Although the dog days of summer must ultimately come to an end, memories, thankfully, last forever. This year, summer by the sea inspired enough memories to last throughout the fall and beyond. The Wildwoods invited its locals and tourist to an endless assortment of free activities, complete with breathtaking views and light, salty breezes. The city-sponsored dolly rides were the best way to (trolley) travel. Fireworks on the Beach, as always, lit up an already panoramic sky, as Music by the Ocean, alongside the Summer Sunset Concert Series, continuously added harmony to the tranquil air.

Stewart’s 1st Annual Eating Contest was a sweet success, drawing crowds of all ages. Contest was a sweet success, the tranquil air. Fireworks on the Beach, as always, lit up an already panoramic sky, as Music by the Ocean, alongside the Summer Sunset Concert Series, continuously added harmony to the tranquil air.

Pawing for the Dog Days of Summer The 5th Annual Patriotic Pooch Parade, along with “Kids Decorate Your Bike for the Fourth of July,” was held in North Wildwood on Saturday, July 4th. North Wildwood Public Events Coordinator Joe Quattrone promised pet owners 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! Who said cats weren’t able to celebrate their independence! This cool cat, (who may be familiar to Sun readers as the cat with the flips), is TAZ, the Patriotic Pussycat showing his color. He enjoys Cat Naps on a hot summer day at his seashore home in Anglesea.

Cats Invade Summer’s Dog Days! For beauty of a feline kind, the William Penn and the European Burmese Cat Club offered a CFA Championship Cat Show at the Wildwood Convention Center on August 15th & 16th. Up to 40 different pedigree cat breeds and household pets from local areas were vying for top awards in the Cat Fanciers’ Association, Inc. show. Many local shelters were also present with cats looking for new, cat-loving homes.

What when it comes to kickin’ back with summer friends, there’s no better place to enjoy “fun in the sun,” before and after the beach, than in the Wildwoods, the ultimate Dog Days of Summer vacation destination!
Launching a Book and a Store, the Morey Way—literally! The Morey Family together with the Wildwoods Boardwalk Special Improvement District present hosted a sweet celebration of four decades of family entertainment on July 16th as human cannonball David “the Bullet” Smith flew 155 feet across the pier carrying two books commemorating their Book Launch Party featuring their 40th Anniversary book, “A Wild Ride.” Also being celebrated in high style was the grand opening of the Morey Store. The book, written by Jack Wright, discusses the illustrious Morey’s Pier history while paying homage to its impressive climb as one of the world’s highest-rated seaside amusement parks. The store displays the most up-to-date apparel and accessories for shore goers of all ages, complete with the Morey trademark name.

Karen Morey with her son Zachary who served guests fresh squeezed lemonade... it was a cup-o-summer!

“Scratch a dog and you'll find a permanent job.”
~FRANKLIN P. JONES

Wildwood’s Lt. Rich Adair with Elvis, a kodak moment captured by Rob Kulisek

Drue Sottnick & Maggie Parsons at their summer jobs @ Russo’s Market in North Wildwood

Long time Moreys employees, Anne O’Boyle & Lee Brasch— their debut appearance in The SUN

At Carvel with Mr. Fudgie are Maria Winning, Carolann Mastalski & Nick Holland

Long time Moreys employees, Joanne Duffy, Denise Beckson & Angel Daniels

Jordan & Will Morey served world famous Curley Fries for all their guests in the Tea Cups

The Lawncares specialists, Chip Collier, Justin McCausland, Jimmy McKee

Long time Moreys employees, Joanne Duffy, Denise Beckson & Angel Daniels

At DUFFY’S on-the-Lake in Wildwood Crest are Nick Holland, Mary Marino, Lindsay Galle, Carli Senatore, Brittany Toland, Kim Holland & Brad Greenbum.

Teamwork at its very best! Jack Morey (& the Morey Organization) & Jack Wright of Exit Zero Publishing in Cape May, resulted in a synergy that produced the WILD RIDE, described by Wright as “a thrilling story of high risks, big ideas, large monsters and a huge amount of fun!”

Rich & Jack Appelonia of Crab Island Restaurant & Bar & Liquor Store

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Grace Lederer, MaryKate Cheafsky, James Redmond at their summer jobs @ Russo’s Market in North Wildwood
A luncheon was held at **Sunset Bay Restaurant** in North Wildwood on Wednesday, July 15th where Miss North Wildwood 2009 candidates were interviewed, and treated to a luncheon. Pictured above are: **Ashley Nicole Russo**, 17, North Wildwood, (runner up), **Victoria Miniscalco**, 17 (Summer) North Wildwood, (Second runner up), **Catherine Rose Matteucci**, 16, North Wildwood, **Marcelina Julia Moya**, 20, Wildwood, **Dannielle Sharkey**, 17, North Wildwood, **Cara Jo Swetsy**, 17, (Summer) North Wildwood, **Elizabeth Beltri**, 18, North Wildwood, **Danielle DePeso**, 16 Cape May Court House. Committee Members: **Pat Cafiero**, **Peggy Quattrone**, **Joe Quattrone**, **Mrs. Versaggi**.

**A North Wildwood Beauty**- Possessing her own trademark beauty, **Deneen Marie Piotrowski**, 18, was crowned Miss North Wildwood 2009 at the Lou Booth Amphitheater on Thursday, July 16th. She is a graduate of St. Ann’s Regional School and Cape May County Tech School where she majored in Biology/Physical Therapy. She earned first honors all through high school along with four sizeable scholarships toward her tuition at Stockton College, where she’ll major in Physical Therapy in the fall. As Miss North Wildwood, Deneen received $500, the crown, and a trophy and will proudly participate in many events and parades during the year.

Diane McMonagle, (left) had a busy and quite enjoyable summer entertaining relatives in her North Wildwood home. A visit to the new WILDWOODS sign was on Ed & Carol Gorczyca’s “must do” vacation list, while relaxing on the porch and on the beach and taking tram car rides is all the Preston’s from North Carolina were looking to do during their visit. Either way, the Wildwoods has something for everyone!

**WILD BILL DeWald** says: “if it’s from the sea, it’s for me!”

Big Clam Charlie Hugh likes to stop by and chat with his friend Bob Surr at the North Wildwood Marina. When he’s not out clammin’ he’s enjoying the blue claws.

L-R: Eugene, Sara, Joyce Preston & Diane. Gene’s favorite summer job was at Woody’s Place, the Summer of ’76

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**Retired Realtor & former Wildwood Crest Commissioner, Jules Gold & Art Schard** now man the Nesbitt Information Center at Rambler Rd. beach in Wildwood Crest.

**WILDWOODS**

**Mark Kirkner & Grace Isaksen** not only ♥ their customers, they ♥ each other! They met their true love at Michael’s Fabricare! They are soon to be Mr. & Mrs. Kirkner, Congratulations! ♥

**Mr. & Mrs. Earl Groff** leaving their restaurant after a hard days work. Groff’s Restaurant has been owned & operated by the Groff family for 85 years at the same location. Some things never change! Including great dinners and homemade pies!

**8th Annual Conway Family “Waffle Ball Tourney**

August 1st ~ (bottom photo) The 8th Annual Conway Family “Waffle Ball Tourney” was held Saturday, Aug 1st at 23rd & the Bay. This year’s tournament, held in memory of the family patriarch, **Howard Paul Conway**, was won by his granddaughters, Amanda Piazza and Briana Bepler and Mike Kusner. The trio was undefeated in the double elimination tournament, taking the crown after defeating runner-ups, (and pre-tournament favorites) Ann Conway, Pat Miller, Linda Piazza, and Erica Piazza in the championship game. The highlight of the day was a stunning over-the-shoulder catch with two outs and the bases loaded by Nicole Conway in a semi-final game. The lowlight of the day was the over-the-hill lackluster play of her father, Howard Conway, Jr, a former athlete when he was much younger. Bobby Miller basically watched all afternoon after quickly losing two consecutive games.

**Backyard, Back Bay Parties! Porch Parties! Pool Parties! Clam shell Tournaments! Wiffleball Tournaments!**

All across the island, were parties happily taking place, and people happily enjoying what summer is all about. Many family reunions were enjoyed during this season of fun, as well as high school reunions and neighborhood reunions as well, like the photos above, taken at **Sunset View Marina & Raw Bar**, on the bay at 3rd St. in North Wildwood. Northeast Philadelphia’s **Joey M** was the host while Mike LeCompte supplied the tunes as he played many old favorites and requests... it was a perfect summer day, the children all got to enjoy playing in the bay!

**Return to the bay!**

**Summer is for L♥vers**

...some things never change like the photos above, taken at Sunset View Marina & Raw Bar @ 3rd & the Bay, North Wildwood.

From NE Philadelphia to 3rd & the Bay’s Sunset View Marina in N. Wildwood... **Joey M & Mike LeCompte**

As Bobby Miller basically watched all afternoon after quickly losing two consecutive games.
July 24th ~Father & Son, Bob & Steve Narrigan worked up an appetite after a back bay morning kayak ride by Sunset Bay Restaurant & Castaways Beach Bar.

July 25th, Sand Blast Beach Run Team 222: Back row...Nick Stangler, KC Lamb, John Fetsick, Jenna Beck, Andreea Yeter, Shannon Lockwood, Jimmy Synder and Joe Beck. Center row...Jaime Cheafsky, Kyle Francis, Marykate Cheafsky, Jennifer Fetsick, Melissa Montalvo, Krista Fetsick and Owen McQuire. Center front...Casey Francis.

July 27 ~ Chuck & Jeanette Burns with city officials ceremoniously cut the red ribbon at their Grand Opening of the Ice House Restaurant on historic Otten's Harbor, Wildwood.

July 31st ~ Another rainy summer night sent droves of vacationers flocking to Wildwood’s only Blockbuster for the best family home entertainment on the island.

Ozzie Sandora, James Hemingway, Judge Kenneth E. Calloway and Andrew J. Kane, III held early morning court all summer long.

John Freeman ~ on his trip home from the beach.

Island girls Amy & Emily Coleman celebrated the Grand Opening of the new Ice House Restaurant.

SAM’S PIZZA PALS
Nina Baumgartner of Orange City, Florida, and cousin Paulie French of Hampton, Virginia, are all smiles at Sam’s Pizza Palace. They’re the granddaughter and nephew of Robert and Mona Sofronski of Port Richmond and North Wildwood.

Drew McKeefery & Matt Bolinski enjoyed their summer jobs @ LAKEVIEW DOCKS on Sunset Lake in Wildwood Crest. The Best Ride in the Crest!!!!!! See Claudia & Claudia!

66 year old TAMMY BARTH Parasailing in the Wildwoods is fun no matter what your age!

Summer Sailed Beautifully into August until it Rained on Our Parade! Plunging into another unique event, August 6, 2009 marked the 100th Anniversary of the First Wildwoods Baby Parade. As one of the oldest, baby parades in the area, the event has drawn thousands of babies over the years, with contestants wearing a variety of imaginative costumes. Much-loved community member Reverend Thomas Goslin, II of Wildwood Crest was given the special honor of Grand Marshal, fitting considering the Goslin family has been tied to Wildwood’s history since his grandfather settled here in 1903, years before the Baby Parade started. Thomas Goslin also holds the honor of being a former winner for prettiest baby in 1924. To keep people from questioning the parade’s integrity, his father, H. Foster Goslin, President of Wildwood Board of Trade, refused the $20 first prize.

The parade route usually starts at the Wildwood Convention Center and ends at 16th Street in North Wildwood, but this year the event was held indoors due to the inclement weather.

Note: Capt. Regalbuto can be seen on page 41 !!!
Aug. 8th ~ PRO DEBUT VICTORY
North Wildwood’s Josh Mercado’s hand is raised in victory after scoring a unanimous four-round decision over Terrell Boggs in his first professional bout at 139 pounds at Bally’s in Atlantic City in August.

Aug. 8th ~ Ronny, Jim (the new drummer in Kit’s place), Karl, Big John, Mrs. Caterini (owner of the Rip Tide where the Kit Kats use to play back in the day), Paul Russo and myself, Dorothy. Photo was taken after a performance at Cool Scoops. In my hand is the album that my father took to the Riptide and had the Kit Kats sign for my siblings & I. The Kit Kats joined together as a group in 1962. This was their first gig together in 37 years (with the exception of founding member Kit Stewart, who passed away in 2001). Note! It was also the first time they ever played at an ice cream parlor! Thanks to Paul & Lori Russo of Cool Scoops!

Aug. 11th ~ The Dog Days officially reached their peak with a sultry summer night of music & meteor showers at the Cramer Lake offshore. Jamie & Corey Cramer organized the gathering with all proceeds going to Kasempa, Zambia, where this brother & sister team spent three months last year ministering at the mission hospital. Check out the blog they kept while there at this site: restlesswanderers.blogspot.com

Saturday evening the Kit Kats reunited at the Lou Booth Ampitheater, and afterwards they received a well-deserved Wildwood Music Award from founder Paul Russo.

Ralph Grassi of Wildwood Crest at the Morey Family’s Wild Ride Book Launch Event on Mariner’s Landing Pier. Go to www.funchase.com if you love the Wildwoods!
August 15th – the North Wildwood Beach Patrol welcomed “21 Down” families, (a down’s syndrome awareness group) to the inlet beach for the 1st Annual Swim with the Lifeguards. Water safety talks, riding waves, paddleboard lessons, and games filled the afternoon.

With so many free, fabulous things to be a part of in the Wildwoods this summer, many shore lovers are resisting letting the season take its final sunlit bow. Take heart, summer lovers, as another great season surfs in to these sandy shores. There’s plenty of year-round fun to be had as the sound of Thunder on the Beach announces the arrival of the Monster Truck Race. Farther on down the beach block, there’s a Fall Festival, for the Irish in all of us, and a Boardwalk Car Show as classic as the town itself. For the nostalgic type, there’s great food to be had at An Olde Time Italian Festival as well as a modern day, musical twist weaving through another Fabulous 50s Weekend. Whatever decade you prefer, fall promises to pack more than pumpkins under the harvest moon as it waves summer a bittersweet good-bye. May those still not convinced autumn is an amazing time of year find comfort in the words of wise poet Percy Bysshe Shelley, who believed, “There is a harmony in autumn, and a luster in its sky, which through the summer is not heard or seen, as if it could not be, as if it had not been!”

We here at the SUN wish you all the harmony our island provides, along with a lustrous sky, and many more Sun-packed stories to come!

by Meg Corcoran & Dorothy Kulisek