

The Dog Days of Summer

A SUMMER IN PHOTOS

It's only fitting for our Labor Day issue to contain a heartfelt thank you to our unique and valued Wildwood workforce, whose contributions make life on our seaside island so memorable. There would be no "fun in the sun" without them! Throughout this issue of The SUN we feature many of their local faces!



Ashley McGinty & Kristen Olinger, Little Flower girls at **SAND JAMM!**



Cory Hanahan & Aimee Higgins, **SAND JAMM!** Staffers. Aimee comes from North Lanarkshire **SCOTLAND!**



Liz, Adian, Tj Ohara, Steph, Alexis
UNCLE BILL'S PANCAKES



Betty, Carmen, Sam, Gina & Ricky Ranalli of **Betty Moretti's Seafood Restaurant**



Gorenkova Yuliya, Ierure Rodica, Jaclyn Maier & Katie Freeman @ the new **STEWART'S**



Tim Wade of Island Painters



J.J. & Sharon (Everyone thinks she's Marie!) Roman of Marie's Flowers in North Wildwood



Jeanne John, Jose Roman, Michael John, Michelle Maletteri, Judy Wilges, Anna Harrison, Robin Conley **SURFSIDE WEST DINER**



Denielle Roach, Terrel McKelvey, Crystal & Lori Roach of **Laura's Fudge**

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RICK'S SEAFOOD of North Wildwood Summer of '08 Employees~ **Jon Schad, George Butterfield, Michael Doc, Michael Lake, Pat Griendling, Ryan Cummings**



TUCKERS PUB Bartender **Colin Howell** and owner **Bob Villone** with local patron **Glenn Kay** of **Beecher Kay Realty**, the oldest family owned business still operating in the Wildwoods today ~ 101 years.



THE 3 CASEY'S ON THIRD **Kevin, Michelle, Sean** ~ {PHOTO ARCHIVE SUMMER '06}



TONY'S ISLAND CAFE of North Wildwood ~ Owners **Barb & Mike Farrell** {PHOTO ARCHIVE SUMMER '07}



FLIP FLOPZ - TIKI BAR - CHAMPAGNE ISLAND RESORT **Joe, Jr. & Joe Mahoney & Kelly New** wearin' the green! {PHOTO ARCHIVE ST. PATTY'S DAY '08}



DOUGLASS CANDIES' **James & Jason Dugan**, 4th generation candy makers. {PHOTO ARCHIVE SUMMER '07}



FIREHOUSE TAVERN ~ **Fred Maher, George Fox, Bill Murphy, Joe Bukowski, Jack Fletcher**



FIREHOUSE TAVERN ~ **Ken Novsak, Fred Maher, Bill McCann**



GOOD NIGHT IRENE'S ~ Owners **Dan, Dave, Laura, Connie Stefankiewicz** {PHOTO ARCHIVE SUMMER '07}

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With summer showing no signs of stopping, now seems the perfect time to relive those recent, salt-scented memories before the temperatures inevitably drop. Our seashore haven worked overtime during this sunniest of seasons, with a variety of events keeping shore lovers happily entertained. Beach yoga became a peaceful way to begin the average summer day, while craft shows competed with Concerts Under the Stars. For the young and the young at heart, the Sidewalk Chalk Competition colorfully drew a line in the sand as the Geriatric Miniature Golf Tournament found its place in the family fun-in-the-sun files. Starting off each show-stopping weekend was Friday Night Fireworks, which illuminated an already spectacular shoreline.

No matter how you spent your summer (vacation), why not find the sunniest spot on the porch and experience all over again the SUNny events that happily occurred *While You Were Here...*

JULY JAMS AT THE SHORE- Music in the Stars. Summer at the shore began on a musical note as the Radio Disney Summer Concert Series, sponsored by Morey's Piers and the Wildwoods Tourism Authority, featured a series of summertime concerts at Morey's Mariners Landing Pier on Schellenger Avenue & the Boardwalk. Among those performing at the free outdoor concerts were the popular kids' band, Doodlebops, A Cursive Memory, Jordan Pruitt, and **Hannah Montana's** Mitchel Musso along with **That's So Raven's** Raven Symone, who met some of her biggest fans, **Lucy Becker, Julia Walden,** and the **Peterson** girls at the event. (Below photos by Rob.)



Pawing for the Dog Days of Summer The 4th Annual Patriotic Pooch Parade, along with "Kids Decorate Your Bike for the Fourth of July," was held in North Wildwood on Friday, July 4th. North Wildwood Public Events Coordinator Joe Quattrone promised pet owners and lovers would have the most fun at the event, with prizes given for the most unique, patriotically-dressed dog. Picture-postcard moments captured the decorative festivities as the dog days of summer heated up!



Miss North Wildwood 2008-09
~ Miss Delia Marie Cannon

A Summer Fit for a True Beauty As summer turned up the heat, 18-year old Wildwood Catholic High School graduate **Delia Marie Cannon** was crowned the new Miss North Wildwood at the Lou Booth Amphitheater on Thursday, July 10th. Chosen from a field of 11 contestants, Delia received a \$500 scholarship and now proudly represents North Wildwood at all important city events. This Fall, Delia will be a St. Joseph's University student majoring in Special Education/Speech Pathology. Congratulations to a genuine beauty!



Wildwood Chamber of Commerce Staff with the Byron Family on July 10th at the official Grand Opening of **Pete's Pork Roll** on the Boardwalk.

A Season for Barbeques and Blues Wildwood Style Beyond the pier, the skies brightened for the three-day open-air BBQ and Blues Festival, held in North Wildwood on 2nd & Olde New Jersey Avenues July 11th to the 13th, where hungry, ultimately satisfied crowds endured long lines to feast on their favorite barbeque cuisine. Fortunately, it was deliciously worth the wait!

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Surrounded by a beauty only a world by the water's edge could create, a grand reopening was held July 11th for the newly restored **Wildwood Crest Beach Pier** at Heather Rd. Pictured below is **Grace Rogers** who cut the ribbon to officially reopen the pier, along with her father **Geoff** and Wildwood Crest Commissioner **Don Cabrera** who discussed plans for a variety of new recreation programs. The revitalization development for the 1917 pier was assisted by a \$400,000 grant from the NJ Dept. of Community Affairs and worked in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act policy.



See Page 13 for a story on the history of the Pier

A Golf Tournament for all Ages ~ The 6th Annual Geriatric Miniature Golf Tournament was held on Thursday, July 17th at Shipwreck Dunes Golf Course at **Sunset Bay** in North Wildwood with a Shotgun Start. Golfers from as far as Maryland and the Florida Keys, along with shore residents and vacationers, took part in the event, making it the largest number of golfers so far (90). Afterward, the Moose lodge held the awards ceremony, which included a buffet and a Sing-a-long. **Larry Haines** organized the first event six years ago and continues to manage the details, including sending all proceeds to the local SOC (Survivors of Cancer) organization while he currently survives his own battle with lung cancer.



Larry Haines himself!



[Commissioner] Sgt Bill Davenport poses in his U.S. Marine Corps uniform he wore in Vietnam.

A Fitting Tribute "The Wall that Heals," a memorial including the names of over 5,000 soldiers killed in Vietnam, made a poignant entrance into Wildwood's Fox Park on Thursday, July 17th with hundreds attending. The opening ceremony was hosted by Vietnam Veterans of America Michael P. Callahan Memorial, Chapter 955, who made the wall's trip to Cape May County possible. Twenty two empty chairs adorned in red, white, and blue symbolized the 22 county residents killed during the war, including Michael P. Callahan, whose father John spoke of his son's sacrifice. Wildwood Mayor Troiano expressed his gratitude to the fallen soldiers' families while guest speaker state Senator Jeff Van Drew spoke of the choice to keep the wall simple in reflection of the human spirit's nobility. The memorial wall was displayed through Sunday, July 20th.



John Volrath, Vietnam Veteran and Retired Wildwood Postman at the Opening Ceremonies

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It's Festival Time! The Borough of Wildwood Crest Recreation Department hosted its annual Freedom Festival over the 4th of July weekend at the Gazebo-by-the-Sea at Rambler Road. An estimated 10,000 took part in the three-day event, which included dozens of arts, crafts and food vendors, as well as live music and children's entertainment.



Aidan Bradley, 4, of Wildwood Crest, is all smiles as face painter extraordinaire Marjorie Preston performs her work.



Cassidy Cucinotta, 8, of Clifton Heights, Pa., and her cousins, Allison Devlin, 9, and Erin Devlin, 4, of Trevese, Pa., belt out one of their favorite tunes on the Freedom Festival's karaoke machine.

Christmas in July for Kids of all Ages

Reliving childhood days of (shore) holidays, the grand finale to the 20th Annual Wildwoods Christmas in July Boat Parade was held Saturday, July 19th at Sunset Lake. The event was hosted by the Wildwood Crest Recreation Department and included live music and children's activities followed by a magnificent fireworks show over the lake.

Along with renowned entertainer Lou DeMeis, who performed Christmas inspired music, the infamous Hegeman String band played popular New Year's Day songs. The event culminated with a parade of holiday-decorated boats, with all in attendance in a Christmas frame of mind. A jolly time was had by all!

Another crowd gathered on July 17th in support of "**Cameron's Quest**," a proposal born out of a need to raise much-needed funds for young cancer patient **Cameron Rogers**. In addition to a surfing contest, there was a raffle and an auction, with prizes ranging from surfboards to Costa Rica excursions. Dreamscapes Ice Cream Parlor and Dolce Italia in North Wildwood provided water ice and pizza. Jon Paxton donated a full buffet for the after party. For further information, visit www.myspace.com/camersonsquest. See Photos by Rob Kulisek on Page 44



Who needs to go to Key West for a beautiful sunset when we have them in our backyard? Photo by Frank Heller of North Wildwood from his boat off of Cape May Pt.



Backyard & Poolside Parties! Summer at the shore inspired more than soaring temperatures and the need for a higher SPF. All across the island, backyard parties were happily taking place, with the occasional ocean breeze offering a welcomed relief.

Many family reunions were enjoyed during this sultry season while the cool spirit of Hawaii magically found its way to many of our seaside "hot spots," including Golden Tiara Condo, where good friends **Maria, Libby, Patti, Debbie & Dot** celebrated summer island style!

Thousands gathered on hot summer nights across the island; 2nd St. Lou Booth Amphitheater, Fox Park Amphitheater, the Gazebo & Sunset Lake in the Crest, where FREE concerts took place all summer long!



Joyce Sevesky, friend of Pat Nagel, dances to the beat of the Shirelles at a free summer concert. Guess what Joyce's favorite Wildwood paper is? continues on next page

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August Arrives in Breathtaking Splendor (Baby) Parading Through Town

Wildwood's 99th Annual Baby Parade, the oldest continuous parade in New Jersey, took a youthful stroll down the Wildwoods Boardwalk on August 7th. A variety of original, ornamental strollers, wagons, and float-style vehicles participated in the event with each sporting a unique theme. Pictured below are this year's Grand Marshals **Will and Jack Morey**, of Morey's Pier and Beachfront Waterparks. In lieu of an entry fee, the Morey brothers requested donations be made to support the efforts of Cape May County United Way Food Campaign.



A Little Bit of Wildwood Baby Parade History. The first baby parade took place on August 28, 1909 in Wildwood and the 1st place winners were 6 mo. old twins, Ward & Cooper Bright. By 1920, the line of march was from 24th & Surf Ave. to Pacific Ave., then up to Oak and from Oak Ave. to Boardwalk (which at the time was where Atlantic Ave. is today.)

The Baby Parade in Wildwood was once named "John A. Ackley Baby Parade" after the leading realtor & auctioneer of 5 Mile Beach.



Queen Oceana & her Court have always been an integral part of the Wildwood Baby Parade. The photo above was taken at Schellenger's Restaurant where the annual Queen Oceana luncheon took place.

Jamie Bottoms, 2008 Queen, 2nd to left, passes the crown to Maggie Senatore, the new Queen Oceana (middle)

(Rubber Ducky) Racing through Town Competition was colorful but tight at the Rubber Ducky Regatta, which took place on the rain date Sunday, August 17th at Raging Waters Water Park. Thousands of distinctive rubber ducks took part in the annual benefit hosted by the United Way of Cape May County.

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Dean Lyon, Colleen & Denise Carusi, Jeff & Lance Walden are Ocean Outfitter's Summer Surf Specialists {PHOTO ARCHIVE SUMMER '05}



Natalie Rowan, Mary Condron & Tom Rowan enjoyed watching the Phillies Win this summer @ **OWEN'S PUB** along with their friends below, Donny Van Diver, Eleanor Pilotti, Marybeth VanDiver, & Jackie McWade



Although the sun seems the most vibrant in the summer, fall may just be the brightest time to be by the sea. The Mummer's String Band Weekend promises to march summer shore worshippers into a star-studded fall and find them the best seats at the 2nd Annual Wildwoods by the Sea Film Festival, which highlights stars of a silver-screen variety. Next up, the Thunder on the Beach Monster Truck Race kicks up sand while picking up breezier temperatures. The cooler ocean air, apparently, inspires celebrations among the nations as The Irish Fall Festival finds some friendly competition at An Olde Time Italian Festival. Meanwhile, the Roar to the Shore Motorcycle Rally paves a welcome way back in time to the Fabulous 50's Weekend.

A gentler, yet jam-packed fall prepares to outshine an abundant summer, as those resistant to the passage of time remember poet Celia Thaxton's proclamation, "There shall be an eternal summer in the grateful heart."

Though the dog days of summer live gratefully in each shore lover's heart, we here at The SUN thankfully look forward to all the exciting, sun-drenched events happening throughout "Autumn, the year's last, loveliest smile." [writer William Cullen Bryant] **Stay tuned!**

~by Meg Corcoran/Dorothy Kulisek/Rob Kulisek

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Anthony Alfe of **Alfe's Italian Restaurant** arrives home after a day of fun at **Crest Pier Summer Day Camp**.



LA PIAZZA CUCINA~
Sue, ReRe, BarBara, Carol
 WATCH OUR JOEY M ON CHEFS!



{Photo Archive May '07} **WOODY'S PLACE~**
CAROL & TOM SAWYER
DID YOU KNOW? Woody's Place (the actual building) in North Wildwood is 101 Years old? On March 16, 2007 a celebration was held to commemorate the Original Home of the North Wildwood Fire Company #1



North Wildwood residents **Marcia Leimberg** with **Shannon & Connor Flynn** pose in front of their patriotic creation.



Radostin Nikolov, 2 Yr. old **Angelique Cora Richardson** (Tammy Barth's Beautiful GrandDaughter!), **Dimita Nonchev** on the 60th Anniversary of the Wildwood Boardwalk Tram Car, June 11th, 2008.



NINO'S on the Triangle
FAMILY RESTAURANT
Jenny, Dianna, Jacqueline & Marianne
 MANGIA!



Aubrey, Laura, Paul, Jasmine, April & Jessica of the **WAREHOUSE WICKER** at the foot of the Rio Grande Bridge .
 {PHOTO ARCHIVE SUMMER '07}



The Girls at **HOFFMAN AGENCY NORTH** with their furry Co-Workers~
 Laura & Moondoggie, Colleen & Chazzey & Shelby, Kate & Sunny and Sylvia & Tuckie Boy



"The Barnabei Family"
MARIE NICOLE'S - CONCORD CAFE
 {PHOTO ARCHIVE SUMMER '07}



Ryan - Zack - Josh
 stop off at Sand Jamm before a surf sesh.
No Shoes! No Shirt! No Problem!



At **BRADLEY'S BIKES ~**
Trevor & Jarod, Dan & Tom Bradley
 A Bradley Family Business for over 50 YEARS!



The **STAR DINER CAFE** is out of **this world!** Pictured above l-r are **Justin, Michael, Vivian & Karen**~ little Cameron's mom! See her little guy on page 44



Crest Pier Associate BRIAN CUNIFF