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By Post Commander James Egan 732-644-2119

The next two meetings of Silver/Holiday V.F.W. Post 10185 will be held on Thursday, July 3rd and Thursday, August 7th both at 1:00 PM at the Silver Ridge Park West Clubhouse, 145 Westbrook Drive. We hold our meetings on the first Thursday of every month. We meet in the daytime, so you do not have to drive at night.

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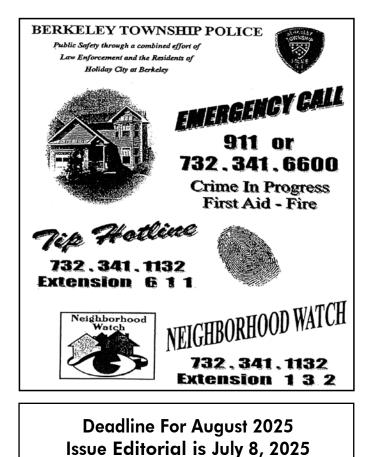
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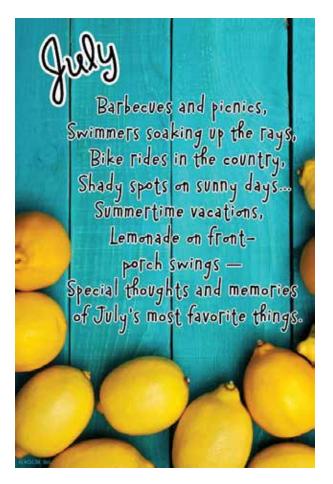
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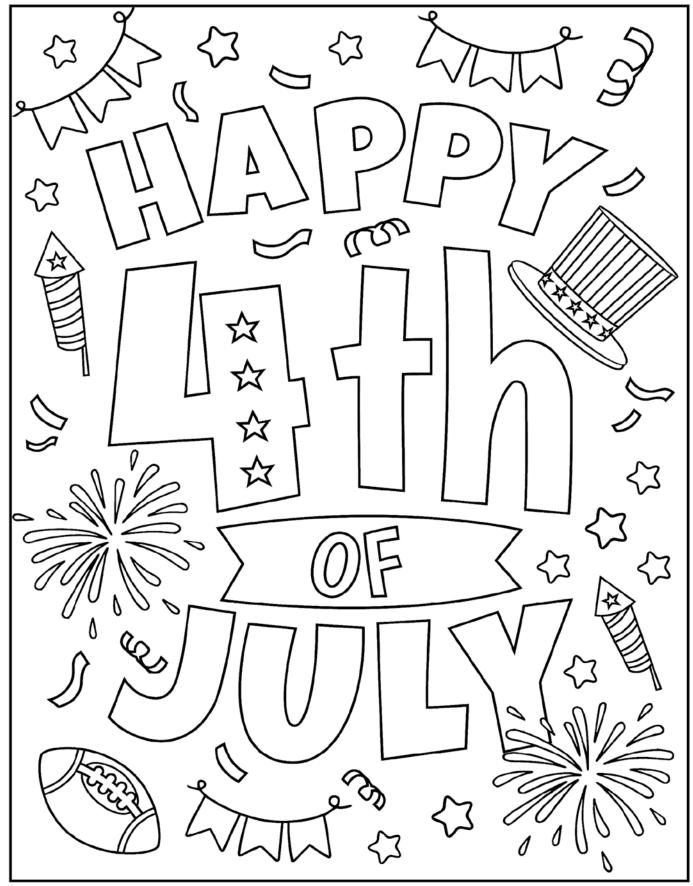
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HEALTHCARE TIPS... 10 Summer Safety Tips for Seniors

Summer is a great time to enjoy outdoor activities and warm, sunny days, but it is important to keep your health a number one priority. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, people aged 65 or older have a harder time adjusting to sudden temperature changes. Prepare for a safer summer with the following warm weather tips for older adults.

Reduce Strenuous Activities

With high temperatures, seniors should stay in air-conditioned or cool places and out of the sun. It's important to reduce any strenuous or physical activities as the more movement, the higher the body temperature.

Keep Hydrated

Drink plenty of water, even if you're not thirsty! As you increase your intake of water, minimize your intake of caffeinated or alcoholic drinks, as these only dehydrate your body. Fresh fruits and vegetables are also recommended to help keep you hydrated. Avoid alcohol and caffeine.

Protect Yourself in the Sun

Use sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher when going outside, even on cloudy or overcast days. Be sure the sunscreen blocks both UVA and UVB rays. Reapply sunscreen after any water activities. Discard expired sunscreen as the ingredients deteriorate over time and may no longer be effective in protecting you. Hats are also a great idea for protecting against the sun. When possible, stay in shaded areas like covered patios or shady trees.

Wear Light Clothing

Stock your wardrobe with light-colored and loosefitting clothes to keep cool and stay comfortable. Natural fabrics such as cotton also help to keep cool as opposed to synthetic fibers.

Be an Early Bird or Night Owl

If you must be outside during a summer heat wave, limit your outdoor activities to the morning and evenings since the sun is the strongest between 10 am and 4 pm.

Watch For Heat Stroke

It's important to be mindful of signs of a heat stroke, which include confusion, disorientation, dry skin, excessive tiredness, headache, lethargy, nausea, and rapid pulse. Make sure you seek medical attention immediately if you or someone you know experiences these symptoms.

Review Your Medications

Many seniors take medication on a daily basis. Some medications are known to cause side effects such as increased sensitivity to ultraviolet rays. Be sure to review with your doctor or pharmacist if you have any concerns.

Protect Your Eyes

Too much exposure to the sun can irritate and cause damage to your eyes. When outside, wear sunglasses that protect from UV rays.

Eat Some Ice Cream!

Treat yourself to ice cream, a popsicle, or frozen yogurt to keep cool over the summer!

Schedule a Check-up

No matter the season, remember to schedule regular check-ups with a primary care provider to maintain optimal health, prevent illness, and monitor chronic health issues.





5 Important Tasks to Keep Your Car In Good Shape This Summer

With summer right around the corner, it is a good time to check essential parts of your car. Here are five (5) things to do before summer begins.

- Check your car's alignment after winter. Potholes can leave your car unbalanced and this can lead to uneven tire wear and tear. Look for uneven tire wear, a shaky steering wheel, or the vehicle pulling to one side.
- Check your car's tire pressure to avoid flats and blowouts. Colder temperatures will lessen your tire's pressure while hotter temperatures can over inflate your tires. Having even tire pressure can also help extend our tires usage.
- Check your car's brakes. This is important yearround. Have a service professional look for thinning in brake pads when you're having tires checked, rotated, or replaced.
- A battery in a gas-powered car typically lasts three to five years. If nearing the end of this range and struggles to start, it may be time to replace the battery.
- Making sure your windshield is intact is crucial as it can be a road hazard and lead to tickets. Also, dull windshield wiper blades can create a risk for yourself and other drivers.

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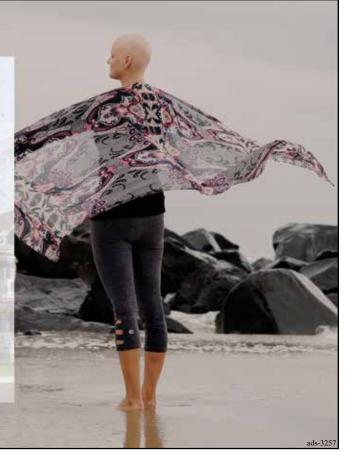
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Trivia - July 2025

- 1. Rihanna banned fans from bringing what items to her U.K. concerts in 2008?
- 2. Who created the alien rock superstar Ziggy Stardust?
- 3. Which young girl helped drive the English from French soil in the 15th century?
- 4. What U.S. President coined the phrase "Good to the last drop," referring to coffee?
- 5. What is the biggest supermarket chain in the U.S.?
- 6. On every continent there is a city named what?

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Tips For Seniors

To help seniors enjoy a healthy and safe season, embrace outdoor activities, stay hydrated, practice allergy management, prioritize sleep, and ensure regular health check-ups. Here's a more detailed breakdown of the tips for seniors:

Health & Wellness:

- *Embrace Outdoor Activities:* Great time to get outside with gentle exercise like walking, gardening, or simply enjoying the sunshine.
- *Stay Hydrated:* As temperatures rise, it's crucial to stay hydrated, especially since the ability to notice thirst can decline with age.
- *Allergy Management:* Monitor local pollen counts and consider staying indoors on high-pollen days, keeping windows closed, and using air purifiers.
- *Prioritize Sleep:* Aim for 7-8 hours of quality sleep each night to support overall health and well-being.
- *Regular Health Check-Ups:* Schedule a seasonal health check-up to address any concerns and ensure optimal health.
- *Safe Sun Exposure:* While sunshine is beneficial, protect skin from harmful UV rays by wearing sunscreen, hats, and sunglasses.
- *Healthy Eating:* Focus on a balanced diet rich in fruits, vegetables, and lean proteins.
- *Stay Connected:* Make an effort to stay connected with loved ones, whether through phone calls, visits, or online communication.

Safety & Home:

- *Cleaning:* Declutter and organize your home to reduce fall risks and create a more comfortable environment.
- *Check Smoke Detectors:* Ensure smoke detectors and alarms are working properly by testing them and replacing batteries.
- *Medicine Cabinet Check:* Check expiration dates on medications and discard any expired or unused items.
- *Prepare for Severe Weather:* Have an emergency plan and kit ready, including essentials like medications, water, and a first-aid kit.
- *Check for Hazards:* Ensure walkways and outdoor areas are clear of hazards like ice, snow, or debris.

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HOUSEHOLD TIPS... 25 Surprising Ways You Can Use Windex Around the House

Continued from last month

With multiple formulations to choose from, Windex may surprise you with the tasks it can perform. For example, did you know that Windex can unstick a zipper, loosen old wallpaper, and safely clean your diamond engagement ring? These are only three examples of the many surprising ways you can use Windex around the home. Here are a few more:

Kill mold and mildew on household surfaces – Windex original glass cleaner is an inexpensive option to kill mold and mildew around your home. Both mold and mildew are living fungi that spread via microscopic spores floating through the air. Mold is particularly damaging to the materials in your home, and it can cause respiratory health problems for the inhabitants. Windex original glass cleaner contains ammonia, an effective agent for killing the fungi that cause mold and mildew growth in moist areas around the home. Windex vinegar glass cleaner is a good second choice for killing mold and mildew since it is a mildly acidic cleaning agent. It's best to use these cleaners on hard surfaces, avoiding wood and other soft, porous materials like drywall and grout.

It's also a great cleaner to prevent mold and mildew from forming in the first place. Continually wipe down prone areas to help eliminate the threat. It's also important to open windows and doors for ample ventilation when using these products. Additionally, you should wear gloves and a mask over your mouth and nose. These precautions help avoid the health risks of contacting mold and strong cleaning agents.

Banish germs and viruses from sickroom surfaces – It's not necessary to disinfect the surfaces in your home on a daily basis. For most purposes, regular cleaning products will keep your home fresh and sanitary. But when a family member is sick, you want to take precautions against spreading the illness-causing germs or viruses to the rest of the house. Use Windex disinfectant cleaner to make household surfaces germ-free, especially in the sick room and the bathroom. This Windex cleaning formula does not contain ammonia or vinegar, so it's safe for most surfaces.

According to Windex, the cleaning agents in the disinfectant formula kill a wide variety of germs and viruses. These include staph, salmonella, pneumonia, strep, common cold germs, and the H3N2 flu virus. It's a good idea to keep the Windex disinfectant cleaner on hand to sanitize your home surfaces whenever a family member contracts a contagious illness.

Wash linoleum or vinyl floors – To keep your utility closet from overflowing with multiple products, you can use Windex vinegar glass cleaner as an effective product for your floors. Cleaning experts recommend diluted vinegar as a cleaner-of-choice for vinyl and linoleum materials. Instead of mixing vinegar and water in a bucket and washing the floor with a mop or cloth, it's super-easy to spray and wipe Windex vinegar glass cleaner, using it as a floor cleaner. However, avoid using Windex's original glass cleaner, as the ammonia may damage vinyl and linoleum.

Start by sweeping or vacuuming the floor to remove loose dirt and debris. Then, spray Windex vinegar glass cleaner onto the floor and wipe with a dry, disposable mop pad. Work in small sections approximately 4 feet wide by 4 feet long, moving across the entire floor until it's all clean. Change the dry mop pad as often as necessary to ensure you're wiping with a clean and dry disposable cloth.

Sanitize trash cans with Windex disinfectant cleaner multi-surface – Trash cans harbor bacteria and viruses as well as sticky messes. For occasional cleaning and sanitizing, you can empty your trash cans and spray them inside and out with Windex disinfectant cleaner multi-purpose. This antibacterial cleaner kills 99.9% of bacteria while it breaks down dirt and grease. The formula is ammonia-free and safe for most hard surfaces, including stainless steel and plastic.

After spraying the cleaner, wipe the surfaces with a dry cloth or a paper towel. For indoor trash cans, you can leave behind a fresh fragrance by using one of the Windex disinfectant sprays that include a Glade scent

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additive. If you're cleaning outdoor trash cans, you can start the job by emptying the cans and spraying them inside and out with water from a garden hose. This step will remove loose dirt and debris. Then, spray with Windex disinfectant cleaner and wipe with a dry cloth or an old towel.

Clean ceramic and porcelain tile with Windex ammonia-free formulas – When cleaning the kitchen and bathroom, don't forget that ammonia-free Windex formulas work well on multiple surfaces, including ceramic and porcelain tiles. The tiles are installed with grout joints between them. Some cleaning experts advise against using ammonia products to clean these types of surfaces because ammonia erodes grout over time. Although Windex's original glass cleaner contains ammonia as a cleaning agent, several other Windex formulas do not. Therefore, if you want the best cleaning outcomes for both the tile surfaces and the grout between them, it's advisable to use one of these products: Windex vinegar glass cleaner, Windex ammonia-free glass cleaner, or Windex disinfectant cleaner multi-surface.

To clean ceramic and porcelain tiles, start by sweeping, vacuuming, or wiping the area with a damp cloth. This step removes loose dirt and dust. Then, spray the tiled area with Windex and wipe it with a clean microfiber cloth. If you're cleaning a tile floor, use a mop with a dry, disposable mop pad.

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The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues. The Fourth of July 2020 is on Saturday, July 4, 2020.

A History of Independence Day

When the initial battles in the Revolutionary War broke out in April 1775, few colonists desired complete independence from Great Britain, and those who did were considered radical.

By the middle of the following year, however, many more colonists had come to favor independence, thanks to growing hostility against Britain and the spread of revolutionary sentiments such as those expressed in the bestselling pamphlet "Common Sense," published by Thomas Paine in early 1776.

On June 7, when the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, the Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies' independence.

Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on Lee's resolution, but appointed a five-man committee—including Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Robert R. Livingston of New York—to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain.

Did you know? John Adams believed that July 2nd was the correct date on which to celebrate the birth of American independence, and would reportedly turn down invitations to appear at July 4th events in protest. Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826—the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Lee's resolution for independence in a nearunanimous vote (the New York delegation abstained, but later voted affirmatively). On that day, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that July 2 "will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival" and that the celebration should include "Pomp and Parade...Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other."

On July 4th, the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written largely by Jefferson. Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, from then on the 4th became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence.

Early Fourth of July Celebrations

In the pre-Revolutionary years, colonists had held annual celebrations of the king's birthday, which traditionally included the ringing of bells, bonfires, processions and speechmaking. By contrast, during the summer of 1776 some colonists celebrated the birth of independence by holding mock funerals for King George III as a way of symbolizing the end of the monarchy's hold on America and the triumph of liberty.

Festivities including concerts, bonfires, parades and the firing of cannons and muskets usually accompanied the first public readings of the Declaration of Independence, beginning immediately after its adoption. Philadelphia held the first annual commemoration of independence on July 4, 1777, while Congress was still occupied with the ongoing war.

George Washington issued double rations of rum to all his soldiers to mark the anniversary of independence in 1778, and in 1781, several months before the key American victory at the Battle of Yorktown, Massachusetts became the first state to make July 4th an official state holiday.

After the Revolutionary War, Americans continued to commemorate Independence Day every year, in celebrations that allowed the new nation's emerging political leaders to address citizens and create a feeling of unity. By the last decade of the 18th century, the two major political parties—the Federalist Party and Democratic-Republicans—that had arisen began holding separate Fourth of July celebrations in many large cities.

Fourth of July Fireworks

The first fireworks were used as early as 200 BC. The tradition of setting off fireworks on the 4 of July began in Philadelphia on July 4, 1777, during the first organized celebration of Independence Day. Ship's cannon fired a 13-gun salute in honor of the 13 colonies. The Pennsylvania Evening Post reported: "at night there was a grand exhibition of fireworks (which began and concluded with thirteen rockets) on the Commons, and the city was beautifully illuminated." That same night, the Sons of Liberty set off fireworks over Boston Common.

Fourth of July Becomes a Federal Holiday

The tradition of patriotic celebration became even more widespread after the War of 1812, in which the United States again faced Great Britain. In 1870, the U.S. Congress made July 4th a federal holiday; in 1941, the provision was expanded to grant a paid holiday to all federal employees.

Over the years, the political importance of the holiday would decline, but Independence Day remained an important national holiday and a symbol of patriotism.

Falling in mid-summer, the Fourth of July has since the late 19th century become a major focus of leisure activities and a common occasion for family get-togethers, often involving fireworks and outdoor barbecues. The most common symbol of the holiday is the American flag, and a common musical accompaniment is "The Star-Spangled Banner," the national anthem of the United States.



SCAM ALERT ... Common Scams That Target Seniors Continued from last month

Scams targeting older adults are all too common in today's world. Many scammers think of seniors as prime targets because of their retirement savings or because they may live alone. Many outdated and downright inaccurate stereotypes about older adults make them popular targets.

Luckily, there are plenty of ways to stay ahead of the fraudsters and avoid getting scammed. In this guide, we'll walk you through the most common scams that target older adults, so you know exactly what to look out for.

This guide covers the various fraud tactics that scammers commonly use, followed by more detail on each type of fraud. Last but not least, if you suspect that you or someone you know may be a victim of a scam, briefly review the resources you can turn to.

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Truecaller – This is another reliable and popular app to protect yourself against unwanted calls and to know immediately if a new number is a scam as reported by others who received the same call.

Whoscall – Whoscall has over 1 billion numbers in its database, and the figure constantly increases as users of the app report more and more unknown numbers as spam and scams. Hopefully, this app helps you know when you're receiving a call from a legitimate business or a scammer.

Android | iOS

To safeguard against robocall and telemarketing scams, join the Do Not Call Registry. When you sign up, you'll be protected from legitimate telemarketers. This way, if you get questionable calls, you'll know that they are more likely to be scams.

In addition, when you get a question such as, "Do you hear me?" just hang up. Some callers may encourage you to press "1" to be removed from a call list or to speak with a real person. Don't do this. It just shows the scammers that you are responsive. Your aim is to avoid engaging at all.

Charity Scams

These scams are unfortunate as they prey on the goodwill of others. Scammers either call or approach a senior in person, saying they are looking for donations to a worthy cause. In reality, the perpetrators have nothing to do with the charity or cause and are looking to take the victim's money for their own gain.

Did You Know?

Security systems can keep you protected in your home and monitor who shows up at your door, so you can avoid scammers who visit your home.

Sometimes the goal is to **steal the victim's identity** as well. Charity scams tend to happen most after natural disasters on the international level like a **major hurricane** or on a local level like helping to fund **local firefighters**.

Continued Next Month

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Our Flag By Seymour Berger

Rippling through the wind Against the blue sky A salute to freedom A glory that doesn't die Our flag stands up To the greatest peak Strong as could be And never, never weak Many wars she gone through With her colors Of red, white and blue Always comes out a winner Which is true and true Symbol of peace is the flag And to be very glad As a proud American in this great land Our flag shall always stand

Home Sweet Home By Eleanor Zygo

I had to leave the place I loved Because it was a must. I looked to find another place, And learn how to adjust. I found a nice little house Here at Holiday City. The trees and flowers were all around, And made the place so pretty. The house does seem a little small, But then I can see. That when I fix it as I like, How happy I will be! My home will be my castle, And I will no longer pine: For I can smile, and proudly say, "At least it's mine, all mine!"

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FOURTH OF JULY

By Seymour Berger

GOING TO THE BEACH OR PARK TO WATCH THE FIREWORKS IN THE DARK LISTEN TO THE LIVELY BANDS EVERYONE ENJOYING IT. CLAPPING THEIR HANDS FIREWORKS LIGHTING UP THE SKIES OVERWHELMING TO OUR EYES BARBEQUING THOSE HAMBURGERS AND HOT DOGS SITTING ON A BENCH MADE OUT OF LOGS WAITING FOR THAT FOOD TO BE DONE AFTER EATING I WILL TAKE A LITTLE RUN THIS IS THE GREATEST DAY IN HISTORY THERE WAS NO KNOWN MYSTERY ON JULY FOURTH 1776 A WINNING DAY OUR RIGHTS OF INDEPENDENCE IS HERE TO STAY CELEBRATING THIS EVENT, IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS GOING TO A BASEBALL GAME SEEING MANY DIFFERENT PLAYS COLORFUL PARADES PLAYING PATROTIC MELODIES AS WELL IN THE DISTANCE YOU CAN HEAR THE LIBERTY BELL THE SPEECHES THAT WERE MADE WAS TO COMMEMORATE THIS OUTSTANDING HISTORICAL DATE THE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION BROUGHT THE INDEPENDENCE TO THIS NATION THE LAND OF THE FREE GO ANYWHERE YOU WANT TO BE THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER WE SING SALUTING THE FLAG AS PROUD HUMAN BEINGS THE MOST MEMORABLE DAY IS THE FOURTH OF JULY AMERICA HAS STRENGTH AND PEACE THAT WILL NEVER DIE.



Peach Caprese Salad



Peachy Keen, take a bite out of the season's sweetest theme.

Ingredients

2 Tbsp. Balsamic Vinegar
2 Tbsp. Fresh Lemon Juice
1 Tbsp. Stone-ground mustard
1 Tbsp. Honey
1 Tbsp. chopped Shallot
3/4 Tsp. Kosher salt
1/2 Tsp. ground black pepper
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
1/2 lb. fresh Mozzarella (sliced)
2 Large Peaches (sliced into rounds)
2 medium heirloom Tomatoes (sliced)
Small bunch of basil leaves

Directions:

In a small bowl, whisk together balsamic vinegar, fresh lemon juice, mustard, honey, shallot, kosher salt & black pepper.

While whisking, slowly drizzle in the extra-virgin olive oil. Whisk until the dressing is emulsified.

On a serving platter, arrange the sliced mozzarella, peaches, and tomatoes, top with fresh basil leaves.

Drizzle the dressing over the tomatoes, mozzarella, peach slices.

Refrigerate or serve immediately. Serves 4



Strawberry Trifle



Ingredients:

 angel food cake (store bought less than one pound), cubed or torn
 package sugar-free strawberry Jell-O
 cups boiling water
 oz. package frozen strawberries
 packages sugar-free vanilla instant pudding
 cups skim milk
 oz. Cool Whip Free
 Fresh strawberries

Instructions:

Dissolve Jell-O in boiling water, remove from heat and stir in frozen berries. Refrigerate 15-20 minutes or until partially gelled. Meanwhile, whisk together the pudding with the milk until thickened, fold in Cool Whip. Place 1/3 of the cake pieces in the bottom of a trifle dish, top with 1/3 of the Jell-O mixture, top that with 1/3 of the pudding mixture. Repeat two more times. Garnish the top with fresh, sliced strawberries.

Serves 16

Homemade Chunky Applesauce



Ingredients:

3 lbs apples, peeled and cored – possibly Stayman Winsap but your choice

1/2 cup brown sugar, packed

Instructions:

Peel and core your apples, cut in 8ths and place in saucepan, add brown sugar.

Cover and cook for 40 minutes on medium-low heat, stir often, when soft, stir to split up any large pieces. Serve warm or cold. YIELD: Serves 8

If you have a recipe that you would like to share in our newsletters, please send them to

reporter@seniorpub.com



Beach & Pool Scenes

Its summer time and a great time to get some shots at the beach and pool. On crowded beaches you can shoot the people, activities, and colorful umbrellas. On remote beaches you can look for wildlife, patterns in the sand, or great cloud formations against the water, There's always sunrise images early in the morning. Don't forget sunscreen and a hat!

The challenge with beach shots is getting the proper exposure. Your camera is designed to give you an average exposure of the entire scene. This is why most of your images are properly exposed. A very bright scene tricks you camera into thinking there is too much light, so the camera will cut back on exposure. To compensate you should increase the exposure slightly. If your camera has "scene" modes, use the one for snow or beach.

A great way to enhance your images is using a polarizing filter, which cuts glare the same as polarizing sunglasses. Many photographers use this filter to make the sky in their images darker (and the clouds brighter) but this filter works wonderfully to show the detail in the sand and to remove the



reflections in the water. This also works well for images around the pool.

That's it for this month. Send me an email at **bill@kirmsphotography.com** if you have any photographic questions. You can visit my web site, **www.kirmsphotography.com**, if you'd like to see more of my images. Keep shooting and trying to improve your images, but most importantly, have fun with your camera.



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Passport Services: Application Process, Passport Photos (\$10.00) Notary Service, Monday –Saturday 10am-8:30pm and Sundays 11am to 5pm

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Other Services available: Tourism Information, Ocean Ride Bus Schedules, Recycled Cell phone, Drop off Worn American Flags, Voter Registration & Vote by Mail Applications, Ocean Ride Bus Schedules, Ocean County Library Book Drop Off, Ocean County College and Vo-Tech Schedules.

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Berkeley Township Townhall: 732-244-7400

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