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Editor's Note

July is upon us, and there's always so much to fill our days. Sometimes, though, it's nice to try to escape it all. This month's

Breeze Way looks at escapism in a variety of ways.

Our stories might give you some ideas as to how to drift away during these lazy-hazy-crazy days of summer. Our feature writer, Linda Marino, has several articles for your reading pleasure that reflect a lot of fun facts that have taken place during this particular month in history. Several photos look back on trips taken and events shared that have kept our community members finding enjoyment. And, of course, you can always take a nap!

Kathy Ventura

Send in your Breeze Way cover photos for selection! Artwork is also appreciated for covers! Email submissions to: <u>breezewayeditor225@gmail.com</u>

> The theme for the September edition is: "Take a Walk."

Deadline for submission: July 20, 2025

About the Cover

This is one of the first acrylic paintings I did after beginning classes here at Sea Breeze last year with Liz Paseler. The inspiration painting was a study in lights and darks, and Liz thought it was a great subject to further my learning. Being a Jersey Girl and spending much time at the beach, I always associated it with relaxation.

At the end of every summer, my father would take the six kids to Sandy Hook so my mother could get all the back-to-school clothes shopping done without us all tagging along. With four brothers, the car was packed with fishing poles and coolers. My painting reminds me of this childhood memory with my brothers surf fishing and our somber mood with our last bit of escape from the reality of beginning another school year.





Celebrate Our Milestones

The Breeze Way would love to announce your anniversary/birthday. Please understand that these announcements are limited to the residents of our community.

ease email details to Patricia Weiss - breezewaypat@gmail.com. *Include name, date, and occasion. *For birthdays, signify if you'd like your age included in the posting. *Requests must be forwarded to Patricia Weiss by the deadline stated in her monthly email to residents. *The deadline is always two months prior to the birthday/anniversary month

DEADLINE FOR BREEZE WAY SUBMISSIONS JULY 20 FOR THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE

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Meeting of Members, Open Board Meetings & Board Drop-In Sessions for 2025 Updated 5/15/2025

Thursday, July 24, 2025 - Board Drop-In Session - 6:30pm to 7:30pm

• No agenda; no format; informal interactions; questions; stop in and say "hello."

Wednesday, October 29, 2025 – Board Drop-In Session – 6:30pm to 7:30pm

• No agenda; no format; informal interactions; questions; stop in and say "hello."

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 – Open Board of Trustees Meeting – 7pm

- Normal Board Meeting open to the Members Trustees vote on various matters.
- 2026 Operating Budget to be presented and adopted.
- Community Association (CA) Monthly Fee announced.

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The Breeze Way is our community newsletter. Residents are encouraged to submit material for publication.

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SAVE THE DATE



Saturday, August 23, 2025

For our third annual Sea Breeze Blood Drive. Please reach out to family and friends to help us with this very important event.

Additional information will be forwarded at a later date.

Please contact Diane Dressler with any questions at:

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As always, thanks for your help!!





By Charlotte Martyn

Board of Education: After several meetings concerning the Lacey school budget, the Board failed to adopt the proposed 7.57 tax increase. The vote was 3-2, but two board members were absent, and it needed four yes votes to pass. The budget is now in the hands of the state. The budget was a compromise according to district officials. This budget would have allowed the district to keep control of the schools instead of the state. The state takeover will probably be far more drastic. Before the final budget presentation, Acting Superintendent William Zylinski said, "We don't agree with the budget cuts or increased class sizes. I feel caught between a rock and a hard place trying to meet educational needs of our children while navigating financial constraints that don't align with those expectations." Presently, we just have to wait to see what the state is going to do.

Wind Power: The Trump administration officials have lifted a stop-work order on an offshore wind project for New York that will be constructed off Monmouth County. Empire Offshore Wind LLC is a project between Norwaybased Equinor and BP Oil and Gas Company according to The Asbury Park Press. This project is expected to supply enough energy to eventually power a half million homes. It will be located 16.9 nautical miles (19.4 miles) east of Long Branch. Groups, like Protect Our Coast New Jersey and Save LBI oppose offshore wind anywhere and say that these projects will destroy important ocean habitats and create great harm to sea life.

Nuclear Power: President Trump signed a series of executive orders aimed at accelerating the construction and deployment of nuclear power plants in the United States. He wants to spur a "nuclear energy renaissance." He is directing the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to streamline rules to reduce the approval time for new reactors. This also includes exploring new reactor sites on federal lands and

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Lacey Township Meetings									
MUA	Wednesday, July 2	6:00 PM	34 Kennedy Blvd.						
Lacey Township	Thursday, July 10	6:00PM	Municipal Bldg.						
Planning Board	Monday, July 14	6:30 PM	Municipal Bldg.						
Board of Ed.*	Thursday, July 17	6:00 PM	LTHS Hall						

*Board of Ed. – 6:00 pm – Board of Education meeting begins, then goes into Caucus. 7:00 pm – The regular meeting with reports and presentations begins.

military bases, boosting domestic uranium production, and a focus on building smaller reactors. Trump said that the project would be "very safe." This is aimed at meeting increased electricity demand from sectors such as AI and data centers.

MUA: No report, but a rundown of water use at the recent forest fire in town was given at the GOP meeting. The Lacey fire engines had plenty of water. They were able to keep refilling trucks, and Waretown also filled their trucks with water from Lacey. The water pressure in Lacey was good the entire time.

Planning Board:

1) Goddard School presented an application for installing shaded area canopies over two existing playgrounds, providing much needed shade for the playground gyms. The fixed frame structures support canopies, but their footprint is a bit larger and may require a variance. Temporary approval was granted pending resubmission by the school and vendor for the actual installation footprint and how the plan satisfies code needs and the possibility of a variance.

2) Attorney for Shop-Rite Mall presented intent to file for separation of each lot parcel which currently make up the mall under one owner. The plan would designate each lot and its business owner as unique. This allows allocation of taxes.

3) The Attorney for Ryan builder on development for housing on Rt 9 opposite Applebee's presented a complaint on delay in getting final building permits and COO for two buildings currently completed. He claims all permits and approvals were granted in Dec. '24. Debate ensued on assignment of units for affordable income vs. condo units and the quality of finishes in each. Decision denied and they are to present at the next meeting. (Many thanks to Wayne McMullin and Charles Berolo for attending MUA and Planning Board Meetings.)





The Muffuletta is a classic New Orleans sandwich invented by Sicilian immigrants who worked at the farmer's market in the French Quarter. It is made with thin layers of Italian cold cuts, cheese, olive salad and giardiniera which are placed into a hollowed out round loaf of Muffuletta bread. It is pressed down, wrapped tightly with plastic wrap, and placed into the refrigerator overnight to blend all the flavors into a wonderfully tasty sandwich. This version turns it into a salad with bread cubes that are tossed in olive oil and baked until crispy. It Is perfect for a summer evening dinner or a picnic in the park. Pair it with your favorite wine and good friends for a great time.



Muffuletta Panzanella Salad – Serves 4

- 1 18-oz loaf ciabatta bread, cut into 1-inch cubes
- ¹/₄ cup plus 3 Tbsp olive oil, divided
- Kosher salt
- 1 cup of grape or small cherry tomatoes cut in half
- 1 cup chopped, pitted marinated olives (you can buy them chopped in a jar)
- 1 cup chopped giardiniera plus 2 Tbsp of brine from a 16-oz jar
- 2 Tbsp red wine vinegar
- 2 garlic cloves, finely grated (about 1 tsp)
- 1/3 lb. thinly sliced Italian deli meats such as salami, ham capicola, mortadella or prosciuttini cut into bite-size pieces, about 1 ½ cup packed
- 4 oz. provolone cheese cut into strips
- ¹/₂ cup jarred roasted red bell pepper strips
- 2 cups packed choice of baby arugula/baby greens

Preheat oven to 350°F. Toss bread cubes with 3 Tbsp of the olive oil and ½ tsp of salt on a large, rimmed baking sheet and spread out evenly. Bake until crisp for about 18 minutes, stirring halfway through baking time. Let cool for 15 minutes. While bread is baking, stir together the olives, giardiniera, brine, roasted red pepper strips, tomatoes, garlic, remaining ¼ cup of olive oil, red wine vinegar and ¼ teaspoon of salt into a large bowl. Add the bread cubes, meats, and cheese into the bowl. Toss to coat and let stand until bread cubes absorb most of the dressing, about 10 minutes, tossing occasionally. Add a little more olive oil if you think it's needed. Stir in the arugula just before serving. Serve right after you finish making it to preserve the crispy edges of the bread.

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Keeping with the July Breeze Way theme... "How do you escape reality?"

Linda Ascolese: There is no escape!

Carey Trevisan: I escape reality by watching old movies. One of my favorites is *The Man who Shot Liberty Valance*. It is a 1962 film starring Jimmy Stewart and John Wayne, directed by John Ford. It is very entertaining.

Patricia Boyle: Before I go to bed at night I watch two sitcom comedies, *Everybody Loves Raymond* and *Friends*. They are silly shows that make me smile before falling asleep.

Lisa Martinez: By going to Disney World!

Judy Hovey: Hallmark Mystery Movies, a cup of coffee and a warm blanket. (maybe a cookie)

Jane Waterman: Is there really a way to escape reality or do we just learn to bend and move with the waves?

Cheryl Arbeit: Reality in today's world is somewhat scary! To escape I delve into a good book, which can take me anywhere I need to go, or I lose myself in good music, anything except heavy metal!

Maria Mattera: Get on a plane and fly away.

Carmine Raimo III: I drink vodka on the rocks and drink my homemade wine every weekend! LOL

Marie Kessel: I swim far out in the ocean on LBI and float

on my back for about a half an hour. All the best.

Sue Sherman: I don't escape reality. I react to it by listening to or singing with music appropriate to the particular emotion I am feeling.

Lynn Haim: My escape from reality is when I'm on a cruise! Just sitting on a lounge chair with a frozen drink in my hand and just looking out over the water totally clears your mind! All you have to worry about is eating, drinking, enjoying the shows, walking around the outdoor decks and just being in the moment.

Jan Levine: I visit the casinos and think I'm going to win EVERY time.

Nick Signoretta: Listening to music, it brings back memories of days gone by and can either have a calming effect or awaken the hidden rock star. Since I can remember I've always had music playing in the background including Doo Wop, Rock, and Blues.

Joyce LaRocca: My escape from reality is sitting by the ocean, especially the Caribbean Ocean!

Sally Guerrierie: I escape reality by reading, listening to music and taking long walks.

The Novel Bunch

Meets at 7:00 pm

There will be no Novel Bunch meeting in July.

The Novel Bunch will resume again in August.



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<u>The Teacher</u> by Freida McFadden (psychological thriller, suspense)

The Teacher is a thriller that follows a math teacher as she navigates a scandal involving her school. The story explores themes of forbidden love, betrayal, and the impact of choices on those around us.





Escape Reality with a Good (NJ-Authored) Book

By Laurie Lesniak

Reading has always been my go-to escape, starting when I was about six years old and able to walk on my own to our local library branch in Elizabeth. The Garden State has a rich variety of authors who have either lived in the state or have some association with it. The following list is a combination of two articles, one excerpted from the August 11, 2014 issue of NJ Spotlight News, the other from the November 1, 2020, issue of Jersey's Best. The list is not in any particular order and space does not allow me to include everyone, but I hope it contains at least one of your favorites.

Philip Roth - Roth was New Jersey's – and particularly Newark's – most celebrated home-grown writer. A multiaward winner, most of Roth's books are set in Newark, where he was born and grew up. Roth became famous when his first novella, *Goodbye Columbus*, was published in 1959. Ten years later, he wrote *Portnoy's Complaint*, a significant work in Jewish literature.

Joyce Carol Oates - If Roth is New Jersey's most celebrated author, Oates must be New Jersey's most prolific. She has published more than 40 novels, the most popular being *We Were the Mulvaneys* and *Blonde*, both of which were made into movies. Oates teaches literature and writing at Princeton.

Judy Blume - This Elizabeth native began her writing career as a young mother living in Plainfield and Westfield. She has since written nearly 30 books, most of which are aimed at children and adolescents. Known for her ability to tackle issues once thought too sensitive for children, they include the modern classics *Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret* and *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing.*

George R.R. Martin - The author of *A Song of Fire and Ice*, an epic series of fantasy novels which was adapted for television as *Game of Thrones*, was born in Bayonne. The HBO series has won fans and brought huge celebrity to Martin, who is often compared to J.R.R. Tolkien.

Tom Perrotta – Best-selling author of ten works of fiction including *Election* and *Little Children*, Perrotta is the creator of the HBO series *The Leftovers*. He was born in Summit and raised in Garwood.

Toni Morrison - The last American to be awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature, Morrison taught writing and literature at Princeton. Her best-known novels, such as *Beloved* and *The Bluest Eye* focus on the African American experience and slavery. Her stories offer detailed insight into her characters' lives and can "vividly paint a picture with words."

Junot Diaz - Born in the Dominican Republic and raised in New Jersey, Diaz' most celebrated book, *The Brief*

Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao, depicts the immigrant experience in contemporary New Jersey. Diaz, a Rutgers graduate, has become for many the American voice of assimilating Latinos.

Mitch Albom - Although he now lives in Detroit, Mitch Albom was born in Passaic and spent his formative years in New Jersey. He has sold more than 40 million books. His first novel, *Tuesdays with Morrie*, is a memoir of his time spent with a beloved professor who was dying of ALS. Recently, our book club The Novel Bunch read one of his books, *The Little Liar*, about the Holocaust and World War II.



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The Photo Club Visits Jersey City















Serenaded at Sea Breeze

By Mary Lee

On Sunday, May 18, The Social Committee was pleased to present The Jersey Tenors in an amazing show at the clubhouse. Prior to entering the ballroom, residents attending the performance were treated to a delicious and beautiful grazing table created by Salty Beach Grazing. The huge charcuterie spread offered something for everyone's taste!

The Jersey Tenors show ran for 90 minutes with an intermission. This popular group, according to their bio, are "America's hottest new tribute act, from Frank Sinatra to Frankie Valli to Figaro..." they did not disappoint. The group covered songs that we all knew and could sing along to...The Four Seasons, Frank Sinatra, Whitney Houston, Queen, Bruce Springsteen and many more! It was a great night of entertainment, not just the great songs, but their amazing voices, personalities plus, and engagement with our audience made for a truly enjoyable night. The Social Committee plans to bring them back with a totally different show in the future.









Sports Talk - Sport Review



By Bill Klika

Summer is in full swing. Both the NHL and NBA have crowned new champions. Horse racing's Triple Crown has come and gone without a winner and only the Open remains to be decided in the world of golf.

MLB has reached the halfway point, and the league races are taking shape. They look to be hotly contested for the entire season. In the next article, I will evaluate the season and make some post-season predictions. In addition to the pennant races, it appears that several players like Aaron Judge and Shohei Ohtani will be chasing some established major league records.

Even though the pro football season does not get underway for several months, there are still some major developments that will impact this year's play in addition to free agency and the draft. In May, the NFL owners had their annual meeting, and several significant issues were brought up and decided for the 2025 season. These changes may be modified or changed in the future. Let's take a quick look at these developments and how they might impact next season and those to come.

The first changes for next year came from the April meeting. The first change is as follows: when the game proceeds to overtime, the rules will now be the same in the regular season as in the postseason as both teams will have the opportunity to possess the ball regardless of the outcome of the first possession. Next, the new kick off format will remain, but on touchbacks the ball will be placed on the 35-yard line instead of the 30-yard line. The league is looking to promote kickoffs that will generate returns.

During the May meeting, the owners decided to keep

the playoff format the same and not reseed the teams based on their record for the postseason. I look for this to change in the near future. They will also allow the onside kick to be used anytime by the trailing team after declaring their intention to use the play.

On a completely different note, not affecting the NFL game, NFL owners voted to approve player participation in the 2028 Olympics in flag football. They will allow anyone under contract to try out for a flag football team in the Summer Games. The prospective Olympic teams can only roster one player per NFL team.

The most talked about potential rule was the proposal by the Green Bay Packers to eliminate the Philly Tush Push play. It was brought up at the April meeting and tabled to the May meeting. The proposal was changed to eliminate any play that added the runner. Prior to 2004, it was illegal for another offensive player to push, pull, lift, grasp or encircle the runner with the attempt to advance that player. This was the rule everywhere on the field. After that season, the rules changed, and now we have this practice allowing anyone on the field of play to assist the runner. A few years ago, the Philadelphia Eagles added their version of this practice to the QB sneak and the Tush Push was created. At the meeting, the vote to reinstitute the ban failed by two votes. I look for this rule to be visited and changes to be made in the future. As usual even in the off-season, football is always in the news.

Use the good weather wisely- at the beach, on the ballfield or on the golf course. Remember Sport Talk on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 PM in the Clubhouse.

Code Red Reverse 911 Emergency Alert Registration

Lacey Township residents are encouraged to sign up for Reverse 9-1-1 notifications through Onsolve CodeRed on their cellular telephones. The police department utilizes the Reverse 9-1-1 system to send out important telephone messages to residents based on the geographic location of each resident's home telephone. While land-line, home and business telephones are already in the system's database, cellular phone numbers are not in the system. This feature allows residents to register additional phone numbers in the Onsolve CodeRed system, so an emergency message related to Lacey Township will be received regardless of the resident's location at the time.

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Hosted by Sea Breeze Cares Committee

Just for Laughs

Submitted by Linda C. Marino



"If you want to know how old a woman is, ask her sister-in-law." (Eva Gabor)

"Old age comes at a bad time." (Ed Sullivan)

"Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what happened." (Stevie Wonder)

"Old age is like a plane flying through a storm. Once you are aboard, there is nothing you can do about it." (Golda Meir)

"The older I get, the more clearly I remember things that never happened. (Mark Twain)

"I'm at that age where my back goes out more than I do." (Phyllis Diller)

"Nice to be here? At my age, it's nice to be anywhere." (George Burns)"

First you forget names, then you forget faces, then you forget to pull your zipper up; then, you forget to pull your zipper down." (Rob Reiner)

"You spend 90 percent of your adult life hoping for a long rest and the last 10 percent trying to convince the Lord that you're actually not THAT tired." (Princess Grace)

"Old people shouldn't eat healthy foods. They need all the preservatives they can get." (Bob Hope)

"It's like you trade the virility of the body for the agility of the spirit." (Ed Sullivan)

"At age 20, we worry about what others think of us. At age 40, we don't care what they think of us. At age 60, we discover they haven't been thinking of us at all." (Ann Landers)

"The important thing to remember is that I'm probably going to forget." (Martin Scorsese)

"It's paradoxical that the idea of living a long life appeals to everyone, but the idea of getting old doesn't appeal to anyone." (Andy Rooney)

"The older I get, the better I used to be." (Lee Trevino)

"Everything seems to slow down with age, except the time it takes cake and ice cream to reach your hips." (Elizabeth Taylor)



He Escaped from Reality

By Linda C. Marino

Dismissed as the class clown and labeled as a lost cause by some of his teachers, Rod Serling proved them wrong. His seventh-grade teacher, Helen Foley, deserves to be acknowledged because she encouraged the constantly talking Rod to join the school's public speaking extracurriculars. Two years later he joined his high school debate team and newspaper and was the speaker at his graduation. What a difference a teacher can make.

He was an avid listener of radio thrillers, fantasy and horror shows. He enlisted in the U.S. Army the morning after high school graduation and fought in the Pacific in the 1940s; during his military service, Serling was awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, and the Philippine Liberation Medal. His combat experience affected him deeply and influenced much of his writing.

He found success as a screenwriter and television producer best known for his live television dramas of the 1950s and his anthology television series *The Twilight Zone*. Serling was active in politics, both on and off the screen, and helped form television industry standards.



He was a man rooted in reality, but the horrors of the war left him with nightmares and flashbacks for the rest of his life. He said,

"I was bitter about everything and at loose ends when I got out of the service. I think I turned to writing to get it off my chest."

His writing was his escape from reality and besides the mystique of *The Twilight Zone*, he gave us *Requiem for a Heavyweight*, *Seven Days in May*, *Night Gallery*, *Planet of the Apes*, and more.

His escape became part of my Friday night reality from 1959-1964 as I sat with my mom and sisters eagerly awaiting each new episode of *The Twilight Zone*. Our favorite episode has always been "Eye of the Beholder." You never see any character's face until the final scene. There was no reality at the climax, but it did reveal a creative mind at work. It's good to escape occasionally; give it a try.

Date Event Hosted by									
Friday, July 11	Trivia	Social Committee							
Saturday, July 12	Caribbean Party	Italian Heritage Club							
Friday, July 25	Happy Hour	Social Committee							
Sunday, July 27	Stuff the Bus	Sea Breeze Cares							
Friday, August 8	Lakewood Blueclaws	Italian Heritage Club							
Saturday, August 23	Blood Drive	Sea Breeze Cares							
Friday, August 29	Happy Hour	Social Committee							
Saturday, September 13	Night at the Races	Social Committee							
Saturday, October 4	Canasta Tournament	Canasta Group							
Saturday, October 11	Winery Bus and Train Trip	Italian Heritage Club							
Saturday, October 18	BocceTournament	Italian Heritage Club							

Immersive Escape Rooms

By Patricia Weiss

Entertainment encompasses various activities, including dancing, watching a movie, enjoying a meal with friends, or embarking on a vacation. Another noteworthy form of entertainment is participating in an escape room experience.



An escape room is an immersive real-life adventure game for family and friends. If you enjoy solving a series of puzzles within a themed environment, then escape rooms are perfect for you. Also known as exit games, puzzle rooms, or riddle rooms, players work in teams to find clues and solve puzzles within 60 minutes. Escape rooms provide an entertaining way to escape from daily routines.

The escape room craze began with computer games in the "escape the room" genre and expanded globally. The computer game *Myst* is an example of this genre. Japan also pioneered the creation of physical, in-person escape room games in the 2000s. Today, there are 50,000 escape rooms worldwide.

Escape rooms can feature a broad range of thematic designs, such as a space station, prison cell, castle, dungeon, or pirate ship. Generally, the puzzles are mental and not physical; therefore, athletic agility is unnecessary. A successful team should consist of individuals with expertise in varied areas. Effective communication and collaboration among the team members are essential to collectively solve the puzzle challenges. A moderator or gamemaster provides the team with a mission and rules. The mission varies. Your team may be tasked with solving a mystery as detectives, combating a deadly virus as doctors, or undertaking a special mission as spies. Participants should listen attentively to the moderator, who may provide essential clues. A wide array of puzzles will require varied skills and knowledge, but advanced expertise is not necessary to finish the puzzles. Clues are hidden around the room, and some of the fun is searching and discovering objects and clues. Some of the puzzles may involve opening locks and boxes, for which keys, numbers, or letters are needed. Some may have directional solutions. Puzzles may include riddles, sudoku, crosswords, number substitutions, word searches, and jigsaws. Teams will experience a gratifying sense of achievement upon solving a puzzle.

Diverse individuals enjoy escape rooms, including people of various ages, backgrounds, and social statuses. In December of 2016, the Obamas were vacationing in Honolulu. On Christmas Eve, they visited Hawaii's escape room, Breakout Waikiki. After much revelry, they concluded their mission with just 12 seconds remaining. The manager reported that the Obamas had a great time.

Escape rooms have been featured in episodes of *Schitt's Creek* and *The Big Bang Theory*. The movie titled *The Escape Room* aired in 2019, followed by its sequel, *Escape Room: Tournament of Champions,* in 2021. For those interested in local escape room experiences, Toms River offers three options. Organizing a visit for Sea Breezers to one of these escape rooms could be an enjoyable group activity.

Exit 4 Escape Rooms Toms River at 1311 NJ-37, Toms River, NJ 08755. <u>https://exit4escape.com/tomsriver-nj/</u>

East Coast Escape Room 1747 Hooper Ave Unit 7, Toms River, NJ 08753. <u>https://www.eastcoastescaperoom.com/</u>

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Please register at <u>tinyurl.com/OclLbiWood</u> or online at theoceancountylibrary.libnet.info (see Calendar of Events) to take part in this free program. For more information, visit or call the OCL Long Beach Island Branch, 217 South Central Avenue, Surf City, (609) 494-2480.



NY Botanical Garden

The Italian Heritage Club visited the NY Botanical Garden in the Bronx on May 14.

Even with occasional rain. the beautiful flowers. gardens and camaraderie among friends made it a pleasurable day.



Musical Memories

By Linda C. Marino



Looking for topics to write about for July, I came across six songs from my generation that topped the charts during America's birthday month.

- July 20,1963, Jan & Dean's *Surf City* hit #1; it was always a favorite of mine because I had their album, *Jan & Dean Take Linda Surfing*. The surfing enthusiasts on my block would come down to Surf City on LBI, New Jersey every weekend. Who would have thought that over 60 years later I would be living near Surf City?
- The British group The Troggs' signature hit *Wild Thing* became #1 on July 3, 1966. It was previously released by an American group but was never a success.
- The Doors' first #1 hit was *Light My Fire* topping the list on July 29,1967. The group was banned from *The Ed Sullivan Show* because lead singer, Jim Morrison, did not censor some of the lyrics as ordered by Sullivan.
- Van McCoy's *The Hustle* ushered in the Disco era and was #1 on July 26,1975. It went on to win the 1975 Grammy for Best Pop Instrumental.
- The theme songs from the movies *Rocky* and *Rocky III* led the music kingdom on July 2, 1977 and July 24,1982 with *Gonna Fly Now* and *The Eye of The Tiger*, respectively.

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Where Have You Gone Jimmy Hoffa?

By Linda C. Marino

As a young man in his 20s, Jimmy Hoffa became a union activist. By 1952 he was national vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT). He served as the president of the IBT from 1957-1971. During his term of leadership, the IBT grew to a membership of 2.3 million, making it the largest in the USA.

Unfortunately, power corrupted him. Hoffa was convicted of mail and wire fraud along with jury tampering, attempted bribery, and conspiracy in1964 and was sentenced to 13 years. In mid-1971, he resigned his presidency as part of an agreement with President Nixon and was released but barred from union activities until 1980. His plan was to return to the leadership of



the IBT, but it didn't work out. He became deeply involved with organized crime, a connection that continued until his disappearance on July 30, 1975. On that day he was to meet with known mobsters Provenzano and Giacalone.

The meeting was due to take place at a restaurant in a Detroit suburb. Hoffa waited, but no one showed up. Giacalone and Provenzano denied having scheduled a meeting with Hoffa after Hoffa disappeared. There are dozens of theories on the location of Hoffa's body. One was a local waste incinerator, and another was a landfill in Jersey City. This led to the rumor that he was buried in Giants Stadium. The stadium was scanned for human remains with ground penetrating-radar, but none were found there or when Giants Stadium was demolished in 2010.

The conspiracy theory was and still is that he was murdered by the Mafia. Seven years after he disappeared, he was legally declared dead. The cause of death was listed as dead in absentia. It's an official way of saying disappearance when there is no proof or no remains are found. Was there a deal to put him in a witness protection program in return for mob info? Hoffa's legacy and the circumstances of his disappearance continue to stir debate.



Sea Breeze Photo Group





Recently, members of the Sea Breeze Photo Group attended the Jersey Shore Blue Claws vs. Brooklyn Cyclones game. Greg Giombarrese, VP of Communications, hosted a tour of their production facilities and TV/Radio booth. From there, after lunch in their cafeteria, we took our first-row seats (behind the dugout) to plan our photo logistics. After watching and photographing batting practice from the seats and on the field, we moved to the photographer's location at the end of the dugouts to get closeup photos. This was a great photo opportunity for us and gave us the chance to watch the game on the field, which was especially appealing to us as baseball fans. **Attendees:** Ron Banach, John Elias, Tom Paduano, John Saladino, Dominick Ventura, and Roy Winograd.



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Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national animal but was out-voted when John Adams and Thomas Jefferson chose the bald eagle.

The stars on the original American flag were arranged in a circle to ensure that all colonies were represented equally.





John Hancock was the only person to actually sign the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The other 55 signers did not sign it until later.



Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died on the same day: July 4, 1826, the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. History's first submarine attack took place in New York Harbor in 1776.





There were no fireworks on July 4, 1776, but there were fireworks 1 year later, on July 4, 1777. This was still 6 years before Americans knew whether the new nation would survive the war.



George Washington was the best spymaster in American History! He ran espionage rings in British-held areas and he was a genius at misinformation. He constantly befuddled the British by leaking, through double agents, inflated reports of the strength of his army.

Washington was robust man with a seeming immunity to disease and bullets. In one encounter in the French and Indian War, he absorbed 4 bullets in his coat and hat and had 2 horses shot from under him without any injury to himself.



The song "Yankee Doodle" was sung originally by British officers making fun of backwoods Americans.



The United States of America won it's independence despite the fact that the British Army was established, experienced, disciplined, and trained and the American army was not. In addition to this, the British Army had ample quantities of powder, guns, and clothing and the American Army was not well supplied.



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Sea Breeze Bowling Banquet

Season seven of the Sea Breeze Bowling League concluded with an awards banquet at the clubhouse. It was a great evening with friends sharing stories and laughter from the season. The team title went to "Stars and Strikes" (Mary Ann and Greg Adams, Judy Nacarlo, and JoAnn Muir.) The winner wasn't determined until the final day of bowling as Team "Sea 4" (Carol Whitmore, Kerry Foley, Jan Levine, and Jeff McNally) almost pulled off the comeback, but they were thwarted by the eventual champs. The individual high average awards went to Dolly Palmieri (161) and George Walker (189).

A special thank you goes out to Mary Ann Adams, Phyllis Bloomfield, Angie Gallagher, and Judy Nacarlo for running the league. There will be openings next season to join a team or to substitute bowl. Please contact one of the members above to get more info.

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- Q.1. In which city Fourth of July was first celebrated?
- Q.2. How many people signed the Declaration of Independence?
- Q.3. Who laid the cornerstone of Capitol Building on July 4, 1848?
- Q.4. When did Fourth of July became paid federal holiday?
- Q.5. What does 13 Stripes on U.S flag indicates?
- Q.6 Which U.S President was born on 4th of July?
- Q.7. In which year the Declaration of Independence signed?
- Q.8. Which country got independence from U.S on July 4th 1946?
- Q.9. Who died on 50th anniversary of Independence Day?
- Q.10. On which day did Congress vote for American independence?
- Q.11. Who wrote the lyrics to "The Star-Spangled Banner"?
- Q.12. Which institution first opened its doors on July 4, 1802?
- Q.13. What is the printed version of declaration called?
- Q.14. Who died on 50th anniversary of Independence Day?
- Q.15. Who was England's King on 4th July, 1776?

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Bocce		Bocce balls & sign out sh	eet by desk in Clubhouse.
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Canasta	Monday & Thursday @ 12:30 pm	Fran Geanoules	frangeanoules@gmail.com
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Novel Bunch	no meeting, will resume in September	Marilyn Winograd	mwinograd4@gmail.com
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