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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Neighbors,

As we step into the heart of summer, July brings with it a special kind of energy - one rooted in celebration, reflection, and the beauty of life's simplest moments. The longer days and warm evenings invite us to slow down, gather together, and savor what matters most. It's a month that naturally encourages both joy and gratitude. As we celebrate our nation's independence, we're also reminded of the importance of personal freedom and the ability to grow, adapt, and move forward through all of life's seasons.

Here at the Jersey Shore, July truly feels like summer at its finest. It's no surprise that it's a favorite time of year for so many. The weather settles into that perfect balance of warm, sunny days paired with breezy evenings—ideal for walks around the neighborhood, along the shore, or simply relaxing on the porch. The outdoors becomes an extension of our homes, calling us to spend more time outside and enjoy all that the season has to offer.

One of the greatest highlights of summer in the "Garden State" is the abundance of fresh, local produce. Farm stands begin to brim with vibrant colors and flavors, offering everything from juicy berries to crisp vegetables. Soon, two of New Jersey's most beloved staples—sweet corn and ripe, flavorful tomatoes will make their highly anticipated arrival. There's nothing quite like a simple meal made with

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ingredients at their peak, whether it's a fresh tomato salad, corn on the cob, or homemade salsa shared with friends.

July is also National BBQ Month, making it the perfect time to fire up the grill. From classic burgers and hot dogs to grilled vegetables and fresh seafood, the options are endless—and the memories made around the grill are often the ones we cherish most.

Adding even more excitement to this July is a truly historic milestone; the 250th anniversary of the United States. This once-in-a-generation celebration marks 250 years since our nation's founding. Across the country and right here in our community, there will be an outpouring of pride and celebration. The patriotic colors of red, white, and blue will be everywhere you look, from flags proudly displayed to festively decorated homes. Local events, parades, and fireworks will bring people together in a shared spirit of unity and appreciation for our nation's history and future. It is a time to honor not only the past, but also the values that continue to guide us today: freedom, resilience, and community.

Community Updates:

As we enjoy the season together, I'd also like to share a few important updates within our community.

The new parking lot has been completed and looks fantastic. It not only improves functionality but also provides our clubhouse with a much-needed facelift, enhancing the overall appearance of the area.

As many of you know, the 2026 budget process has been finalized. While there has been a moderate increase, please be assured that the Board has worked diligently to keep costs as controlled as possible. We are pleased that the Reserve Study did not come in as high as initially anticipated; however, like many communities, we continue to face rising operational expenses that are beyond our control.

I would also like to address some concerns raised following the May Open Board Meeting. Please know that every expenditure is carefully evaluated. For all major (and most minor) projects, we obtain multiple estimates from a variety of vendors to ensure informed and responsible decision-making. As our property continues to age, maintenance

needs naturally become more frequent and complex. That said, we remain committed to thoroughly vetting the companies we work with and securing high-quality work at a fair and reasonable cost.

Our management company, AANJ, continues to be a valued partner to Greenbriar II, providing the tools, resources, and expertise needed to support our operations. Managing a community of our size is a complex responsibility that requires careful coordination, consistent oversight, and attention to both daily needs and long-term financial stability.

It is also important to recognize that much of this work happens behind the scenes. Many decisions, planning efforts, and problem-solving discussions are not always visible on a day-to-day basis. In reality, maintaining a community like ours involves ongoing financial management, long-term planning, vendor coordination, and the ability to address both routine matters and unexpected challenges.

The Board, along with our management team, is continually working to balance priorities, respond to concerns, and make thoughtful decisions in the best interest of the entire community. While not every effort is immediately visible, a great deal of time, care, and dedication goes into maintaining and improving Greenbriar II. We remain committed to responsible management, transparency, and enhancing the overall quality of life for all residents.

:) Wishing You a Wonderful July filled with sunshine, celebration, and the simple joys that make summer unforgettable!

Thursday 7/16/2026 at 10 AM
R&A Monthly Meeting for July
Meetings are open and
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- Monday and Tuesday 7/13/2026 & 7/14/2026 10 AM to 12 PM
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SUNDAY

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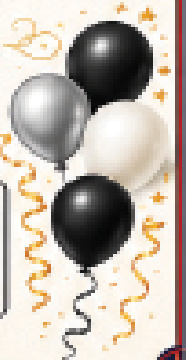
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- John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Monroe were all United States Presidents who died on the Fourth of July. Adams and Jefferson died within hours of each other.
- Around 150 million hot dogs are consumed on the Fourth of July
- The True Midpoint: In non-leap years, the exact middle of the year falls on July 2nd at 1:00 PM.
- The Dog Days: The hottest, most sultry days of the year—the “Dog Days of Summer”—traditionally begin on July 3rd and stretch until August 11th.
- The Full Moon: July’s full moon is commonly known as the Full Buck Moon because male deer (bucks) grow their new antlers this month.
- American Independence: While the Continental Congress voted for independence on July 2, 1776, the Declaration was formally adopted on July 4th.
- Moon Landing: On July 20, 1969, American astronaut Neil Armstrong became the first human to walk on the Moon, famously declaring, “*That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind!*”
- Hollywood History: The iconic Hollywood Sign (originally reading “Hollywoodland”) was first erected in the hills above Los Angeles on July 13, 1923.
- Weather Folklore: According to the legend of St. Swithun’s Day (July 15th), if it rains on this day, the region will endure 40 consecutive days of wet weather.
- National Months: In the U.S., July is widely celebrated as National Ice Cream Month and National Hot Dog Month.
- Birthstone: The deep red Ruby represents July, symbolizing nobility, wealth, and passion. Ancient warriors embedded them in their armor for protection

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*g*REENBRIAR II Fall Craft Show 2026

Date of Show: Saturday, November 14, 2026

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Spaces: \$30.00 each

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BICENTENNIAL MEMORABILIA



As the United States celebrates its 250th birthday this month, Americans are once again preparing to celebrate the nation's history with parades, patriotic displays, special events, and, perhaps most importantly for collectors, commemorative memorabilia. For many people, memories of the country's Bicentennial celebration in 1976 immediately come to mind. The red, white, and blue spirit of that year produced a flood of collectibles that have become treasured reminders of one of the nation's biggest birthday parties. Today, with the Semiquincentennial (the official name for the 250th anniversary) interest in Bicentennial memorabilia has been renewed in a major way.

The 1976 Bicentennial celebration marked 200 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Americans embraced the event with enthusiasm rarely seen before or since. The country was emerging from a difficult era marked by the Vietnam War and the Watergate scandal, and the Bicentennial offered a chance for national pride and unity. Nearly every company, organization, and community joined in the celebration.

As a result, Bicentennial memorabilia appeared everywhere. One of the most recognizable items was the special Bicentennial quarter, featuring a colonial drummer boy on the reverse side. Millions of Americans saved these coins, believing they might someday become valuable collectibles. Special half dollars and dollar coins were also issued, all bearing the dual date "1776–1976."

Collectors also eagerly purchased commemorative plates, stamps, flags, posters, buttons, special medallions and mugs. The Log Cabin Syrup company even produced a set of bicentennial themed bottles in recognition of the event. Schools produced patriotic programs, local towns held reenactments, and businesses decorated storefronts in colonial style. Many products carried patriotic imagery, including the Liberty Bell, the American eagle, and depictions of the Founding Fathers.

One of the most memorable symbols of the celebration was the "Spirit of '76" theme, inspired by the famous painting of Revolutionary War drummers and fifers marching into battle. The image appeared on countless products and decorations. Families decorated homes with patriotic bunting, and children proudly wore Bicentennial T-shirts while attending parades and fireworks displays.

Although not every Bicentennial item is valuable in a monetary sense, many possess tremendous sentimental worth. For people who lived through 1976, these objects represent memories of a unique moment in American culture. They remind Americans of backyard barbecues, tall ships visiting harbors, and communities coming together in celebration.

Now, nearly fifty years later, the nation is celebrating another historic milestone — America's 250th birthday. The celebration already has many historians, collectors, and businesses anticipating a new wave of patriotic memorabilia similar to that of 1976.

The federal government has established the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission to help coordinate nationwide events and activities leading up to 2026. States and local communities are also developing plans for celebrations, educational programs, concerts, and historical exhibitions. Once again, commemorative products are expected to play a major role.

Collectors are seeing examples of 250th anniversary merchandise, including coins, pins, apparel, and historical reproductions. Companies understand that Americans enjoy owning keepsakes connected to historic moments, especially anniversaries tied to national pride. Just as the Bicentennial produced iconic souvenirs, the 250th birthday is also inspiring a new generation of collectibles.

Modern technology, however, will make this celebration different from the one in 1976. Social media, online marketplaces, and digital collectibles will expand the ways people participate. Limited-edition items may sell out quickly online. Traditional collectibles like coins, flags, and posters are expected to remain popular.

Interest in Bicentennial memorabilia has increased partly because younger generations are discovering these items through antique shops, flea markets, and online auction sites. Many people who grew up during the Bicentennial are now sharing collections with children and grandchildren, passing along stories connected to the era. As a result, objects once tucked away in attics are finding new appreciation.

For collectors, the excitement surrounding the nation's 250th birthday may increase demand for original Bicentennial items. People who want to connect the two celebrations may seek out memorabilia from 1976 as part of their own com-

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memorations in 2026. Items once considered ordinary may gain new historical importance as reminders of America's 200th birthday during the lead-up to its 250th.

In many ways, Bicentennial memorabilia serve as a bridge between generations. It connects Americans who celebrated the nation's 200th birthday with those preparing to celebrate its 250th. Whether it is a faded parade program, a drummer-boy quarter, or a patriotic banner hanging in a family home, these objects remind people that history is not only found in textbooks and museums. It also lives in the keepsakes and memories passed from one generation to another.

As America marks a quarter millennium of independence, the spirit of celebration that filled the country in 1976 is beginning to return. And just like the Bicentennial memorabilia of the past, the collectibles of the 250th anniversary will someday become treasured reminders of another historic American milestone.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW RESIDENTS

Photo by Marie Pausz



A warm Greenbriar 2 welcome to our new residents, Pat & Bob Bzdek, moving to GB2 by way of Edison. They are big Elvis fans and look forward to their trip to Memphis every other year. Atlantic City trips and Mahjong are among hobbies they enjoy. Please be sure to say hello when you see them around the community.

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DIFFERENT AND INTERESTING

By Colleen Tierney

This is a somewhat differently themed article, (Consumer Reports) which is worth considering. **CR** investigated the general, overall pricing of supermarkets, in order to provide consumers with some idea about where to get the best savings, (as well as least savings). Much of this is familiar to those who shop with an open eye/mind to supermarket costs. To be accurate, one must realize that food prices vary greatly in different regions of the nation, even in the same grocery chain. Keeping this as brief as possible, here is a summation:

Accuracy and fairness depend upon comparing exactly the same food products that are purchased in each category of store. The lowest prices are to be found in the membership warehouses, most especially Costco and BJ's - But selection is limited, items are generally sold in bulk, plus an annual membership fee is required. Sam's Club prices are not as competitive; therefore, this chain was not included in the study.

The retail giants like Walmart and Target have enormous purchasing power and supply, so can keep grocery prices low by keeping 90% of their products as exclusive or private label brands. Generally, Aldi's prices are lower than Walmart's, something to consider.

CR also offers the often-heard advice: Do not fall for placement tricks used by retailers, such as placing certain items at eye level (lower level are usually less costly) or displays at the end of aisles.

Save by purchasing store brands-these can be 30% less than brand name, and very often are the brand name but with a store's label because they are produced in and by, the same manufacturing/packing plant. Don't skip frozen fruits and veggies - they are flash frozen and just as fresh and nutritious as the fresh produce, plus they will last much longer.



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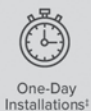


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One of the greatest strengths of a community newspaper is that it reflects the personalities, experiences, and interests of the people who live there. When residents contribute articles, stories, photographs, recipes, opinions, or memories, the newspaper becomes more personal and meaningful. Instead of simply reading about meetings and schedules, residents get to learn about one another and share in the life of the community.

Many residents may feel they have nothing important to write about, but that could not be further from the truth. Every person has experiences, hobbies, memories, and ideas that others would enjoy reading. A resident who loves gardening might share seasonal planting tips. Someone who enjoys traveling could write about memorable destinations. Others may wish to contribute stories about local history, favorite recipes, book reviews, crafts, sports, or personal experiences growing up in another era. Even short articles can make a newspaper more enjoyable and interesting.

Community newspapers also help preserve memories. Greenbriar II has many residents with fascinating life experiences, including military service, careers, family traditions, and personal achievements. By writing about these experiences, residents create a lasting record that can be enjoyed by neighbors today and remembered by future generations. Stories that may seem ordinary to one person can be truly inspiring to someone else.

Resident participation also helps strengthen community spirit. When people see familiar names and faces in the newspaper, they feel more connected to their neighbors. Articles about club activities, volunteer efforts, holiday events, and community celebrations remind everyone that Greenbriar II is more than just a place to live — it is a community filled with active and caring people.

Another important reason for resident involvement is variety. A newspaper becomes more enjoyable when it offers different voices and perspectives. If only a few people contribute regularly, the publication can become repetitive. Fresh ideas from new writers help keep the newspaper lively and appealing. One resident may have a talent for humor, while another may enjoy writing informative articles or nostalgic stories. Together, these contributions create a newspaper that appeals to a wide audience.

Writing for the newspaper can also be personally rewarding. Many people discover they enjoy writing once they give it a try. Others appreciate the opportunity to share knowledge or creativity with neighbors. Seeing one's name in print often brings a sense of pride and accomplishment. Contributions do not need to be professionally written as sincerity and enthusiasm matter far more than perfection.

The Greenbriar II newspaper also serves as a valuable source of information. Resident-written articles can help publicize community events, encourage participation in clubs and activities, and inform neighbors about important issues affecting the community. The more people contribute, the stronger and more useful the newspaper becomes.

In today's world, where so much communication happens online and people can sometimes feel disconnected, a community newspaper remains an important way to bring neighbors together. It encourages conversation, builds friendships, and creates a sense of belonging. But it can only thrive if residents are willing to participate.

Greenbriar II is filled with talented, experienced, and interesting people whose stories deserve to be shared. Whether someone writes one article or contributes regularly, every submission helps make the newspaper more vibrant and enjoyable for everyone. By taking part, residents help strengthen the sense of community that makes Greenbriar II such a special place to call home.

Please consider writing for our newspaper. If you can commit to writing just one or two articles per month that would be great. If you can only submit one every so often that is also very helpful. Either way your contributions will be appreciated. Please send your articles to GB2News@yahoo.com or drop off a printed copy in the office and mark it for the *GB2 News*.

Sudoku

5	6		2		1		4	3
9		3		6		5		2
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7		2		4		6		1
	5		7		3		2	
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1				5				7
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Have Fun, Meet People & Stay Active!

The following is a list of clubs/activities available to all Greenbriar II residents.

If you are interested in details or joining any club, please contact any R&A officer.

AEROBICS:
held weekly

BAZAAR: Annual

BILLARD'S:
Open to all

BINGO: Every
Wednesday (for
residents only)

BOCCE: Seasonal;
weekly

BOWLING: Weekly;
must sign up

CERAMICS:
Weekly

CORN HOLE:
Indoor and
outdoor

CRAFT FAIR:
Annual

GOLF: Seasonal;
weekly; must
sign up

KNITTING: Weekly

LADIES NIGHT:
Monthly

LIBRARY: Open
Daily

LINE DANCING:
Weekly

LIFETIME FITNESS:
Weekly

SUNSHINE CLUB:
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to do sympathy/
condolence cards

TRAVEL: Atlantic
City trips; twice
annually

VETERANS: Annual
event

WELCOMING: Chair and co-chairperson meet with new homeowners & annual Welcoming party

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Thank you for your commitment to serving the residents of GB2. We wish you a successful and productive term as you guide our community forward.

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WHO STILL BALANCES A CHECKBOOK?

Not long ago, balancing a checkbook was a routine monthly task for millions of Americans. People carefully recorded every check written, deposit made, and withdrawal taken from their bank accounts. Today, however, online banking, debit cards, and smartphone apps have largely replaced the traditional check register.

While exact numbers vary, surveys suggest that only about **20 to 25 percent of Americans still balance a checkbook regularly**. One consumer survey found that just **21 percent** of respondents routinely reconcile their accounts using a checkbook register or similar method. At the same time, digital banking has become the preferred way for most people to monitor their finances. Smartphones and online banking platforms allow account holders to check balances instantly, review transactions, and receive alerts about unusual activity.

Interestingly, although fewer people balance their checkbooks, checks themselves have not completely disappeared. A 2024 national survey found that approximately **61 percent of Americans still write at least some checks**, particularly for rent, charitable donations, gifts, and payments to certain service providers. However, many of these individuals no longer maintain a traditional paper register.

Older Americans are generally more likely to balance their checkbooks than younger generations, who have grown up with electronic banking. Many younger consumers have never used a paper checkbook register at all.

Despite the decline, balancing a checkbook still offers advantages. It can help detect bank errors, prevent overdrafts, and provide a clearer picture of spending habits. Whether done with a paper register, a spreadsheet, or a budgeting app, keeping track of income and expenses remains an important financial practice.

The tools may have changed, but the goal remains the same: knowing exactly where your money goes.

THANK YOU!

I would like to express my heart felt gratitude to my friends and neighbors who came to my rescue when I was injured and unable to perform simple tasks. Everyone pitched in and made my daily activities easier. I am blessed to live among such caring and kind people.

A special shout out to CARING, whose volunteers are supportive and thoughtful. Recently I celebrated my fortieth year living in GB II and I thank the good Lord for this blessing. God bless all of you.

-Gratefully, Mickey Bosso



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MEET OUR POOL VENDOR

Alta Aquatics:

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As residents gather at community pools this summer, many may not realize the amount of planning, maintenance, staffing, and oversight required to keep those facilities operating safely and efficiently. At Alta Aquatics, that responsibility is something we take seriously every day.

Alta Aquatics, LLC was founded in 2022 by Benjamin Basch, a longtime aquatics industry professional who returned to the field after a brief hiatus. Having spent years working in commercial pool operations and management, Basch recognized an opportunity to create a company that focused on something increasingly rare in today's marketplace: local service, local accountability, and strong community relationships.

Headquartered in Shrewsbury, New Jersey, Alta Aquatics was established with the goal of serving communities throughout Monmouth, Ocean, and Middlesex Counties. Since its founding, the company has grown rapidly and now provides services to approximately 55 community associations, apartment communities, and recreational facilities across Central New Jersey.

"Our vision was simple," says Basch. "We wanted to build a company that understands the unique needs of New

Jersey communities and provides responsive, professional service from people who live and work right here in the area."

Alta Aquatics offers a comprehensive range of aquatic services, including lifeguard staffing, pool attendant staffing, pool maintenance, renovation projects, repairs, seasonal openings and closings, and operational consulting. By providing both staffing and technical services under one roof, the company helps community associations simplify pool management while maintaining high standards of safety and service.

While residents often see the friendly lifeguards and attendants on deck, much of the work happens behind the scenes. Maintaining proper water chemistry, inspecting equipment, ensuring regulatory compliance, managing repairs, and preparing facilities for peak summer usage all require ongoing attention and expertise.

Safety remains the foundation of every Alta Aquatics operation. Lifeguards and attendants receive thorough training, while maintenance teams work proactively to identify and address issues before they become larger problems. The company also works closely with boards of directors, property managers, and community leaders to ensure facilities meet both operational and regulatory requirements.

As a locally owned business, Alta Aquatics takes pride in its accessibility and responsiveness. Clients have direct access to management personnel who understand the communities they serve and can respond quickly when needs arise. This hands-on approach has helped establish long-term relationships with many of the communities throughout the region.

Beyond maintaining pools, Alta Aquatics recognizes the important role these facilities play within a neighborhood. Community pools serve as gathering places where families spend time together, children learn valuable swimming skills, and neighbors connect throughout the summer season. By helping communities provide safe, clean, and welcoming aquatic facilities, the company contributes to the quality of life enjoyed by thousands of New Jersey residents each year.

As Alta Aquatics continues to grow, its mission remains unchanged: delivering professional aquatic management services with the personal attention, reliability, and commitment that only a local company can provide.

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- A Trustee's phone number will be provided in case of emergency when the office is closed.
- Residents and Guests, including children over 2, must present badges to the pool attendant and sign the Registration Book upon entering the pool area. **Owners must remain with guests at the pool.** If a resident is on the non-eligibility list, you will not be permitted entry and use of the pool.
- RESIDENTS MUST BRING CHAIRS FOR ALL GUESTS ON WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS.

ADULT DAILY POOL HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday through Sunday, 10:30 AM to 8:30 PM

DAILY CHILDREN'S HOURS:

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Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday: 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM and 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

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GENERAL POOLS RULES:

- Any person showing evidence of skin disease, inflamed eyes, cold, nasal, ear discharge or communicable disease will be denied admission to the pool in consideration of the health of all residents.
- Beer, Wine and other intoxicants are prohibited in the pool area. Light food and drinks are allowed at pool side tables only. **NO GLASS CONTAINERS OF ANY KIND ARE PERMITTED.**
- Any person with incontinence, including children who are not potty trained, must wear appropriate waterproof clothing.
- All bathers must wear swimming apparel (no cut-offs, gym or street attire is permitted in the pool).
- **Children must always be supervised by an adult.**
- Noodles and goggles are permitted. All other toys or floatation device are prohibited. Safety flotation devices may be worn by children in shallow water.
- No jumping or diving into the pool is permitted, including from the ladders.
- Running or rough housing around the pool or clubhouse area is strictly prohibited.
- Pool and surrounding areas will be closed on the approach and during electrical storms.
- The stairs in and out of the pool must always remain free and clear. No one should sit on or block the ladders or stairs in and out of the pool at any time.
- Bathing attire (wet or dry), without some type of cover-up, is not permitted in the clubhouse. Shoes must always be worn when in the clubhouse.
- Restrooms are accessible from the pool area. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult when using the restrooms. Please towel dry and put on shoes before entering the restroom.
- Reserving chairs and/or tables is prohibited. Tables may not be moved or block
- No Smoking/vaping is allowed in the pool area which includes all portions of the fenced in area surrounding the pool area. Smoking is only permitted in the designated area outside the fence near the parking lot with the cigarette receptacle located on the fence.
- Baby carriages, strollers and play pens are permitted only in the grassy area.
- Bicycles must be parked in the bicycle rack.
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NJ CROSSROADS OF THE REVOLUTION

As the United States approaches the 250th anniversary of independence in 2026, New Jersey's Revolutionary history has once again become a major focus. The phrase "Crossroads of the Revolution" appears on tourism campaigns, historical programs, and commemorative events across the state. It is a reminder that New Jersey was far more than a bystander during the Revolution. It was a central stage upon which the future of the nation was decided.

Few states played as important a role in the American Revolution as New Jersey. Although it was one of the smallest colonies, New Jersey became the center of military action, political strategy, and civilian hardship during the fight for independence. Because of its location between the key cities of New York City and Philadelphia, the state earned the enduring nickname "The Crossroads of the Revolution." More than just a slogan, the title reflects the critical role New Jersey played in shaping the outcome of the Revolutionary War.

Geography was the main reason New Jersey became so important. During the Revolution, New York City served as the major British military headquarters in North America, while Philadelphia was the seat of the Continental Congress and the center of American political leadership. Any army moving between those two cities had little choice but to travel through New Jersey. This made the colony a natural battleground and placed its residents directly in the path of war.

The state's network of roads, rivers, farms, and ports added to its strategic value. Armies needed food, horses, ammunition, and safe transportation routes, and New Jersey could provide all of them. Control of the colony meant control of critical supply lines and communication routes. As a result, British and American forces repeatedly marched across the state, fighting battles large and small along the way.

Historians estimate that more than 600 battles, skirmishes, raids, and military engagements took place in New Jersey during the Revolution — more than in any other colony. The constant movement of troops turned towns and farms into military camps and battlefields. Civilians often found themselves caught between two armies, never knowing which side would appear next. Homes were damaged, crops were seized, and loyalties were tested. Some residents supported independence, while others remained loyal to the British Crown. In many ways, the Revolution in New Jersey became a neighbor-against-neighbor conflict.

One of the most famous turning points of the entire war occurred in New Jersey during the winter of 1776. After suffering a series of defeats in New York, the Continental Army under George Washington was exhausted, poorly supplied, and close to collapse. Many soldiers' enlistments were about to expire, and morale was dangerously low. Washington understood that the American cause needed a dramatic victory.

On Christmas night in 1776, Washington and his troops crossed the icy Delaware River into New Jersey in a daring surprise attack against Hessian soldiers stationed in Trenton. Despite terrible weather and dangerous conditions, the Continental Army successfully captured the town on December 26. The victory at Trenton shocked the British and gave the Americans renewed hope.

Only days later, Washington struck again at the Battle of Princeton. The American victory there further boosted morale and proved that the Continental Army could defeat professional British troops. These back-to-back successes are often considered the turning point that saved the Revolution during its darkest hour. Without the victories in New Jersey, the American struggle for independence might have failed.

New Jersey also played an important role beyond the battlefield. The state served as a center for intelligence gathering, military planning, and supply operations. Ironworks in places like Batsto and other industrial sites produced materials needed for the war effort. Farmers supplied food and livestock to both armies, sometimes voluntarily and sometimes by force. Important political discussions and military councils also took place within the colony.

One of the most important locations was Morristown National Historical Park. Washington's army spent two difficult winters there, including the brutal winter of 1779–1780, one of the coldest on record. Soldiers endured hunger, disease, and freezing temperatures, yet the army survived and emerged stronger. Because Washington used Morristown as a headquarters for planning military operations, the area is sometimes called "the military capital of the American Revolution."

The British recognized New Jersey's importance as well. They frequently attempted to control the colony because doing so would weaken communication between New England and the southern colonies. British raids along the Jersey Shore and inland communities became common. At the same time, patriot militias fought back using guerrilla-style tactics that harassed British troops and disrupted supply lines.

Today, reminders of the Revolution can still be found throughout New Jersey. Historic sites such as Washington Crossing State Park, Princeton Battlefield, Monmouth Battlefield, and Morristown preserve the memory of the state's contributions to American independence. Monuments, museums, and preserved homes help modern visitors understand the sacrifices made by soldiers and civilians alike.

The nickname "The Crossroads of the Revolution" perfectly captures New Jersey's unique role in American history. Its location made it the meeting place of armies, ideas, and pivotal moments that changed the course of the war. From Washington's victories at Trenton and Princeton to the hardships endured at Morristown, New Jersey became the heart of the Revolutionary struggle. The battles fought there helped secure American independence and forever linked the state to the birth of the nation.

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WELCOME TO SUMMER PARTY & POOL OPENING



On May 23rd, approximately 120 residents celebrated summer, the pool opening and honoring those who gave all in defense of this great country and the values we hold dear. There was plenty of food, great music and a time to catch up with fellow residents. The cornhole boards were also set up for anyone who wanted to show off their skills. Apparently the only one who wasn't invited was the summer weather! Even though it was a chilly 62 degrees with grey skies and rain, the party was moved indoors and the celebration went unabated. Sadly, the weather prevented the pool from being open.



ONE SMALL STEP

On July 20, 1969, the world paused to watch a grainy black-and-white television image from nearly a quarter-million miles away. A spindly spacecraft rested on a silent plain of gray dust, and a human voice crackled over the airwaves. Moments later, a boot pressed into the lunar soil. With that step, Neil Armstrong fulfilled a goal that had seemed like science fiction only a decade earlier. Humanity had arrived on the Moon.

The journey to that moment began amid Cold War rivalry and breathtaking technological ambition. In 1961, after the Soviet Union sent the first human into orbit, President John F. Kennedy challenged the United States to land a man on the Moon and return him safely to Earth before the decade's end. The task fell to NASA, which mobilized hundreds of thousands of engineers, scientists, technicians, and contractors across the country. The effort would push computing, materials science, rocketry, and human endurance to their limits.

By the summer of 1969, the plan was ready. The mission, known as Apollo 11, would launch three astronauts atop the most powerful rocket ever built, the Saturn V. Armstrong, a former Navy test pilot with a reputation for calm precision, would command. Buzz Aldrin, an Air Force veteran and doctoral engineer, would pilot the lunar module. Michael Collins would remain in lunar orbit, alone, safeguarding the command module that would carry them home.

At 9:32 a.m. on July 16, flames billowed from the launchpad at Cape Kennedy as Saturn V thundered skyward. Inside the command module *Columbia*, the astronauts endured bone-rattling vibrations while the rocket's stages burned in sequence, each falling away as its fuel was spent. Twelve minutes later, they were in Earth orbit. A final engine burn sent them on a three-day coast toward the Moon.

As the spacecraft approached its destination, the Moon's cratered face filled the windows. On July 20, Armstrong and Aldrin climbed into the lunar module *Eagle* and undocked from *Columbia*. Collins watched them drift away, then continued circling the Moon alone. The descent that followed was far from routine. Computer alarms sounded as the guidance system struggled with an overload of data. Armstrong, seeing a field of boulders ahead, took manual control and piloted *Eagle* to a safer spot, his fuel gauge ticking toward empty. With just seconds to spare, he announced, "Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed."

Six hours later, Armstrong descended the ladder. The camera mounted on the module beamed live images to Earth. "That's one small step for [a] man, one giant leap for mankind," he said as his boot pressed into the powdery regolith. Aldrin joined him soon after, describing the scene as "magnificent desolation." The sky above them was pitch black, the horizon startlingly close due to the Moon's small size. Their footprints would remain undisturbed for eons in the airless stillness.

During their two and a half hours outside, the astronauts worked methodically. They planted an American flag, set up scientific instruments to measure seismic activity and the solar wind, and collected nearly 50 pounds of rocks and soil. They spoke briefly by radio with President Richard Nixon, who called it "the most historic telephone call ever made." A plaque on the lander's leg declared, "We came in peace for all mankind," a reminder that this was a human achievement as much as a national one.

Meanwhile, in Mission Control in Houston, rows of engineers monitored every heartbeat and fuel reading. When *Eagle* lifted off the next day to rendezvous with Collins, a collective breath was held. Docking in lunar orbit went smoothly,



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and the crew transferred back to *Columbia* for the return trip. On July 24, they splashed down in the Pacific Ocean, where they were retrieved by the aircraft carrier USS Hornet. As a precaution against unknown lunar microbes, the astronauts spent weeks in quarantine before beginning a global goodwill tour.

The significance of Apollo 11 rippled far beyond the spectacle of that first step. The mission proved that complex goals could be achieved through sustained investment in science and engineering. Technologies developed for Apollo found their way into everyday life—advances in computing, telecommunications, materials, and systems management. Perhaps more importantly, the sight of Earth rising over the Moon's horizon, small and fragile in the darkness, reshaped how many people saw our planet. It fostered a new environmental awareness and a sense of shared destiny.

The human dimension of the mission also left a lasting imprint. Armstrong's quiet humility, Aldrin's analytical rigor, and Collins's steady vigilance formed a trio whose teamwork exemplified the discipline of exploration. Collins later wrote that while he did not walk on the Moon, he felt no envy—only pride in the mission's success. Their story underscored that great achievements often depend on those out of the spotlight as much as those in it.

Apollo 11 did not end lunar exploration. Five more Apollo missions would land astronauts on the Moon before the program concluded in 1972. Yet the first landing retains a singular magic. It was the moment when an ancient human dream—of reaching the bright disk in the night sky—shifted from myth to memory. Children who watched the broadcast grew up believing that impossible things might be within reach.

More than half a century later, the images still resonate: a ladder against a stark landscape, a bootprint in dust, a flag stirring slightly as it was planted. The technology that carried Armstrong, Aldrin, and Collins to the Moon now seems almost quaint compared to modern computers, yet it accomplished a feat unmatched in audacity. Apollo 11 stands as a testament to what can happen when curiosity, courage, and collective effort converge.

On that July evening in 1969, people gathered around televisions in living rooms, bars, and town squares. For a few hours, borders and differences receded as humanity watched its representatives take those first steps. The Moon, once a distant symbol in poetry and legend, became a place humans had visited. And in that shared moment, the world felt both larger in possibility and smaller in unity—a reminder that exploration can bring us together as surely as it carries us outward.

DON'T COME KNOCKING AT MY DOOR!

Recently, many residents of GB2 indicated they were being approached by people knocking on their doors, soliciting business, even though we have a "No Soliciting" sign at the entrance to the community. The Management office addressed this in a communication, and it is worth repeating here:

Brick Township No Knock - Solicitation

With Spring weather and election season approaching, we typically begin to get soliciting within our community. We have a No Solicitation sign at the entrance to the community. However, Brick Township *does allow soliciting with a permit from the township*. Religious and political organizations are not required to obtain a township permit and may solicit in the community. You can either not answer your door for these individuals or tell them you are not interested in what they are offering.

What can you do to reduce the number of solicitors? Register your home address with Brick Township by completing the *DO NOT KNOCK* form on the Brick Township website. You can find the form by going online to BrickNJ.Gov>Departments>Township Clerk and Vital Statistics>Forms and Applications>Do Not Knock Registration forms and complete the registration form. You will then be sent an email to confirm you submitted the form. Open the email and confirm by clicking on the confirmation link provided. Next you will be sent confirmation of your registration to your email. You can print the completed registration if you like. The township list is updated twice each year.

If you do not have a computer or cell phone, you can come to the Clubhouse Library to use the computer. You may also go to the township in person to complete the form. The Township also offers a DO NOT KNOCK sticker for \$1 for your front door. This is not required. Any questions regarding the DO NOT KNOCK registration should be directed to the Brick Township's Clerk's Office at 732-262-2925 between the hours of 9 am and 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

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THE CULPER SPY RING

By Bill Gathercole

In August of 1776 the British forces occupied the city of New York. The city would remain a British stronghold and naval base for the remainder of the Revolutionary War. Information on British troop and naval movements during this time was non-existent. This important information was something that was a huge necessity for George Washington and the Continental Army to obtain. At this time the army had no reliable intelligence network and they needed to set one up.

It all changed in 1778 when a young Calvary officer named Benjamin Tallmadge established a small group of trustworthy men and women from his hometown of Setauket, Long Island. They would become known as the Culper Spy Ring and this network would become the most effective intelligence gathering operation on either side during the Revolutionary War.

There were always dangers while being a spy and in September 1776, an American officer Nathan Hale was hanged in New York City without a trial. He had penetrated the enemy lines to gather information but was caught while returning to his regiment. Hale's death showed the great dangers that were involved with spying for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.

Tallmadge had enlisted in the Continental Army in 1775 and was soon awarded the rank of major. In 1778, General George Washington appointed Tallmadge as the head of the Continental Army's secret service. He was charged with setting up a permanent spy network that would operate behind enemy lines on Long Island. Tallmadge only recruited people he could absolutely trust beginning with his childhood friend Abraham Woodhull.

He also recruited Caleb Brewster whose main task was commanding a fleet of whaleboats against British and Tory shipping on Long Island Sound. Brewster was the most daring of the group and was the only member who had been definitely identified as a spy by the British. Tallmadge went by the code name John Bolton, and Woodhull used the name Samuel Culper.

Woodhull began running the day to day operations on Long Island. He personally traveled back and forth to New York City collecting information and observing naval maneuvers. He would evaluate the reports and determined what information went to Washington. The information would be given to Brewster who would carry the information across the Sound to Fairfield, Connecticut. Tallmadge would receive the information and then take it on to George Washington.

Woodhull lived in constant anxiety of being caught and by the summer of 1779, he recruited another man for the ring. Robert Townsend a well connected New York

merchant became the rings primary source of information in the city. Townsend wrote his reports as Samuel Culper Jr. and Woodhull became Samuel Culper Sr..

Austin Roe, a tavernkeeper in Setauket would act as a courier for the ring. He would travel to New York City with the excuse of buying supplies for his business. A local Setauket woman and Woodhull's neighbor, Anna Smith Strong also aided the spy rings activities. Her husband, the local Patriot Judge Selah Strong, was being held on a British prison ship in 1778, and Anna Strong lived alone for most of the war. She reportedly used laundry on her clothesline to leave signals regarding Brewster's location for meetings with Woodhull.

Despite strained relations among members of the ring and the pressure for more information from George Washington, this spy ring accomplished more than any British or American intelligence network during the war. One of their achievements came in 1780, when it uncovered British plans to ambush the newly arrived French army in Rhode Island. The Franco-American alliance may have been destroyed or damaged severely by the surprise attack without the warnings given to Washington by this ring. The Culper Spy Ring was also credited with discovering the treasonous correspondence between Benedict Arnold and the British chief intelligence officer John Andre. Arnold had conspired to turn over West Point to the British but the plan was found out. Major Andre was hanged as a spy on the orders of George Washington.

These heroic men and women performed a great service for our young country and helped us win the Revolutionary War!

Sudoku Answers

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9	1	3	4	6	8	5	7	2
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6	5	9	7	1	3	4	2	8
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NO GOOD DEED!

Unfortunately, we all have to be on the lookout these days for various scams and schemes designed to steal information or assets. One which has been in the news lately relates to “Deed Scams”.

A deed scam occurs when a fraudster forges property documents or uses deception to illegally transfer your home’s title to themselves or sell your property without your knowledge. Scammers may also send official-looking letters to homeowners, charging exorbitant fees for copies of public deeds or record fraudulent documents - like fake deeds - or record fake liens - against property owners. In some cases, fraud on real property is not discovered for years.

To help protect yourself, Ocean County offers a free service to notify you immediately via email whenever a document with your name is recorded in the County Clerk’s Office. It is called the “Ocean County Clerk’s Office Property Alert Service”. This service is the first step in protecting your property. Please sign up today and protect your property from fraud. It’s quick, easy and free. Simply log onto the website:

<https://countyclerkpas.co.ocean.nj.us/PropertyAlert/>.

Follow the steps and you will automatically be notified electronically when a document is recorded with your name.

What to Do If You Are a Victim

If you do receive an alert or discover a fraudulent document recorded on your property:

1. Contact the Brick Township Police Department immediately to file a police report.
2. Contact the NJ Office of the Attorney General or The Ocean County prosecutor’s office to initiate an investigation.
3. Consult a real estate attorney. In most cases, a judge’s court order is required to remove fraudulent documents from official county records.

TRY IT (You’ll like it)

By Colleen Tierney

It’s kind of embarrassing to offer this because so many of you are much more knowledgeable about foods, recipes, cooking and baking. I was persuaded by some friends to offer this suggestion for a super simple, easy dessert - especially for a summertime treat. So, here goes: You likely know that this has been around for decades. Absolutely nothing new or earth-shaking, but delicious.

Basically needed:

- *Jell-O Instant pudding 1 box, (choose 1 flavor - lemon, pistachio, or cheesecake) The cheesecake is a WOW! but not always available so order from Amazon if not in store)*
- *Either shredded or flaked unsweetened coconut (about 1 cup, doesn’t need to be precise)*
- *Cool Whip - I’d suggest using the original; as to the amount - your preference, but about a cup or a bit more.*
- *crushed pineapple - do not drain, 1 - 20 oz. can.*
- *Also at your discretion and preference, you can add any one or more of these to make the dessert really special- fresh blueberries, strawberries, chopped walnuts, pecans, etc.*

In large mixing bowl dump in entire can of the crushed pineapple. Sprinkle the entire contents of the box of instant pudding mix over the pineapple and let it just sit for several minutes (about 5). Then mix in your fruit selection, chopped nuts, coconut. Finally mix in the Cool Whip (use about a cup, or add more if you want a smoother, creamier dessert).

Blend thoroughly and refrigerate a few hours - even better, freeze it in individual portions for a really good summertime dessert.

Experiment with different fruit pudding flavors and fresh (or frozen) fruits. The only essential ingredients are the instant pudding, crushed pineapple, coconut and Cool Whip. Yes, you can use the “no sugar”, and/or “no added sugar” types of ingredients.

Terrible Puns

- I’ve been thinking about taking up meditation. It’s better than sitting around doing nothing.
- Sore throats are a pain in the neck.
- I know a lot of jokes about retired people, but none of them work.
- I was wondering why the ball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.
- What does the lemon say when it answers the phone? “Yellow?”
- Why did the computer go to bed? It needed to crash.
- What do you call a naughty lamb dressed up like a skeleton for Halloween? Baaad to the bone.
- My son asked me to put his shoes on, but I don’t think they’ll fit me.
- We’ve all seen a refrigerator run, a micro wave, and a kitchen sink. I just saw a toilet bowl. It was a striking experience.

PLANNING TO GO TO ITALY

By Anthony Procopio

In previous articles, I've tried to highlight various cities or sections of Italy to visit. This month I'd like to backtrack a little bit and talk about simply going to Italy. Too many people it seems make planning a trip into a very daunting task and it can be, but it also can be fairly simple, highly enjoyable, and provide memories for the rest of your lives. The trick is to decide what and how much of Italy you want to see. There are the "have tos" and then there is the chance to see what life in Italy is like today. The "have tos" are the famous sites, i.e. the Colosseum, the Sistine Chapel, David, the Grand Canal, etc. To do these famous sites a trip to the "big three" (Rome, Venice, and Florence) is the way to go. Let's start there with the options: 1. Big travel group tour companies like Go Ahead, Perillo, Collette, Trafalgar, Rick Steves. Each one of these can take you from Venice to Florence to Rome and you will see the most important attractions in each city. Usually, state of the art motor coaches are the main form of transportation. The company will take care of your every need usually including airfare options. The groups can be as small as 12 to 35. The advantage of this type of tour is that your time in Italy will be maximized getting you in and out of attractions at the best time or with "skip the line" tickets. They also will have very knowledgeable guides. The drawback, of course, is that you are part of a group and the whole group has to be in lock step as for takeoff and departure times of the day's activities. All things being equal, this is a good option for first time visitors. 2. Do your own thing! **Plan your transportation to Italy**, around Italy, hotels and attractions. You may or may not save money. The trick here is to do your homework and lots of it. Some other complications to consider are that the majority of Italy's airports do not have direct flights. Unless you go to Rome, Venice, Milan, or Naples there is generally a stop in Germany or Switzerland. To get a clearer picture, check out Google Flights. For transportation in Italy a very helpful site is Rome2Rio. Needless to say, booking hotels online is an option, just make sure the hotel is in an area that is convenient to attractions. Right here it should be noted that, in general, hotel rooms in the historic parts of the city tend to be smaller and bathrooms not anywhere near the size of American restrooms. You may want to opt for so called business traveler hotels that are a bit further out and then you would have to learn about public transportation. 3. Small Group Tours. These are usually much less regimented than large Group Tours but if money is less important than comfort or luxury, this is the way to go. Numerous options for these companies exist here in NJ. 4. Travel Agents. Simple: go to an agent, tell the agent all your needs, and they will whip up a trip for you. Once again, costs will be higher as transportation in

Italy is high, especially now with the Euro pegged to 1.16 USD. Go online and search for travel agents that specialize in Italy! 5. Cruise around the boot. This option has several appealing facets such as you only unpack once and your room and bathroom are known factors. Meals are obviously included but this may cause you to eat onboard, not enjoying Italy's amazing cuisine. There are the big cruise lines, like NCL, Royal Caribbean, etc. The caveat here is that some ports like Rome's Civitavecchia and Florence's Livorno are hours away but obviously the cruise line has provided excursions. Unfortunately this is when everyone is visiting Rome, etc. so crowds are part of the equation. There are, however, smaller cruise lines that alleviate some of the Planning to go to Italy logistical problems and also stop in smaller Italian ports rarely visited by Americans. I took this voyage on Windstar's sail ship from Venice to Rome and it is absolutely magical. Needless to say, price comparisons will play a large role here. Some thoughts on "A Better Way to Go". Pick an area with a "have to" and then explore the area around it. Having covered a great deal of Tuscany in the future, we can look at the other areas of Italy. Until then if you have any questions or comments please feel free to email me at draproco@aol.com.

NOT A STEPPING STONE

From Second-in-Command to Commander-in-Chief: Vice Presidents Who Became President

The mid-term elections will be held in November and as soon as they are over, campaigns for the Presidency will begin in earnest, even though the election is still two years away. Naturally, the current Vice-president will be considered among the front runners, however, history has shown the vice-presidency is not the stepping-stone one would think. Often the office of the vice president of the United States is perceived as a quiet, ceremonial role — one that exists principally to preside over the Senate and be ready to assume the presidency if needed. Maybe that is why former Vice-President John Nance Garner ("Cactus Jack"), who served as Franklin D. Roosevelt's vice president from 1933 to 1941, famously described the office as "not worth a bucket of warm spit". But it is also thought of as a launching pad to the nation's highest office. While not all vice presidents seek the presidency, a substantial number have and with mixed results.

The Constitutional Role and Pathway to the Presidency

The U.S. Constitution establishes the vice president as the first in the line of succession. If a president dies,

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resigns, or is removed from office, the vice president “shall become President” under Article II of the Constitution. Early in American history, however, there was debate about whether the vice president merely acted as president or fully assumed the office. In 1841, after President William Henry Harrison’s death, Vice President John Tyler asserted that he became the president in full — not merely acting president — and set what became known as the Tyler Precedent. This precedent was later codified in the Twenty-fifth Amendment in 1967.

This constitutional design means that the vice presidency is more than symbolic: it places its holder directly in line for the nation’s top job. But historical data reveals that becoming president by election — rather than ascension — has been comparatively rare for vice presidents.

History of Vice Presidents Elected to the Presidency

Since the founding of the United States in 1789, 15 vice presidents have gone on to serve as president in some capacity — either through succession or through being elected to the office. But only a subset of these were actually elected president while serving as vice president or later in their careers.

Among those who moved directly from the vice presidency to an elected presidency, just four figures did so while still in office:

1. John Adams — The nation’s first vice president under George Washington, Adams was elected president in 1796.
2. Thomas Jefferson — Serving as vice president under Adams, Jefferson won the presidency in 1800 in a fiercely contested election that led to the Twelfth Amendment, reshaping how presidential and vice presidential candidates were elected.
3. Martin Van Buren — Vice president under Andrew Jackson, Van Buren was elected president in 1836.
4. George H. W. Bush — After serving as Ronald Reagan’s vice president, Bush won the presidency in 1988.

In addition to these sitting VPs, two former vice presidents have also won the presidency after leaving the office:

- Richard Nixon — After serving as vice president under Dwight D. Eisenhower, Nixon was elected president in 1968.
- Joe Biden — Served as vice president to Barack Obama, then won the presidency in 2020.

In total, only six vice presidents have been elected president either during or after their vice presidency — a relatively small proportion compared with how many have sought the office.

The Broader Landscape: Attempts and Setbacks

Historical data shows that being a vice president does not guarantee success on the presidential campaign trail.

According to political research, 29 of the 49 people who have served as vice president have attempted to run for president at some point.

Some notable unsuccessful bids include:

- Vice presidents who ran for the nomination but failed to secure it within their own parties.
- Incumbent vice presidents who won their party’s nomination but lost in the general election.
- Former vice presidents whose attempts to return to influence were blocked by changing political climates or formidable opponents.

The vice presidency often involves a supportive, rather than front-line, role in leadership. That can make it harder for voters to see vice presidents as compelling candidates in their own right.

Why Some Vice Presidents Succeed and Others Don’t

Several factors shape whether a vice president successfully becomes president by election:

- Political environment and timing — A vice president aligned with a popular president sometimes benefits from continuity appeals. Conversely, being tied to an unpopular administration can be a liability.
- Public profile and accomplishments — Some VPs carve out strong individual reputations — through leadership on key issues, crisis management, or public visibility — that bolster a presidential bid.
- Party dynamics — Success often depends on navigating party primaries and aligning with the party’s dominant factions or agendas.

For example, George H. W. Bush effectively capitalized on Reagan’s popularity while projecting his own leadership vision. Meanwhile, former vice presidents who struggled to define their own identities outside of the administrations they served often found limited political traction.

Conclusion: The Vice Presidency as a Stepping Stone

The history of the vice presidency reveals a complex relationship between serving as the second-highest officer and ascending to the highest. The constitutional role places vice presidents squarely in the line of political succession, and historically they have been important figures in governance — even if only a handful have been elected president by voters.

In many ways, the office remains what it was originally designed to be: a supportive partner to the president and the first responder in succession. But for those vice presidents who aspire to the presidency, history shows the path is challenging. Only a select few have successfully crossed that bridge — and each journey reflects not just personal ambition, but broader currents in American politics, public sentiment, and historical moment.

THE HISTORY OF SIDEWALKS

By Larry Sanservere

Sidewalks, often taken for granted in modern urban life, have a long and fascinating history that reflects the development of cities, transportation, and public space. From ancient pathways to contemporary pedestrian infrastructure, sidewalks have evolved alongside human civilization to serve both practical and social purposes. The earliest forms of sidewalks can be traced back to ancient civilizations. In cities like those of ancient Mesopotamia and Egypt, raised pathways were sometimes constructed alongside roads to separate pedestrians from carts and animals. However, it was the Romans who made significant advancements in urban planning, including the development of paved roads with designated pedestrian walkways. Roman streets often featured elevated stone sidewalks, allowing citizens to walk above the mud, waste, and traffic that filled the roadways. These early sidewalks demonstrated an understanding of the need to organize urban movement and improve public hygiene. After the fall of the Roman Empire, much of this infrastructure declined in Europe during the Middle Ages. Streets became narrow, unpaved, and shared by pedestrians, animals, and carts alike. Sidewalks as distinct features largely disappeared, and urban environments became crowded and unsanitary. It wasn't until the early modern period, particularly in the 17th and 18th centuries, that sidewalks began to reemerge in European cities. As populations grew and commerce increased, city planners recognized the need to create safer and more organized streets. London was among the first cities to systematically reintroduce sidewalks. By the late 1600s and early 1700s, paved footways were being installed along major streets to protect pedestrians from traffic and filth. This idea quickly spread to other European cities and eventually to North America. In the United States, sidewalks became more common in the 18th and 19th centuries, especially in rapidly growing urban centers like New York, Boston, and Philadelphia. Initially constructed from wood, sidewalks were later made from stone, brick, and eventually concrete, which proved more durable and cost-effective. The 19th century marked a turning point in sidewalk development. With the rise of industrialization and urbanization, cities expanded rapidly, and the need for organized infrastructure became more urgent. Sidewalks were increasingly seen as essential public amenities. They provided safe spaces for pedestrians, supported commercial activity by encouraging foot traffic, and contributed to the overall order of city life. During this period, municipalities began to establish regulations governing sidewalk construction and maintenance, often requiring property owners to build and upkeep the sidewalks adjacent to their land. In the 20th century, sidewalks continued to evolve, particularly with the rise of the automobile. While cars began to dominate roadways, sidewalks remained crucial for pedestrian safety. Urban planners incorporated sidewalks into broader transportation systems, emphasizing accessibility and connectivity. The passage of laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in 1990 further transformed sidewalks by requiring features like curb ramps and tactile paving to accommodate people with disabilities. Today, sidewalks are recognized not only as functional infrastructure but also as important social spaces. They support walking, community interaction, and environmentally friendly transportation. In many cities, efforts are being made to expand and improve sidewalks as part of broader initiatives to promote sustainability and livability. From ancient stone paths to modern concrete walkways, sidewalks have played a vital role in shaping how people move through and experience urban environments.



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July-At-A-Glance

By Judy Muldoon

Saturday, July 4	July 4th America's 250th Birthday Celebration - 12-4PM - Poolside Entertainment: Mike Zevitt's Band Community Food Table \$15/per person
Thursday, July 9.....	SEMINAR / Lunch: 1 PM <i>Register</i> "Contractor Scams" OC Dept. of Consumer Affairs
Friday, July 10	Bagels & Blood Pressure - 9:45 AM
Thursday, July 16	R & A Meeting - 9:30 AM - Open Meeting All residents invited to attend
Thursday, July 23	BLUE CLAWS Game & Picnic - \$40 (L Sansevere)
Thursday, July 23	Ladies Night 6 PM
Friday, July 24	KARAOKE - 6-10 PM \$10 <i>Bring Your Own Munchies</i>
Monday, July 27	BOARD MEETING - 10 AM

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COMING EVENTS:

SAVE THE DATE: Black & White Affair - Sunday, August 9
\$40 (See Calendar for ticket sales)
entertainment: Lou Abbato

JULY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Editor's Note: Event & times may be subject to change after publication time.

AEROBICS.....	Monday 10 am	BOCCE.....	Tuesday 10 am
BINGO.....	Wed. 6 pm	CERAMICS.....	Thursday 1-3 pm
BILLIARDS/8-BALL.....	Tues & Thurs 6:30 pm	LIFETIME FITNESS.....	Wed. & Fri. 10-11 am
KNITTING.....	Tuesday 10 am	CORNHOLE.....	Tuesday 6 pm
LINE DANCING.....	Tuesday 10 am		

JULY RECYCLING DAYS

6th, 20th

JULY GARBAGE PICKUP

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

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The picnic menu includes hamburgers, hot dogs, and more.

Tickets and food cost \$40/person

Notify Larry Sansevere or the office if you are interested.
The GB2 bus will be available for transportation.



2026 EVENTS

MAY & JULY:

Friday Night Special BINGO

SEPTEMBER:

12 - GOODBYE SUMMER Pool Closing

15 - HIGH TEA

NOVEMBER

29: Tree Lighting

DECEMBER

5: Toys for Tots

13: Holiday Gala

15: Newcomers Party

THOUGHTS ON WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN AMERICAN

Ask ten people what it means to be an American, and you may receive ten different answers. Some may speak of freedom and opportunity. Others may point to patriotism, diversity, or hard work. While Americans often disagree on politics, policies, and priorities, there are certain ideals that have helped define the nation since its founding more than 250 years ago.

At its heart, being an American is about belonging to a country built on a remarkable idea: that people have the right to govern themselves and determine their own future. When the thirteen colonies declared their independence from Great Britain in 1776, they embraced the principle that all people are created equal and possess certain unalienable rights. While the nation has not always lived up to those ideals, they have served as a guiding star through times of challenge and change.

Freedom is perhaps the value most closely associated with America. The freedoms of speech, religion, the press, assembly, and petition are protected by the Constitution and cherished by citizens. Americans are free to express their opinions, practice their faith, and pursue their dreams in ways that many people throughout history could only imagine. These freedoms are not merely privileges; they are responsibilities that require constant vigilance and participation.

Opportunity is another defining characteristic of the American experience. For generations, people from around the world have come to the United States seeking a better life. They arrived with different languages, cultures, and traditions, yet shared a common belief that through hard work and determination they could create a brighter future for themselves and their families. While success is never guaranteed, the promise of opportunity remains one of the country's most enduring attractions.

America is also unique because of its diversity. Few nations can claim such a rich blend of cultures, backgrounds, and perspectives. Americans trace their roots to every corner of the globe, bringing with them customs, foods, music, and traditions that have enriched the nation's character. Rather than weakening the country, this diversity has often been a source of strength, innovation, and resilience.

In his remarks at the groundbreaking ceremony for his presidential library, Ronald Reagan once said, "I would add just one thing that recently came to me in a letter. A man wrote and found it necessary to say this, and I'm pleased that he did. He said, you can go to live in another land -- you can go to live in France, but you can't become a Frenchman. You can go to live in Germany, but you can't become a German. You can go to live in Japan or Turkey, and you cannot become Japanese or Turkish. But anyone, from any corner of the world, can come to live in the United States and become an American."

Being an American also means accepting civic responsibilities. Voting, serving on juries, obeying laws, paying taxes, and participating in community life are all part of maintaining a healthy democracy. The freedoms Americans enjoy depend upon citizens who are willing to engage in public life and work for the common good. Democracy is not a spectator sport; it requires involvement and commitment.

Another important aspect of American identity is resilience. Throughout its history, the nation has faced wars, economic depressions, natural disasters, and social upheaval. Time and again, Americans have demonstrated an ability to adapt, rebuild, and move forward. Whether it was overcoming the hardships of the Great Depression, uniting during World War II, or responding to national tragedies, Americans have often found strength in adversity.

Patriotism, too, plays a role in what it means to be an American. True patriotism is more than waving a flag or attending a parade. It involves appreciation for the nation's achievements while recognizing its shortcomings and striving to make it better. Loving one's country does not require believing it is perfect. In fact, some of the most patriotic Americans in history were those who worked tirelessly to expand liberty, justice, and equality for all.

Perhaps one of the most distinctive qualities of America is its belief in the possibility of progress. Americans have long been dreamers, inventors, entrepreneurs, and explorers. From the Wright brothers' first flight to the Apollo moon landings, from technological innovations to medical breakthroughs, the nation has often looked toward the future with optimism. This belief that tomorrow can be better than today continues to inspire generations.

As the United States approaches its 250th anniversary, it is worth reflecting on the values that have sustained the nation. Americans may come from different backgrounds and hold different viewpoints, but they are united by a shared commitment to freedom, opportunity, democracy, and hope.

What it means to be an American cannot be captured in a single phrase. It is a combination of rights and responsibilities, traditions and aspirations, individual liberty and collective purpose. It is the ongoing story of people striving to build a more perfect union while preserving the freedoms that define the nation.

In the end, being an American is not simply about where one is born. It is about embracing a set of ideals and participating in the continuing effort to make those ideals a reality. That journey, imperfect yet inspiring, is what has always made America unique.

As Lee Greenwood sang, "I'm proud to be an American".

THE LIGHTHOUSES OF NJ

Along the shores of the **New Jersey**, lighthouses stand as enduring sentinels over the Atlantic. Long before GPS and radar, these towers of brick, iron, and stone were lifelines to sailors navigating treacherous shoals, shifting sandbars, and foggy inlets. Today, New Jersey's lighthouses are treasured historic landmarks—icons of maritime heritage that draw visitors from around the country and preserve stories of shipwrecks, storms, and steadfast keepers.

From the northern tip of Sandy Hook to the southern edge of Cape May, these beacons trace the outline of a coastline that has shaped the state's identity for centuries. **Sandy Hook's Twin Lights: Among the Oldest in America**

Perched high on the Navesink Highlands are the **Twin Lights of Navesink**, first lit in 1828 and rebuilt in 1862. These twin brick towers helped ships orient themselves as they approached New York Harbor. Because of their elevation, the lights could be seen from nearly 20 miles at sea.

The site later became a testing ground for lighthouse technology, including early experiments with the Fresnel lens. Today, it operates as a museum, offering sweeping views and a glimpse into the evolution of maritime navigation.

Barnegat Light: Guardian of the Inlet

At the northern end of Long Beach Island stands **Barnegat Lighthouse**, affectionately known as "Old Barney." First lit in 1859, the 172-foot tower marks the dangerous Barnegat Inlet, where shifting shoals caused countless shipwrecks.

Its distinctive black-and-white daymark made it instantly recognizable. Visitors today can climb its 217 steps for panoramic views of the Atlantic and Barnegat Bay, experiencing firsthand why this light was so vital to mariners.

Absecon Lighthouse: Tallest in the State

Rising 171 feet above Atlantic City, **Absecon Lighthouse** is New Jersey's tallest lighthouse and the third tallest in the United States. Built in 1857, its yellow-and-black pattern helped it stand out against the coastal landscape.

Despite urban development surrounding it, the lighthouse remains a preserved oasis of history. Its meticulously restored keeper's house and museum tell the story of lighthouse life in the 19th century.

Cape May Lighthouse: A Coastal Icon

At the southern tip of the state, inside Cape May Point State Park, stands the elegant **Cape May Lighthouse**. Built in 1859, it continues to operate as an active aid to navigation.

Surrounded by dunes, marshes, and bird sanctuaries, the lighthouse is one of the most photographed in New Jersey. Its 199 steps reward climbers with views of the Atlantic Ocean and Delaware Bay.

Hereford Inlet and the Charm of Victorian Design

Unlike the tall, cylindrical towers elsewhere on the coast, **Hereford Inlet Lighthouse** in North Wildwood resembles a Victorian seaside home with a light tower attached. Built in 1874, it is beloved for its gardens and quaint architecture.

The lighthouse still functions as a private aid to navigation and serves as a museum that captures the gentler side of lighthouse history.

Other Notable Lights Along the Coast

Several smaller but historically rich lights dot the shoreline and bays:

- **Sea Girt Lighthouse** (1896), a rare surviving shore lighthouse on the Jersey coast.
- **Tuckers Island Lighthouse**, a faithful replica honoring a lost island community.
- **East Point Lighthouse** on Delaware Bay, guiding ships since 1849.
- **Finns Point Range Rear Lighthouse**, notable for its role as a range light rather than a coastal beacon.

Life of the Lighthouse Keepers

Behind every light was a keeper and often a family. Keepers trimmed wicks, cleaned lenses, wound clockworks, and kept meticulous logs—day after day, in isolation and in all weather. Before automation in the 20th century, this was demanding, lonely work requiring discipline and vigilance.

Many of today's lighthouse museums preserve keeper quarters, offering insight into daily routines and the human stories behind the beams.

Preserving the Beacons

With automation, many lighthouses fell into disrepair. Thanks to local historical societies, state agencies, and volunteers, these structures have been restored and opened to the public. They now serve as educational centers, tourist attractions, and proud symbols of New Jersey's maritime past.

Festivals, night climbs, and educational programs keep the legacy alive for new generations.

Sentinels of the Shore

New Jersey's lighthouses are more than scenic backdrops for photographs. They are monuments to navigation, engineering, and perseverance. They tell stories of storms weathered, ships saved, and communities built around the sea.

As long as they stand watch over the coastline, these beacons will continue to connect the present to a time when a single light in the darkness meant safety, hope, and home.

GREENBRIAR II Homeowners Association Financial Summary

APRIL 2026

Income	Current Month	Year-to-Date	Monthly Budget
Resident Monthly Fees	\$ 111,000.00	\$ 1,110,000.00	\$ 111,000.00
<u>Misc Income</u>			
Late Fees	\$ 350.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 706.25
Fines	\$0.00	(\$658.09)	\$ 93.75
Office Rent	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 18,400.00	\$ 2,000.00
Home Rental Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 750.00
Lease Admin Fee	(\$250.00)	\$6,250.00	\$ -
Interest Income	\$ 1,033.16	\$ 20,414.80	\$ 1,833.33
Briar 2 News Revenue	\$ 850.00	\$ 9,350.00	\$ 850.00
Membership Fees	\$ 6,660.00	\$ 50,715.00	\$ 4,856.25
Misc Income	\$ 360.00	\$ 5,247.14	\$ 191.67
Garage rent	\$ -	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 600.00
Parking Spot rental	\$ 262.44	\$ 8,995.70	\$ 512.50
<u>Total Misc Income</u>	\$ 11,265.60	\$ 126,414.55	\$ 12,393.75
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 122,265.60	\$ 1,236,414.55	\$ 123,393.75
Expenses			
Administrative	\$ 29,573.08	\$ 310,764.82	\$ 30,048.60
Legal & Other Professional	\$ 703.50	\$ 53,047.61	\$ 2,083.33
Common Operations	\$ 43,871.63	\$ 499,057.15	\$ 66,864.23
Pool	\$11,309.00	\$32,895.55	\$ 166.67
Clubhouse **	\$ 24,764.40	\$ 165,149.85	\$ 16,192.59
Bus	\$ 1,894.13	\$ 14,944.79	\$ 1,410.75
Reserves Additions	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 12,500.00
Reserves Interest Allocation	\$ 965.56	\$ 19,157.06	\$ 1,375.00
Deferred Maintenance	\$ 1,166.67	\$ 11,666.70	\$ 1,166.67
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 126,747.97	\$ 1,231,683.53	\$ 131,807.84
Net Income	\$ (4,482.37)	\$ 4,731.02	
RESERVE ACCOUNTS			
Reserves (cash/MMF)	\$ 388,245.88		
Reserves (CD'S)	\$ 350,000.00		
TOTAL RESERVES	\$ 738,245.88		

Storm Fund (cash/MMF) \$ 186.95

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