life on a barrier island, thrust between sea and sky, was obscure and difficult.

Under its first Pastor, Alfred Chaplin, the original church building took shape. The original baptistery and stained-glass window can be seen today in the present building.

Little by little, the "Little Church with a Mighty God" grew and spiritual blessings flooded hearts and lives, spilling over into the community with gladness! Changed lives never fail to turn heads - not to the ones who have changed, but to the One who changed them.

~ Excerpt from a story in the 2018 issue of The Sun written by Rachel Rogish

"We live in the present, we dream of the future and we learn eternal truths from the past." ~Anon.



The first car accident on Surf Ave. 1927
(Photo from the Betty Braidwood Collection)

Wildwood Firsts

by Dorothy McMonagle Kulisek



Leona Frances Goldrick was the first baby born in West Wildwood, N.J. on September 26, 1918 at 1 Avenue "A", West Wildwood, N.J.

Photo: Leona Goldrick, story featured in *The Sun*, 2005



Photo: Wildwood Historic Museum

In June 1895, Wildwood Borough Council appointed William Jack as the first Lamplighter at a salary of \$400. per year. The PA. Globe Gas-light Co. was contracted to install the gas street lights.



Photo: Wildwood Historic Museum

WOMEN MAKING HISTORY AS WILDWOOD'S FIRST GIRL GUARDS

Throwing it back to 1933 with Wildwood's first girl guards, (with attitude and all) Mae Otty of Ardmore, PA. and Florence Newton of Phila., PA. were officially appointed by Mayor William Bright after passing a series of tests directed by Capt. Girard Livesey of the beach patrol.



Photo: Wildwood Historic Museum

Norman Wildwood Ryan was the first boy to be born in Wildwood in 1892. In honor of the occasion they gave him the middle name of Wildwood. Shown here with his sister Alta, (who may have been the first girl).



Photo: Wildwood Historic Museum

Lavania P. Moultrie (1889 - 1976) opened the first unemployment agency in Wildwood and in the state of New Jersey in 1910. (from *The Sun* Archives. Read her amazing story at the link below) sunbythesea.com/ww/lavania-moultries-legacy-by-the-sea/



Photo: Wildwood Historic Museum

Baker Crest Thurber was the first baby born in Wildwood Crest, N.J. on September 9, 1906



Photo: Elmer's great granddaughter Polly McGinnis

Elmer T. Pinker was born in 1879 in Philadelphia and graduated Pharmacy School in 1904 before finding his way to the island, where his father was building homes in Holly Beach. Elmer settled on Pine Ave. and opened Pinker's Pharmacy on the corner of Davis & Pacific, the island's first drug store.



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"WHILE YOU WERE AWAY..." WILDWOOD HISTORIC MUSEUM HONORS PAST PRESIDENTS

Rooms at the city's historical museum telling stories of the Wildwoods' veterans, first responders, schools and athletes were dedicated to four past Wildwood Historical Society presidents at a ceremony Sunday, October 16, 2022.

Al Brannen and **Larry Lillo**, both of Wildwood, and **Bob Scully** and **Anne Vinci**, both of North Wildwood, were the honorees. Four plaques were presented, each bearing the name of a dedicated room, and all of which will be affixed to the entrance to their respective rooms.

"Every one of these people helped push the museum forward significantly," Brannen, an emeritus member, said after his plaque was revealed.

The current board told the four they would be honored but the dedication of rooms was a surprise that was revealed at the ceremony. "It was difficult to keep this a secret, but the payoff was worth it," said society president **Taylor Henry**. "The honorees were visibly moved that their many lifelong contributions to the historical society will forever be remembered, as their names will be permanently affixed to the museum."

About 50 people attended the ceremony, many of whom were family and friends of honorees. "While many of those who contributed to the historical society have passed away, it's important for us to celebrate those who are living," Henry said. "Al, Larry, Bob and Anne all deserve to know how much they matter and how much of an impact they've made in their lifetimes."



Al Brannen pictured with his wife Diane, is a US Coast Guard veteran responsible for reviving the previously inactive Wildwood Historical Society in the 1970s. After George Boyer, the founder and namesake of the museum died in 1976, there was no one to keep the society going until Brannen became president. The society under Brannen's leadership grew from a room of artifacts in city hall to the large building on Pacific Avenue that houses the museum today. Al served on the historical society in one capacity or another for the next several decades, finally retiring in 2021, yet still remains an integral part.

Because of his focus on preserving the stories of the islands' veterans and military members, the board dedicated the room about veterans as the Al Brannen Military Room.



Larry Lillo, pictured with his family, who currently serves as the society's secretary, is the longest-serving still-active board member, having served since the 1970s. Lillo worked 25 years on the Wildwood Fire Department, including a time as Fire Captain. He was also a lifeguard with the Wildwood Beach Patrol.

In 1994, Lillo, a lifelong train enthusiast, opened Holly Beach Train Depot in the same Pacific Avenue building that housed his father's barbershop for over 70 years.

"To recognize his contributions to the city, the safety of its residents and visitors, and to this museum, the Wildwood Historical Society dedicates the First Responder Exhibit as the Larry Lillo First Responder Room," Henry said.

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Emeritus member, **Bob Scully**, pictured with his family, began his time as president in the late 1990s, during which time he co-authored the book, "Wildwood by the Sea: The History of an American Resort." The Scully family goes back to the beginnings of the Wildwoods. Bob's grandfather Christopher J. Scully arrived in South Jersey in 1892 and founded a construction company that built such still-standing landmarks as St. Ann's Church, the 15th Ave. Firehouse in North Wildwood, and Wildwood Catholic High School. Bob graduated from the same school built by his relatives only a few years prior. A basketball player, he was chosen for the 1951 New Jersey All-State Parochial Quartet.

In honor of his legacy as a star athlete and alum of Wildwood Catholic, the Wildwood Historical Society dedicated the School and Sports Exhibit as the Robert J. Scully School and Sports Room.



Anne Vinci, pictured with her family, was the society's first woman president. She was responsible for starting the ongoing Commemorative Brick Program fundraiser, where personalized bricks are cemented into the walkway outside the museum.

By the late 2000s, the museum collection was again getting too large for the space in which it was contained. Under Vinci's leadership, the historical society undertook one of its largest and most challenging projects: construction of an addition in 2009. Vinci retired from the board in 2014 but continues to volunteer.

For her contributions to the growth of this museum, the addition she helped build was dedicated as the Anne Vinci Museum Annex.



After all is said and done, more is said than done.

"Truth, wisdom, learning, and good sense—these are worth paying for, but too valuable for you to sell." ~Proverbs 23:23

50 YEARS AT ANGLESEA COLONY GARDENS



Anglesea Colony Gardens Residents Celebrating Their 50th Anniversary

Sent in by Ed Crowley, Board Member Secretary

The Anglesea Colony Gardens Condominium Association, Inc. celebrated its 50th anniversary on Saturday, June 25th, 2022. The weather was perfect for a pool party, which was held at the neighboring Lodge Condominium pool.

Situated on beautiful Hereford Inlet, Anglesea Colony Gardens was one of the earliest condominium developments at the Jersey Shore, developed by Anglesea Associates Company and incorporated on June 21st, 1972. It consists of 112 units spread out over 8 buildings at the northern end of North Wildwood known as Anglesea.

The Anglesea Colony Gardens Homeowner's Association is guided by a seven member board of directors, with administration and maintenance managed by Shore Resort Property Management. The board is fiscally responsible and the association is financially sound.

Despite the ravages of 50 years of ocean front exposure, ACG is remarkably well maintained and the grounds are meticulously landscaped. With such a great location, a wonderful view of the inlet, and financial stability, it's no wonder residents affectionately refer to Anglesea Colony Gardens as "The Best Kept Secret at the Shore"! (Shhhh-hhhh-hhhh....)



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...as "Wildwood's first cereal-infused ice cream parlor and coffee bar" ... **Guppi** moves to a more spacious home at 3417 Pacific after a very successful first season three blocks north. It's a fitting spot in more ways than one, as owner **Abby MacQueen** started her sustainable surfwear company across the street at the Downtown Wildwood Farmer's Market in 2018... The south end of the block is now anchored by **The Panini Cafe** on Pacific, which takes over for the short-lived 3421 Island Grill. Co-owners **Shawn McGuigan** and **John Deluca** of Northeast Philadelphia offer a wide variety of panini options and more for the breakfast, lunch and dinner crowds... What's "old" is new again at **Old Movies By The Sea** - no, we really mean it! This winter, **Glenn Kingsbury** and **Karen Drew** painstakingly revived the former **Sea Theater** (4005), which had several identities over the years but was originally a nickelodeon dating back to the 1910's. The location is back in business as a working theater and event-hosting venue, playing not just "old movies," but hosting comedy nights, sports presentations and more... Last year, the **Marvis Diner** expanded with a second location, transforming the former **Star Diner & Cafe** into the **Marvis Pancake House & Diner** (325 W. Spruce Ave). This year, the original diner at 4900 Pacific underwent a major renovation, adding a new outdoor dining patio and additional parking... Along with **MudHen Brewing Co.**, **Santorini** and **SOL** have been widely acknowledged as two of the leaders of Wildwood's recent "restaurant renaissance." Both establishments opened in 2021 and now, interestingly, they operate under the same banner. Well, sort of. Earlier this spring, Santorini announced that SOL was being rebranded as **Venezia**, and would now operate as its "sister

restaurant." Similar to the Mediterranean-themed Santorini, Venezia is an "Italian BYOB," replacing SOL's "Latin Fusion"-inspired menu and ambiance... Before we leave Wildwood and head down to the Crest for our final stop on the "While You Were Away" tour, let's make a quick stop at **City Hall**. At the parking lots directly to the north and south of the municipal building, massive new solar paneled shelters have been installed (similar to the addition at Morey's Piers' lot at Ocean & Juniper last year). This installation, which also includes new perimeter landscaping, is a key component of the city's "solar initiative" according to Mayor **Pete Byron**: "As a community, we will all reap the benefits of this." ... The owners of **Brandon's Pancake House & Ice Cream Parlor** display their mission statement on their sign: "BE KIND!" Inspired by their son Brandon, who lives with autism, **Karl & Aimee Famiano** have created a space where all can feel welcome, including families and those living with disabilities and other challenges. Their new eatery is located at 6200 New Jersey Avenue, at the previous home of the **Doo Wop Drive-Inn**. Meanwhile, the building's former proprietor, **Jason Kramer**, can be found sling-ing up specials back at his longtime home, the **Tangiers Cafe (Tangiers Motel, 6201 Atlantic Ave)**... **Charlie's Sandwich Shop**, a popular New York eatery with deep Italian roots, is set to breathe new life into the former **Cresse Variety Store** (vacant for the past five years at 5400 Pacific Ave). A staple in Brooklyn since 2016, the salumeria figures to be a unique addition to the Wildwoods' diverse and ever-growing culinary scene... You can't miss the BIG, vibrant new mural at 10th & New Jersey Avenue! "**Raise the Bar**" not only commemorates the rebranding of **The Gym at 10th** to **Shore Fitness at 10th**, but celebrates the gym's expansion and focus on inclusion.

Read on!





"A bad habit never disappears miraculously; it's an undo-it yourself project." ~Abigail Van Buren, "Dear Abby"

"NEW & OLD BIZ"

Owners **Stacie and Ron Tedesco** purchased the longtime fitness center in 2022 and immediately implemented changes to bring it up to top industry standards. Along with continued updates, the new mural is representative of the **Tedesco's** dedication to community and the essence of the Wildwoods - "the 'Doo Wop' legacy, the sun, the sand and summer!"

... **A Little Cafe** (8700 New Jersey Ave) reopened under the direction of **Chef Michael Ayoub** in late 2022, and will now operate year round. Ayoub has reworked the menu, which will continue to feature sandwiches, salads, "from scratch" soups and baked goods, along with a full service coffee bar and an emphasis on vegan and gluten-free options... The much-anticipated **Crest Arts Pavilion** opened to the public on March 24 with an exhibition sponsored by the **Wildwood Crest Creative Arts Council**. The mixed-use venue will soon feature functional space for meeting and local organizations, hosting options for weddings and other special events, two dedicated retail areas, and more, in addition to space for displaying some of the Crest's historical artifacts.

Eva Basilio & Joseph Pettinelli purchased **Rita's Deli** in the winter of 2022 and opened **Turtle Gut** in July of last summer, a new specialty coffee + food spot in Wildwood Crest. Their mission is to provide a great cafe experience with coffee served from the best specialty roasters from around the world and fresh, excellent quality food from local Jersey farms, all while enjoying an amazing view of Sunset Lake. Their historical name is derived from **Turtle Gut inlet**, once located where Denver and Toledo Avenues are today. The inlet was filled in, merging **Five Mile and Two Mile Beaches** into one. There was also the famous **Revolutionary War Battle of Turtle Gut** that took place there in 1776 {You may search The Sun archives to read more on Turtle Gut.}

Historically speaking, **Rita's Deli** originally opened as a corner delicatessen and variety store, owned and operated by **Wildwood Crest Mayor Joseph & Rita Von Savage** in the 50s & 60s.



Like the proverbial shifting sands of time, change is one of life's few constants. Even so, it's been a long time since we've seen an offseason as active as the one just passed in the Wildwoods. Each new business, every burgeoning venture detailed here will have the opportunity to place a unique footprint on our island. Their stories are just beginning, as our grand tale of fun-by-the-sea continues to be written.

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oldest establishments, **Eleanor's Gifts** at Oak Avenue, closed for the final time after the 2022 season. Owner Dan Kavounis will continue to operate his cabana and beach rentals business out of the location... **Otaku House**, specializing in anime and manga merchandise, has taken over the former location of **Shooters Old Time Photos** at 3414 Boardwalk (Pirates of the Wildwoods 3D Mini-Golf remains, with a number of improvements, next door)... Several years in the works, **Capt'n Jack's Island Grill** at the Boardwalk Mall is in the process of installing a second floor balcony that will overlook the Boardwalk and wrap around the Garfield Avenue side of the building... **El Pilon Criollo** at Roberts Avenue is a new Latin cuisine restaurant that takes over for **Seaport Kettle Corn**, which lasted one season. This is the former longtime home of the **Grandview Gift Shop**.

ers at **artBOX** and elsewhere on the pier, will serve as modules for food, games and more. At press time, containers were being prepped to house new **Curley's Fries** and **Kohr Bros.** locations. The concept should be an interesting one to watch unfold this summer, and in the years to come... Meanwhile, on **Mariner's Pier**, **Jumbo's Grub & Pub** has been rebranded as **Founders Grub & Pub**, as a nod to the individuals "who helped build Morey's Piers into the beloved destination it is today"... In true "outside the box" Morey's tradition, the family's biggest addition for 2023 isn't on the Boardwalk - or even in the Wildwoods at all! Over the winter, the organization acquired and set out and renovated **Laguna Oaks Golf Course** in Cape May Court House, transforming it into **Big Little 9** - "The Happiest Golf Course on Earth!"

Around the Island

Morey's Newest Adventures

Even in years when they aren't introducing a major new ride or attraction, Morey's Piers always has an interesting project or two, or a surprise trick up its sleeves to WOW its guests. Last year's most impactful addition may have been the introduction of the **Sunny the Seagull** plush dolls, a premium gamestand prize that quickly became a local sensation (note the plethora of "impersonators" available at Boardwalk shops this summer)... The most obvious change this year is the completely revamped front of **Adventure Pier**, the first phase of a "food hall" concept introduced three years ago. Several structures and attractions were removed over the winter, including the **Boat Tag** game and existing **Kohr Bros.** building to make way for the arrival of several shipping containers. These compliments to the existing contain-

"Watch the... **MOTEL, please??**" What's more WILDWOOD than the **Sightseer Tram Cars** (which, incidentally, are celebrating their **75th anniversary** season of operation this summer)? There are few contenders, though the island's famous collection of "Doo Wop" motels would have to figure high on a list of favorites. Thus, it was fitting when the new owners of the **Aruba Motel** decided to re-heme and decided on "**The Tram Car Motell**" Yes, after a total renovation, the motel was painted in the classic yellow and blue color scheme, and outfitted with classic tram car signage... In other motel news, the former **LuFran Motel** at 5106 Ocean Avenue, which has sat vacant for the past few seasons, has been fully renovated and revived as the **Beach House**... From South Philly to the Wildwoods: **Antney's Grub** was an instant hit and has garnered a loyal following since setting up...

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shop at the aforementioned Aruba Motel in 2020. This year, owner **Anthony Renzulli** is expanding his operation in a big way, opening up additional eateries at **333 E. Montgomery in Wildwood (the former Bannon's Ocean Cafe)** and at the **Jolly Roger Motel** in Wildwood Crest (taking over the Neverland Cafe)... Another City of Brotherly Love favorite, **Steve's Prince of Steaks**, will soon move into the previous home of Classic Sandwiches at 2701 New Jersey Avenue. Founded by **Steven Iliescu** in 1980, the original Steve's location is still going strong at Bustleton & St. Vincent in Northeast Philly... After the closure of the legendary **Shamrock Cafe** on Pacific Avenue, the equally-historic **Kelly's Cafe** (4400 Atlantic Ave) proudly proclaimed itself "**Wildwood's oldest bar.**" That title lasted only one summer, as the venerable establishment was sold by longtime owners **Victor & Patrice Namiotka** over the winter. The new proprietors promptly emBARKed on a dramatic renovation of the property, transforming it into **The Copper Dog**. The name pays tribute to the owners' own copper dog, **Vivian**; and, as you might suspect, four-legged friends are welcome at the restaurant's outdoor dining patio... It seems that **Bagel Time Cafe** and its owner, **Angelo Bilios**, find their way into this space every year. It's for good reason, as he's always up to something new! Last year, Bilios and his wife, Anna, acquired the **Pink Cadillac Diner**, adding it as Bagel Time's sister property. This year, they have made major changes to Bagel Time itself, including a full exterior renovation, adding a lounge area to the dining room and creating the "**Bagel Yard**" - colorfully revamped patio space- see photo of 'yours truly' peacing out by the vintage VW in the yard... Despite a fun, nostalgia-based presentation and an enthusiastic following, **Nan & Pop's Kitchen**

announced last fall that it was closing its doors after just two seasons. Enter **Chef Stephen Quici**, who has stepped out on his own and opened **Stephen's Restaurant** at the location this spring. Quici, a culinary wizard with over 40 years of professional cooking experience, is perhaps best known in the Wildwoods as the head chef at Duffinetti's Restaurant. He is now serving up his own breakfast and dinner specialties at the long-time former home of the **Lobster Shack**... The island's newest brewery, **Anglesea Aleworks**, made its long-awaited debut in February at 3401 New Jersey Avenue. Featuring an extensive list of daily beers on tap as well as rotators/seasonals, the location immediately became a popular local gathering space for not only sampling but hanging out and discussing all things "beer"... **Mallory's Eats**, an artisan baking company that has become a favorite at local events and pop-ups (including the **Downtown Wildwood Farmer's Market**), now has a physical location. Owner **Mallory Stetter** has set up shop at 3012 Pacific Avenue, where she will craft and sell her custom desserts... The 3400 block of Pacific Avenue (directly across from Byrne Plaza) is once again at full occupancy, thanks to the addition of two new businesses and the relocation of another. Debuting on the row this year are **Utterly Ice Cream**, **Guppi** and **The Panini Cafe** on Pacific. They join **The Cove** in Wildwood, **Hooked on Books**, **Blue Homes Real Estate**, **Maggie's Boutique** and **The Yellow Umbrella Gift Shoppe** in rounding out Downtown Wildwood's most robust block of offerings... **Utterly**, the creation of local entrepreneur **Danielle Aydelotte**, is the the next evolution of **Clipper Dipper** ice cream, which operated previously at the **Yankee Clipper Motel** in the Crest. **Aydelotte** describes the business...

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WW365 Al Alven peaces out in the all new Bagel Yard @BagelTimeCafe, leaning on the vintage VW Bug, decoratively painted by Dorothy of The Sun

If you have followed this column over the years, you are aware of the notion that CHANGE itself has become a reliable constant in the Wildwoods. Given the amount of the activity on the island this past offseason, along with the scope of several of the new developments in question, one has to wonder: Is 2023 the culmination of years of planning, promotion and investment in the Wildwoods, or the continuation of a trend that will see yet more large-scale projects get the green light? Indications seem to favor the latter, but only ONE thing is for certain - with so much going on and so many new things to talk about, we don't have the time or space for our usual long-winded intro!

So, let's dive right into what you might have missed "While you were away"...

The BiG Developments

Mayor Pete Byron called it "the biggest and most essential construction project" he can recall in the Wildwoods. When you stop to think about it, Phase II of the **Boardwalk Renovation Project** directly impacted dozens of businesses, but had indirect consequences for the entire island, and beyond. This winter, the five-block stretch of Boardwalk Maple north to 26th Avenue was rehabilitated;

the project started last year when the three-block stretch from Oak to Maple was addressed. The project has sought to renovate and rehab sections of the promenade that are damaged from aging, weather and wear-and-tear with bolstered concrete pillars and fresh decking, in addition to new handrails, access ramps and lighting. If all goes according to plan, per Byron, Phase III will commence south of Schellenger Avenue this fall... There can be no denying the impact Philadelphia-based investment & development firm **BG Capital** has made on the island since the opening of **Seaport Pier** in 2018. This spring, the company's largest projects reach completion in the forms of the **Seaport Suites** in Downtown Wildwood and the **Oasis by Seaport Stays**. The 63-room Seaport Suites, one block south of **Byrne Plaza**, will house three different entertainment venues conceptualized by **DJ Jason Weiss - FOURCAST Day Club**, **Vyce** and **Fairview Social** (a nod to the legendary **Fairview Club**, located on the same footprint), along with an exclusive pool, two outdoor bars and the **Beach Brew Coffee Shop**. The Oasis, several blocks north at 2911 New Jersey Avenue, features 38 upscale condo and townhouse rentals with a central leisure and recreation area, pool, kids' splash pool and more.



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All Seaport properties offer free service to Seaport Pier and sister properties via the **Seaport Shuttle**... It's hard to believe that **MudHen Brewing Co.** is already celebrating its 5th anniversary. Owners **Brendan & Robin Sciarra** are marking the occasion with the addition of a new division, **MudHen Hospitality**. The subsidiary's signature project is the new **Hen Houses** at 156 E. Taylor Avenue, an enclave that features the rescued and renovated **MudHen Manor**, neighbored by six smaller, rental homes with names based on MudHen brews - **Baker's Double**, **Captain Doug's**, **Wildwood Haze**, **Sea Tiger**, **Holly Beach** and **1883**... Speaking of rescues, for quite some time, the landmark **Oceanview Motel** in Wildwood Crest looked like a goner. The property had fallen into disrepair and was considered by many to be a lost cause before **Madi-**

son Resorts arrived on the scene. The company purchased the ailing motel and promptly announced a massive, two-phase \$12 million renovation project that would include the addition of a 5th floor with suites, a restaurant, room updates, a modern cafe, lounge area, firepits, infinity pool, cabana and a wedding venue. Unfortunately, the motel's soaring mid-century lobby was deemed structurally unsound and could not be saved, but a faithful rebuild will be included in the renovation. At press time, Madison Resorts was not yet ready to announce an opening date... Similarly, though the building was not in danger of facing the wrecking ball, **Hotel Cabana** has dramatically renovated and reopened the building at 21st & Boardwalk. This entity, originally the **King's Inn Motel**, has operated under a variety of names and identi-

ties over the past decade, including **Howard Johnson**, **Quality Inn** and **Hammock Inn & Suites**. The property has been completely modernized with all-new rooms and amenities, and looks to be a prime player in the island's hotel renaissance.

Back to the Boardwalk

While the biggest story on the Boardwalk is the refurbished Boardwalk itself, there is once again no shortage of new businesses dotting the famous wooden way this spring. At the same time, we say "farewell" to some old favorites... We start this year on the northern end, at **Montego Bay Resort**, where **Bar Fore Sports Simulator** brings the "virtual reality" golf simulation to the island. State-of-the-art programs include additional sports and games, in a bar and lounge setting ideal for social gatherings and parties... At 22th Street, **Quinn's Original Fudge Island** takes over for the **Original Fudge Kitchen** (which has maintained its store down at Roberts Avenue). Owner **John Quinn**, who worked at Fudge Kitchen for over

30 years, brings with him a wealth of experience and his own unique recipes at this completely renovated location, which he intends to operate year round... Next door, **Seaport Village Shore Decor & More** takes over for longtime favorite **Rapunzel's** (now at 2305 New Jersey Ave), offering a variety of nautical-themed signs, candles and gifts, along with other specialty items. It is the sister store of **Villa Gourmet** (which opened last summer), and, yes, the name echoes the memory of the old **Seaport Village Shopping Pier**, which sat directly opposite, where Seaport Pier is today. At the other end of the block is the aforementioned **Hotel Cabana**, which puts in perspective just how much change the 2200 block has seen over the past year... **Giovanna's Hispanic Restaurant** at 2416 is under new ownership and has undergone an expansion to accommodate later parties... **Winterwood Christmas Shoppe**, a fixture between Glenwood and Magnolia Aves, is out, replaced by a second location of beachwear shop **Bikini Heaven**... One of the Boardwalk's

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With the vision of creating better beach access, and with the support of grant money, residents, state, county, and previous and current administrations, Phase 1a and 1b were completed, with Phase 2 of the beach access decks project, partially funded by the CMC Open space program and NJ DCA/DOT, ready to bid, with a hopeful summer completion.

Amenities include:

ADA showers, New decks, railings, ramps, Bike racks, Benches, Planters, and Shade pergolas
Phase 3+ awaits approval and will be north of Rambler along the bike path.

The Wildwood Crest Beach Patrol Building, located at Rambler Road, is getting a much-needed renovation. Headquarters will be in the adjacent Information center this summer. The information center will operate out of the Arts Pavilion.

CREATING IN THE CREST

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new Crest Arts Pavilion hosted a well-attended crowd-pleasing art exhibition displaying all of the entries to the **Wildwood Crest Creative Arts Council** on Friday, March 24th. It was the first event in the Crest Arts Pavilion serving as a "soft opening" for the facility, which is located at 6301 Ocean Avenue (Ocean Avenue and Wisteria Road).

Look for the official grand opening ceremony this summer as well as various events being held there.

THE WILDWOODS NEWS The Wind and the Whales

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), a record number of large whale deaths were reported along the coast between December '22 & February '23, as pre-construction work ramped up for offshore wind

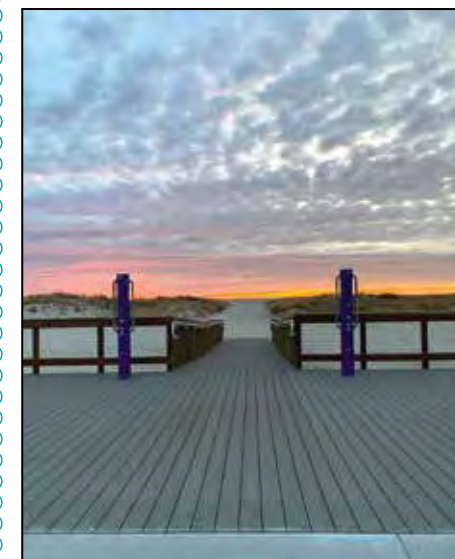
farms. The wind farms, while an integral component of the nation and New Jersey's climate change policy, raised questions about a possible connection between the whale deaths and offshore wind activities. On January 30th, a group of 30 New Jersey mayors, including North Wildwood Mayor Patrick Rosenello, constructed a letter requesting a suspension to all offshore wind activity.

On March 16th, **Congressman Jeff Van Drew** held a hearing entitled "An Examination into Offshore Wind Industrialization" gathering testimonies from a panel of experts. It was livestreamed and can be found on Youtube.

MORE BEACH PROTECTION

After a 10-year wait, the Hereford Inlet to Cape May Inlet Dune and Beach Berm construction project is supposedly moving forward.

North Wildwood, Wildwood, Wildwood Crest and Lower Township signed state aid agreements to permit the Shore Protection Project. The \$82.4 million plan is funded by US Army Corps of Engineers and Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP.)



One of the many new and improved beach paths in Wildwood Crest



"Slow down. Take a deep breath. What's the hurry? Why wear yourself out?" ~Jeremiah 2:25, the Bible

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THE WEATHER REPORT

"Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it." The summer of '22 certainly gave us plenty to talk about! If only we could special order a weather repeat, where we had gorgeous Summer Beach Days and Boardwalk Nights, with barely any rain and no heat waves.

We had a beautiful Labor Day weekend until someone flipped the switch on Labor Day Monday night with several rainy days (the season's first mini-Nor'easter) adding to that melancholy feeling of summer's end.

Luckily, it was a glorious September for all the festivals!

Then October 1st arrived, and with it the remnants of **Hurricane Ian**, arriving in the form of a Nor'easter causing the cancellation of **TROG** and the **Old Time Italian Festival**.

Only a short period of chilly rainy weather ... and for the rest of "Red October" it was full of blue skies and **Phillies Phever** ... Beach days abounded!

Many humpback whales were spotted off the coast as the bountiful season provided for them.

October cruised into November, welcoming a warm, sunny Indian Summer, with Phillies fans flocking to the beach! It wasn't the ending we hoped for, but it sure made for an awesome season! The **Philadelphia Eagles** kept the excitement going!!

It remained in the 70s through much of November. On Thanksgiving Day, beachgoers were thankful for the loveliest indian summer beach day! The Old Farmer's Almanac, meanwhile, predicted "the tale of two winters," meaning we would have a bad winter or none at all. Except for the occasional cold day, temperatures remained mild, with very few winter storms to report. ThankYGod!

We had a very mild and warm New Year's Day, which lasted the entire month of January, coming in and

going out like a lamb (pre-March vibes).

February entered the winter picture with our only snowfall (just a dusting for atmosphere) and frigid temperatures (for warming up by the fire) but settled right back into mild mode.

True to its nature, March was gusting with winds, before April showers brought May flowers.

"Cause a little bit of summer is what the whole year is about..."

We here at The Sun are all about making the most of that magical time of year between spring and fall, that time we wait for all year long. With summer branded deeply into our salt-tinged souls, we plan on making the most of every bit of it.

Naturally, we always find the best version of ourselves beneath blue skies and balmy sunshine (the ultimate elixir!)

It obviously will not be all play and no work. Multitaskers we (modestly) are, we'll be getting in summer shape at the Downtown Wildwood Fitness in the Plaza Bootcamp (working off our Boardwalk indulgences), witnessing the most glorious sights and sounds at Wildwoods Boardwalk Friday Night Fireworks, connecting with our inner thespian at Movies in the Plaza (if it's free it's for me!) and, in our downtime, just generally being the best beach bums we can be!

Lest you wonder, our most gratifying role is that of intrepid Sun reporters, taking notes, snapping photographs and collecting your Wildwood stories (of which we know you all have your share). The Summer of 2023 is promising the most noteworthy tales because of each of you, proving that the most newsworthy time is while you, our treasured readers and friends, are all right here with us in Wildwood by the sea...which always guarantees to steal the show!

Compiled & reported over the long winter months by Dorothy Kulisek and Meg Corcoran.



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For more information, contact the Cathy Miller Cancer Fund at cathymillercancerfund.org or on Facebook; email: cmfcares@gmail.com

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WILDWOOD NEWS

The construction of new features at the **Byrne Community Center Complex** began, with the intention of the site serving as a wellness destination for people of all ages and capabilities appealing to residents and visitors. Included in the construction is a fitness track and an outdoor exercise area with equipment stations. **Mayor Pete Byron**, who remarked the current track is 20 years past its life expectancy, described the track that will be installed as “truly a community track.”

“This is a tremendous project that will put the Byrne Community Center Complex on the map as a premier destination for health and wellness. The City is thankful for the partnership with the County and the Open Spaces Program that is making it possible.” said Byron.

The Byrne Community Center Complex project received a \$2.9 million Open Spaces grant, with an added \$1.19 million award to finish the development being projected in 2023.



“WILDWOOD - A NEW SEASON”

HISTORY & THE HEN HOUSES

Way back in 1883, the first passenger train carried travelers from the mainland onto the island, traversing a precarious bridge over the untamed marshlands. Nicknamed the “**MudHen**,” it battled and clawed its way through the elements; often, it was washed out during high tide. History recounts the path it blazed, opening up new worlds of opportunity for inhabitants and visitors of what would become the Wildwoods.

In the very same spirit, the MudHen Brewing Company burst onto the scene in the Spring of 2018 at 127 W. Rio Grande Avenue. The brew-pub had become the jewel in the crown of the Taylor Avenue Sciarra family of businesses, which includes **Kona Surf Company, Dogtooth Bar & Grill and Poppi's Brick Oven Pizza**. The growing conglomerate is the brainchild of **Brendan Sciarra**, whose father, **Mike Sciarra**, founded Kona in 1969 in a little storefront along Pacific Ave.

MudHen is a complete brewing and distribution facility, full service bar and restaurant, crafted out of a the shell of a “Neo Doo Wop” building that formerly housed

a Harley Davidson dealership. Today, it's hard to believe that MudHen is already celebrating its 5th anniversary. Owners **Brendan & Robin Sciarra** are marking the occasion with the addition of a new division, **MudHen Hospitality** with their new **Hen Houses** at 156 E. Taylor Avenue, an enclave “micro-resort” that has completely transformed and beautified the neighborhood.

With this particular project, the **historic Reese/Spuhler Home** was beautifully restored to its original glory and beyond, renamed **Mudhen Manor**. It was originally built in Classical Revival style in the 1890s by John Reese, a retired Philadelphia iron manufacturer. He worked as a ship chandler (ship supplies vendor), a highly profitable and influential career in the socioeconomics of the booming fishing industry. The house was built near the curb, but moved to the center of the property between 1949 and 1956. Between those years, it was bought by Esso Service Station owner Joe Spuhler for his family.



Dream team Brendan & Robin Sciarra

View the Hen Houses on their social media @thehenhouses.co

Read on!



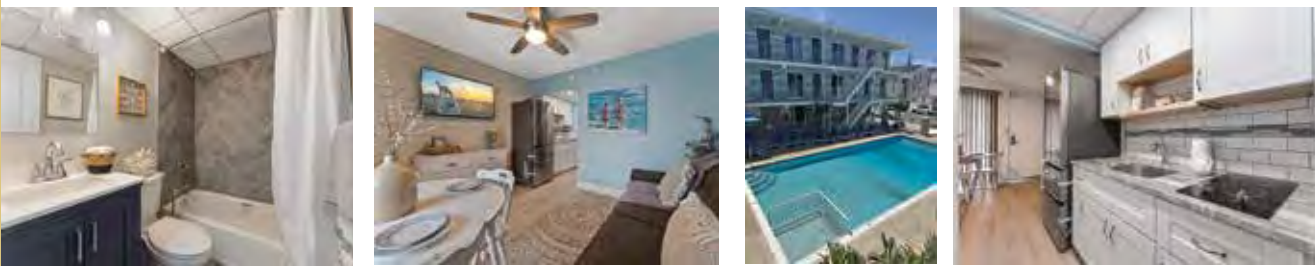
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"Long stormy spring-time, wet contentious April, winter chilling the lap of very May; but at length the season of summer does come." ~THOMAS CARLYLE

A bit of breezy chat about the island's happenings from Labor Day 2022 through Memorial Day 2023

How it all began:

A wise, unknown soul once said, "A little step may be the beginning of a great journey." We here at the Sun began our journey covering off-season news 19 years ago in 2004. Initially, we reported in detail the hundreds of demolitions that ultimately inspired The Sun's humble beginnings, a way for us to preserve the Wildwood we feared was disappearing so rapidly. Not surprisingly, our readers often tell us this has become one of their favorite columns to read every year. Happily, step-by-step, on this great journey of ours, some things have blissfully remained the same and memories created courtesy of every inevitable ending and beautiful beginning encompass every Sun page...

From the great Summer of 2022, we cruised into a picturesque Autumn, enjoying Bonfires on the Beach alongside Trunk or Treaters (and the occasional Beach Bum). We caught up with our Irish (real and honorary) friends at the Irish Festival, extended our summer fun (thank you, Mother Nature), witnessed falling leaves and ultimately falling temperatures. We made our Christmas Wish Lists (ocean view always a popular request), attended the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony (in search of a sandy Santa) and welcomed a new year by the sea. Road construction and Boardwalk replenishment were a much-needed "winter staple," as we prepared for the Summer of 2023.

Before diving into all that Fun in the Sun, we invite you to find a comfortable spot (beach view suggested but not required) and catch up on all the newsworthy events that occurred **While You Were Away...**

NORTH WILDWOOD LEGAL WOES
Sadly, a significant amount of beach

and dune was lost again this winter. On December 6, 2022, NJDEP filed a lawsuit in the Superior Court seeking to direct the City of North Wildwood from constructing a desperately-needed bulkhead to guard the City from the continuing beach erosion. In response, the City explained the imperativeness of constructing the bulkhead and included a proposal for a counterclaim asking the Court to award the city \$20 million in damages resulting from NJDEP's failure to support proper shore safety to North Wildwood's beaches and dunes. Fortunately the city was given permission at the eleventh hour of the week leading into Memorial Weekend to regrade the dunes and eliminate the unsafe conditions and carry on with the project. Unfortunately, there has been no beach replenishment project this year. Please respect what small amount there is to share.

WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!

North Wildwood City Council granted its first ice cream vendor contract under a bid system to Aladdin's Beach Enterprises LLC, of Bellmawr, NJ the highest bidder at \$140,000, for the 2023 summer season. In November 2022, Mayor Patrick Rosenello said current license holders would still be able to sell ice cream until their retirement. City Clerk Scott Jett stated that the 10 licenses, restricted to military veterans and volunteer firefighters, cost between \$800 and \$900 each. The city was advised it could foresee a considerably higher amount of revenue by putting the license out to bid, which could be acquired as a block, and, in accordance with Ordinance 1891, required that the successful bidder be a military veteran or a member of the Anglesea Vol. Fire Co. or N. Wildwood Fire Co. Aladdin's business partner, Jeffrey Cunningham, provided proof of military service.

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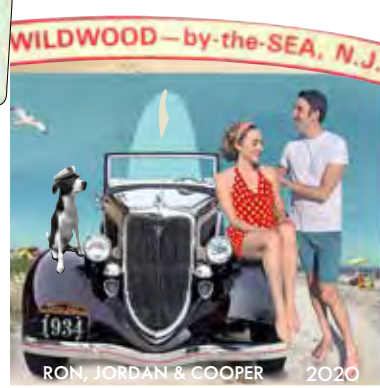
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