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!

Tim Wade of Island Painters

Rick’s SEAFOOD of North Wildwood
Summer of ‘08 Employees— Jon Schad, George Butterfield, Michael Doc, Michael Lake, Pat Griendling, Ryan Cummings

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

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DOUGLASS CANDIES’ James & Jason Dugan, 4th generation candy makers. (Photo Archive Summer ’07)

TONY’S ISLAND CAFE of North Wildwood — Owners Barb & Mike Farrell
(Photograph Summer ’07)

GOOD NIGHT IRENE’S ~ Owners Dan, Dave, Laura, Connie Stefankiewicz
(Photograph 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 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 file. 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 SunShiny Summer at the Shore. 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 Michel 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.)

**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!

**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.

**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 barbecue cuisine. Fortunately, it was deliciously worth the wait!
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, food vendors, as well as live music and children’s entertainment.

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

Cassidy Cucinotta, 8, of Clifton Heights, Pa., and her cousins, Allison Devlin, 9, and Erin Devlin, 4, of Trevose, 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 19, 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. Dreamscicles 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/cameronquest.

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, Pati, 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!

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 lead 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 @ OWENS PUB along with their friends below. Donny Van Diver, Eleanor Pilotti, Marybeth Van Diver, & 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 Mummers String Band Weekend promises to march summer shore worshipers 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 breezer temperatures. The cooler ocean air, apparently, inspires celebrations among the nations as The Irish Fall Festival finds some friendly temperaments. The cooler ocean air, apparently, inspires celebrations among the nations as The Irish Fall Festival finds some friendly temperaments.

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“By the Sea,” by Thomas H. White

~by Meg Corcoran/Dorothy Kulisek/Rob Kulisek
Radostin Nikolov, 2 Yr. old Angelique Cora Richardson (Tammy Barth’s Beautiful GrandDaughter), Dimta Nonchev on the 60th Anniversary of the Wildwood Boardwalk Tram Car, June 11th, 2008.

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