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SUNDAY, MAY 12TH

★ SENSATIONL SOUL CRUISERS @ 1:00 pm

FRIDAY, MAY 17TH

★ SEAN PATRICK & THE ALIBIS @ 8:00 pm

SATURDAY, MAY 18TH

★ NON-STOP BAND @ 1:00 pm | Outdoor Tiki Stage

★ THE POLISH NANNIES @ 8:00 pm

SUNDAY, MAY 19TH

★ MIKE DALTON BAND @ 1:00 pm | Outdoor Tiki Stage

THURSDAY, MAY 23RD

★ SENSATIONAL SOUL CRUISERS @ 8:00 pm

FRIDAY, MAY 24TH

★ MIKE DALTON BAND WITH HORNS @ 9:00 am | Outdoor Tiki Stage

★ MUSHMOUTH @ 2:00 pm | Outdoor Tiki Stage

★ SCREAMING BROCCOLLI @ 5:00 pm | Outdoor Tiki Stage

★ THE CLIFFS @ 9:00 pm | Outdoor Tiki Stage

SATURDAY, MAY 25TH

★ NO STANDARDS @ 12:00 pm | Outdoor Tiki Stage

★ BIG BANG BABY @ 5:00 PM | Outdoor Tiki Stage

★ NIGHT ANTHEM @ 9:00 PM | Outdoor Tiki Stage

★ THE CLIFFS @ 1:00 am | Outdoor Tiki Stage

SUNDAY, MAY 26TH

★ EDDIE TESTA BAND @ 12:00 pm | Outdoor Tiki Stage

★ JUMPER @ 5:00 pm | Outdoor Tiki Stage

★ STEREO SOCIAL CLUB @ 9:00 pm | Outdoor Tiki Stage

★ NIGHT ANTHEM @ 1:00 am | Outdoor Tiki Stage

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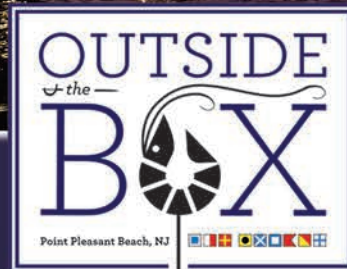
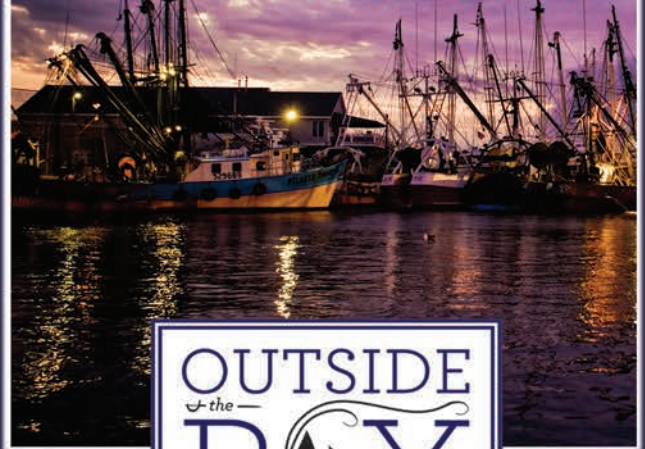
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Life is but a dream on these local boating excursions

Whether it's a sunset pedal around a lake or a whale watching excursion out on the ocean, there's something for everyone this summer at the Shore

BY KIERAN SULLIVAN
N&D MAGAZINE

As the summer season rapidly approaches, one of the many ways to enjoy the Jersey Shore is by boat. Throughout Monmouth and Ocean County, there are hundreds of charter boats, pleasure cruises and fishing trips that can create lasting memories and fun days on the water.



BIG MOHAWK CHARTERS

Looking to reel in the catch of a lifetime? Up and down the Jersey Shore, fishing charters are just a call away. Don't know the first thing about fishing? No need to worry, veteran captains and crew will guide you throughout the journey on the Atlantic.

If you're looking for a relaxing voyage or sightseeing, there are options for every interest, whether it's a sunset cruise or a whale watching excursion, there is something for everyone along the Jersey Shore this summer. Are you bored of your average everyday land party? No fear, pleasure cruises are here! Bring the party to the sea this summer with a group of your best friends!

Across the coast, there are so many fantastic party boat options to accommodate any celebration, no matter the size. Enjoying the summer by boat is tough to beat, and here are some of N&D's recommendations for how to do exactly that.

MISS BELMAR

The Miss Belmar runs both fishing and whale watching charters out of the Belmar Marina. Want to see some whales? The Miss Belmar guarantees a whale sighting when you book a trip, and if the trip is unsuccessful, no need to worry, you can book a trip for free at a later secondary date. Miss Belmar also runs a series of fishing charters throughout the summer. Fishing the Atlantic for more than 85 years, the Miss Belmar sails daily from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for blue fish and stripers and every afternoon from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. for fluke and bottom fish. To learn more about daily fishing trips, whale watching excursions and private event bookings: visit missbelmar.com or call 732-681-6866.

QUEEN MARY

Queen Mary, a family owned and operated 85 ft. vessel docked in Point Pleasant, runs fishing trips, sunset cruises, private parties and whale watching ex-

cursions throughout the summer season and beyond. The boat runs fishing trips daily from 6:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and targets stripers, sea bass and blue fish with no reservations needed. Starting at \$99 for adults and \$65 for children, the Queen Mary sails the Atlantic in many different capacities with experienced captains and crew leading the way. For more information on the many excursions the vessel offers, booking and additional information visit the website, nqueenmary.com.

BIG MOHAWK CHARTERS

Big Mohawk offers daily fishing trips, private boat charters and private sunset cruises in Belmar. With veteran captains and crew, Big Mohawk welcomes fishers of all skills and provides the material for a memorable day at sea with friends and family. Director of daily operations Greg Hueth has an extensive resume, sitting on the advisory committee for NJ fishing and Mid Atlantic fisheries for sea bass, fluke, scup and tilefish. For more information on the reservations and vessel operations, visit the boat's website bigmohawk.com to book your next ocean excursion.

OCEAN EXPLORER

The Ocean Explorer, run out of the Belmar Marina, is a multiuse vessel that features fishing excursions, private booze cruises, whale and dolphin watching and burials at sea. Captain Bobby Quinn has more than 30 years of fishing experience along the Atlantic coast. Fishing trips start at \$95 and whale watching charters start at \$65. For more information on the vessel and its many operations visit its website, oceanexplorerbelmar.com or call 848-565-0519.

MISS MICHELE III

Miss Michele III is a 65' ft. charter boat located out of Point Pleasant. The vessel offers private fishing charters, sunset and firework cruises, private cruises and day trips out into the Atlantic. The boat fishes for blue fish, stripers, spring flounder, fluke, albacore, tuna, sea bass, blackfish, porgies, ling and cod depending on the season. The vessel has a capacity of 110 and runs fishing trips seven days a week throughout the summer. Captain Ron Braen and crew operate Miss Michele III, and invite guests of all skill levels to fish and enjoy the vessel on the sea. For more information on Miss Michele and vessel operations and booking visit the website missmichele.com.

PIG AND PARROT PONTOONS

Floating on Manasquan River, the Pig and Parrot Pontoons bring the fun onto the water with its tiki-themed party cruise. Docked at the Brielle Yacht Club, there are three pontoons in the party arsenal: The Tiki Tiki, The Party Pontoon and the Party Cat. Looking to celebrate a wedding, bachelorette or bachelor party, birthdays and more? Pig and Parrot Pontoons can accommodate any of your party needs. For more information on prices, booking and more, visit the pontoon website at pigandparrotpontoon.com.

POINT PLEASANT PARASAIL

Want to fly like a seagull? Point Pleasant Parasail has got you covered, fly high above the beach and see the coast like never before. Suspended 500 feet above the ocean, Point Pleasant Parasail is a daring adventure for the whole family. Located within the Manasquan Inlet, the parasail company offers packages ranging from doubles to triples, and even a photo package. Doubles cost \$170 and \$255 for triples, with an additional \$30 for the photo package. Scared of heights? You can still come along for the ride as an observer for \$35, to get a front row seat of your friends and family suspended in



ABOVE: BELMAR WHALE WATCHING TOURS. BELOW: ASBURY PARK PEDAL BOATS, ASBURY PARK.



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the air. For more information and bookings, visit the company website, pointpleasantparasail.com or call 732-714-2359.

BELMAR PARASAIL

Belmar Parasail has fun for the whole family on the boat, in the water and in the air. Located in Shark River, the parasail company offers packages ranging from doubles to triples and observes, and even a GoPro photo package. Scared of heights? You can still come along for the ride as an observer for \$35, to get a front row seat of your friends and family suspended in the air. Looking for a different kind of adventure? Belmar Parasail offers banana boating, a tube adventure out on the water. For more information and bookings, visit the company website, belmarparasail.com or call 732-681-8359.

BELMAR TIKI BOAT

The Original Belmar Tiki is a 45 foot pontoon waiting to show you a good time on a tour of Shark River. The floating tiki hut, docked at the Belmar Marina, runs private cruises ranging from one to three hours from May to November, weather permitting. The company operates two vessels, the Tiki I and Tiki II, each with a capacity of 34 and 46 respectively. Each boat is equipped with DJ quality sound systems, a sundeck and leather seating, offering both public and private cruises. For more information on booking and prices, visit the Belmar Tiki website, belmartikiboat.com.

CAPTAIN CAL II

Captain Cal II is a 90 foot party boat available for daily fishing trips, 7 days a week from 7:30 am. to 3pm., out of the Belmar Marina. They also book private fishing charters and sunset cruises in the afternoon. Walk ons are welcome for fishing trips, so check them out when the mood strikes you. For more information and bookings, call 908-770-6168.

CLASSIC BOAT RIDES

Classic Boat Rides sails from the Atlantic Highlands and offers boaters a choice between the Navesink Queen or the Mariner, both offering a party on a boat that is so much more fun than one on land. The "Queen" offers an open-air top deck with a full canopy roof and heated cabin main deck. With both decks open, she can carry 150 persons. In colder months with access to the main cabin only, group size should be kept to a maximum of 75 persons. The Mariner is a great vessel to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, rehearsal dinner, family reunion, office outing, team building etc. The Mariner can carry 50 passengers comfortably and is equipped with a full service bar for adult beverages and soft drinks, plus an open air second deck. For more information and bookings, visit the company website, classicboatrides.com.

JERSEY SHORE WHALE WATCHING TOURS

Bill McKim's Jersey Shore Whale Watching Tour, located in Belmar, hosts whale watching tours throughout the summer and fall seasons, weather permitting. The tour consists of a three hour excursion into the Atlantic Ocean on the Jersey Girl.

On Thursdays, the company runs a sunset music cruise, a BYOB tour with tunes provided by DJ Dave. There are two tour options beginning at 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., each tour is three hours. Prices vary on listed dates, however start as low as \$20, for the opportunity to get an up close look at some of the Ocean's biggest and most unique creatures. For more information on tours, booking and the boat visit jerseyshorewhalewatchingtour.com.

PADDLE OUT MANASQUAN

Would you rather be your own captain? Paddle Out, located in Manasquan, rents stand-up paddle boards, single kayaks and tandem kayaks throughout the summer season. Paddle the inner coast of Manasquan through the Glimmer Glass, Stockton Lake, Lake Louise and through Fishermans Cove seven days a week until Labor Day weekend. To get the local perspective of the scenic waters, Paddle Out offers private and group guided tours. Rental prices range based on hours of use, which include 1 hour, 2.5 hours, 4 hours, 8 hours, two days and five days. For more information on Paddle Out, rental offers and tour options visit paddleoutmanasquan.com.

RJ'S WATERCRAFT RENTAL

Never been on a Jetski before? RJ's Watercraft Rental can change that this summer. Located in Seaside Heights, the family owned and operated rental business RJ's offers waverunner jet ski and pontoon boat rentals throughout the summer and even offers a twisted tiki tour for up to 8 guests. With many different options to enjoy the water, RJ's offers something for everyone throughout the summer season. For more information on the many watercraft rentals RJ's offers visit the website rjswatercraftrentals.com.

JERSEY SHORE PIRATES

Jersey Shore Pirates located on the water in Brick offers a classic pirate ship adventure on the Metedeconk River, starting at \$29. Book a sunset cruise, birthday party, private charter, field trip or private adventure aboard the Sea Gypsy II pirate ship. Throughout the summer season, Jersey Shore Pirates offers a day out on the river, pirate style fun for friends and family to enjoy. For more information on the vessel, the company and its operations visit jerseyshorepirates.com.

ASBURY PARK PEDAL BOATS

Those of you who are looking for some boat time, but a bit more leisurely may want to look into pedaling around Wesley Lake and enjoying the scenery of Asbury Park. Pedal around Wesley Lake on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the summer on the boat of your choice, including some giant swans, between noon and dusk throughout the summer. Located on Lake Avenue in Asbury Park, the boats can fit a maximum of two adults and one child or two children and one adult. Boat rentals are a half hour and start at \$25 per ride. For more information on the pedal boats, visit the business website, asburyparkpedalboats.com.



ABOVE: PADDLE OUT, MANASQUAN. BELOW: BELMAR TIKI BOATS, BELMAR



Make the move *OUTDOORS*

The sun is starting to shine more frequently and the temperatures are rising. Now is the time to take your dining and entertaining outdoors to your backyard. These local shops have you covered with supplies to make your time outside comfortable, delightful and delicious.



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Serving dishes, Bouquets to Remember, Manasquan
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Blackstone and Traeger grills, Bain's Ace Hardware,
Point Pleasant Beach and Spring Lake
bainshardwarestores.com



Outdoor furniture, Opdyke Furniture,
Wall Township and Point Pleasant Beach
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Jensen outdoor furniture,
Fitness Lifestyles,
Neptune
fitnesslifestyles.com



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(Liquid Propane),
Taylor Hardware, Belmar
taylorhardwarebelmar.com

EVENTS AND OUTINGS



NATIVE PLANT WORKSHOP PLANNED

The Monmouth County Park System will host a Native Plant Workshop & Exchange on Saturday, May 18 at Deep Cut Gardens, located at 152 Red Hill Road in Middletown. Gardeners are invited to attend a free lecture on using native plants in your landscape from 9:15-10:15 a.m. The lecture should be registered for in advance by calling 732-671-6050. There is also a plant exchange planned with drop-off from 8 to 10 a.m. Bring established plants in four-inch, one-quart, or 1 to 2-gallon containers and take home the same size and number of plants. Only plants native to the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States will be accepted. House plants may also be exchanged — and these do not need to be native. Visit the Deep Cut Gardens page at MonmouthCountyParks.com for a list of acceptable plants. Plant selection begins at the conclusion of the lecture. Registration is not required for the free plant exchange.



TAKE A 'SLOW MOTION' STROLL THROUGH GROUNDS FOR SCULPTURE

Slow Motion, an indoor and outdoor art exhibition curated by Monument Lab at Grounds For Sculpture, reimagines the material possibilities of public memory. The exhibition features the work of artists who make their mark through unconventional materials and processes for sculpture. The exhibit is running May 5, 2024 through Sept. 1, 2025 in both indoor and outdoor areas of the Hamilton grounds that includes 42 restored and landscaped acres. groundsfor Sculpture.org

BELL WORKS FRESH MARKET WEEKLY

Every Wednesday including May 15, May 22, May 29, June 5
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Bell Works, 101 Crawfords Corner Rd., Holmdel

Every Wednesday Bell Works hosts a Farmers and Makers Market where you can find a vibrant selection of locally grown produce and handmade goods from the best local makers and food purveyors.

MANASQUAN PBA NO. 284 FISHING CONTEST

May 11
9 a.m. [registration at 8:15 a.m.]
Mac's pond, North Main Street, Manasquan

Open to ages three through 13. Trophies and prizes can be won. Participants should bring a fishing pole.

BRICK FARMERS MARKET

May 11
9 a.m.
Windward Beach Park,
265 Princeton Avenue
bricktownship.net

Celebrating its 10th season in 2024, the Brick Farmers Market is returning with nearly 60 vendors offering everything from fresh farm produce and artisanal foods to craft beers and handmade crafts. The Brick Farmers Market is held on Saturdays from May 4 through September 28 at Windward Beach Park. The market goes until 1:30 p.m. Admission is free and leashed friendly dogs are permitted.

SPRING MARKET AND MUSIC

May 11
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Riley Park, Bradley Beach
The Bradley Business Community Alliance will host a spring market with music in Riley Park.

ASBURY FRESH FARMERS & MAKERS MARKET

Sunday, May 12, May 19, May 26,
June 9, June 16
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Press Plaza, Asbury Park
asburyfresh.com

Asbury Park's beloved farmers and makers market is held weekly on Sundays downtown in Asbury Park.

WALL ALLIANCE MEATBALL GALA

Tuesday, May 14
6 - 9 p.m.
Spring Lake Manor, 415 Route 71
\$60, \$70 day of event

Wall Community Alliance is having its annual Meatball Gala for the prevention of alcohol and drug abuse. Restaurants are encouraged to have their meatballs tasted by attendees in a friendly competition. For tickets, contact Kristin Meyler at 732-820-4792.

NEW JERSEY SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

Friday, May 17 - Sunday, May 19
Friday 4 - 8 p.m., Saturday
11 - 8 p.m., Sunday 11 - 6 p.m.
Ferruggiario Park at Silver Lake,
5th and Ocean Ave.S, Belmar

New Jersey's Annual Seafood Festival 2024 will return to Ferruggiario Park at Silver Lake this month, featuring extended hours on Saturday and Sunday. Festival is a free event and will feature top restaurants in the state, beer and wine tent, craft vendors and live music. Sponsored by Belmar Tourism Commission.

21ST ANNUAL OCEAN FUN DAYS - SEASIDE PARK

Saturday, May 18
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Island Beach State Park,
Seaside Park
oceanfundays.org

Free admission, free parking, free eco-tours, crafts, crab races, exhibits, food and fun. Rain or Shine

NJHDA SHIPWRECK SYMPOSIUM

Saturday, May 18
2 - 6 p.m.
InfoAge Science and History
Museums, 2201 Marconi Road
\$30, \$25 for NJHDA members

The New Jersey Historical Divers Association will hold its twentieth New Jersey Shipwreck Symposium which includes presentations on Surf Boats, U-Boats, The Cashalot chamber and Lost Flights. It will also have refreshments, silent auction and a 50/50 raffle. For more information, call 732-456-5045

21ST ANNUAL OCEAN FUN DAYS - SANDY HOOK

Sunday, May 19
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
NJ Sea Grant Consortium, Sandy Hook (22 Magruder Road, Highlands)
oceanfundays.org

Free admission, free parking, free eco-tours, crafts, crab races, exhibits, food and fun. Rain or Shine

PORCHFEST IN FREEHOLD

Sunday, May 19
12 - 6 p.m.

throughout Freehold Borough downtownfreehold.com

Join the Freehold Borough Arts Council in a day of music and fun throughout Freehold Borough. Many of your favorite entertainers will be participating in the event. Maps of entertainment locations and times will be distributed at the Downtown Freehold Gazebo at 10E Main Street.

POINT BEACH SUMMER FARMERS MARKET

Sundays, May 19 - Sept. 8
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Point Pleasant Beach train station

The Farmers Market is back; currently accepting applications for vendors at arts.pointpleasantbeach.org/events/farmers-market-vendor-sign-up.

CHEFS WHO CARE TASTING FUNDRAISER

May 20
6 - 10 p.m. [VIPs enter at 5 p.m.]
The Essex and Sussex,
700 Ocean Ave. N, Spring Lake
ashleylaurenfoundation.org

Join us for the second annual Ashley Lauren Foundation's "Chefs Who Care" premiere tasting event. Celebrate top chefs from Manhattan and New Jersey at the illustrious Essex and Sussex in Spring Lake while enjoying premium wines, spirits and mocktails. In addition, the evening will enjoy live entertainment, dancing, special guests, an extraordinary auction and some swag.

SUMMER COCKTAIL KICKOFF PARTY

May 22
6 - 9 p.m.
Leggetts Sand Bar

Hosted by Manasquan Tourism Commission. \$20 per ticket. Tickets available by calling 732-223-0544 Ext 412.

POINT PLEASANT'S SUMMERFEST

Saturday, June 1
11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Community Park, Point Pleasant

BRADLEY BEACH MAIN STREET MARKET

Saturday, June 1, July 6, Aug. 3, Sept. 7
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Riley Park, Bradley Beach
asburyfresh.com

Every first Saturday of the month, Riley Park will host this bustling pop-up market, featuring local artisans and businesses displaying their handmade

goods, culinary provisions and providing family activities.

RED BANK BROADWALK FRESH

Thursday, June 6, June 13, June 20, June 27, July 11
5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Broad Street & West Front Street,
Red Bank
asburyfresh.com

Every Thursday evening June to September, Broad Street in downtown Red Bank will become a pedestrian-only marketplace featuring a wide array of artisan goods, gourmet treats, live entertainment and activities for kids.

BELL WORKS SATURDAY MAKERS MARKET

Once a month on Saturdays
including June 15, July 20
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Bell Works, 101 Crawford's
Corner Rd., Holmdel

Once a month on Saturdays, Bell Works hosts a Makers Market where you can find a vibrant selection of handmade goods, vintage, food and more.

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101 Crawford's Corner Road
Holmdel
belltheater.org

5/3-12 East Carson Street

SPRING LAKE THEATRE
300 Madison Ave., Spring Lake
(732) 449-4530
springlaketheatre.com

7/6-21 'My Fair Lady'
10/11-26 'Jekyll & Hyde The Musical'

TWO RIVER THEATRE
21 Bridge Ave., Red Bank
(732) 345-1400
tworivertheater.org

6/8-30 August Wilson's 'Gem of the Ocean'



TREASURE HUNT AT HISTORIC ALLAIRE VILLAGE'S FLEA MARKET

A flea market will be held on Saturday, May 11 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Historic Village at Allaire State Park. Over 100 vendors will be on site, along with the Allaire Bakery and food trucks. Admission is \$5 per person with all proceeds benefiting The Historic Village at Allaire. Paid admission to the flea market grants you free admission to the village for the day. allairevillage.org



36TH ANNUAL SEAFOOD FESTIVAL IN BELMAR

The 36th annual New Jersey Seafood Festival, presented by the Belmar Tourism Commission, will be held on Friday, May 17 through Sunday, May 19 at Ferruggiario Park at Sliver Lake (5th and Ocean Avenue). Indulge in the freshest seafood delights from New Jersey's top restaurants, groove to fantastic live music, and immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of the New Jersey Seafood Festival. belmar.com

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5/18 Michael Cavanaugh sings Billy Joel & Elton John
5/19 The Weeklings
6/1 The BStreetBand
6/8 The Bell Bottom Blues Clapton Tribute Band

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COURTESY OF BELL THEATER

Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone (from left), Axelrod Development Director and Founding CEO Jess Levy, Sheldon Vogel, Bell Works CEO Ralph Zucker, NPZ Studio CEO Paola Zamudio, Axelrod Executive Artistic Director Andrew DePrisco, Elise Feldman and Gabriel Chajnik celebrate the opening of the new Bell Theater, which will provide a space for all kinds of performing arts in the multipurpose Bell Works complex in Holmdel.

New theater at Bell Works metro suburb to provide entertainment

Axelrod Performing Arts Academy and Axelrod Contemporary Ballet will be able to use the theater space

BY ELLIOTT NGUYEN
N&D MAGAZINE

Bell Works is a large complex in Holmdel that contains a wide variety of spaces, including retail businesses, dining locations, indoor golf and even educational services. It is housed on the site of the former Bell Labs but has since become a one-size-fits-all facility with something for everyone.

Now, that facility includes Bell Theater, a new home for theatrical productions, classical music and many other kinds of performances. The theater is run by Axelrod Performing Arts Center, a nonprofit organization based in Deal that hosts theatrical productions, performing arts workshops and even an annual film festival.

The group already holds a variety of performances at Bell Works. In addition, the Axelrod Performing Arts Academy and the Axelrod Contemporary Ballet Theater both operate out of Bell Works. Now, though, the group will be able to make full use of the new theater space to further thrill audiences.

"It's just going to completely enhance the experi-



ence here, change the complexion of what can happen here," said Andrew DePrisco, Axelrod's executive artistic director.

Built in the space of the old lecture hall, which recently had only hosted several events each month, Bell Theater seats about 285 people, according to DePrisco. The lecture hall was refurbished 10 years ago, but now there is a bigger stage that is closer to the audience, new lighting and sound systems. There is also a dressing room, an enhanced backstage and new curtains.

"It's been quite the process," said DePrisco. He said that the conversation for a new theater

first began in 2022, when Axelrod was planning an outdoor concert on the deck at Bellworks. It was sold out, but looming inclement weather meant that the concert would not have gone well; thus, an idea was formed to hold the concert downstairs in the lecture hall.

"It was a great success that weekend," said DePrisco, who added that the concert's success created the possibility that the space could be used for something more. "Some of the people at Bell Works expressed interest in it being a theater, and that started a conversation with the owner."

Though Bell Works already offers guests a variety of activities, from shopping to office space and entertainment, having a theater could serve to transform the experience even more.

"This is an incredible, unique facility," said DePrisco. "I think that bringing culture to this venue...to actually have a creative team that's bringing live theater and live music and other kinds of entertainment...it just totally adds to the experience of Bell Works."

SHOWINGS AT BELL THEATER

For those interested in seeing what the new theater has to offer, a list of upcoming events is available on its website, belltheater.org. The website states that the theater has wheelchair accessibility and assistive listening devices, so anyone can come enjoy the fun.



Until May 12, musical fans can visit Bell Theater to see "East Carson Street," a new rock musical directed by Daniel Kutner, with music and lyrics by Joe Grushecky, that tells a multigenerational story of a family living in Pittsburgh.

A description of the musical on the theater website states, "celebrates America's resilience and goal of becoming a 'more perfect union.'"

The next musical, "Million Dollar Quartet," will run from July 19 to 28. This musical has won a Tony award and, this time is directed by Hunter Foster, a member of the original cast.

It tells the story of "a once-in-a-lifetime recording session at Memphis' Sun Studio with Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins and Jerry Lee Lewis," ac-

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ANDREW DEPRISCO,

Axelrod executive artistic director

ording to the theater's schedule of events.

As part of the grand opening celebration, there will also be several performances through May 19 including "Bell Jazz: Let's Go to Rio!" featuring Brazilian-American jazz Diva Alexia Bomtempo, a rock & roll concert by Michael Cavanaugh and "Beatlesbash," a Beatles tribute performance by The Weeklings.

Future music performances include The B Street Band on June 1, The Bell Bottom Blues (an Eric Clapton tribute band) on June 8, Billy Stritch & Gabrielle Stravelli (jazz musicians) on June 13, Guy Mintus and Naama Nachum on July 10 and more.

On June 29, the Bell Theater will welcome Back To The Garden 1969, a group aiming to recreate and celebrate the Woodstock experience of the 1960s with tribute performances of era musicians like Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Creedence Clearwater Revival and more.

Several stars from Broadway and elsewhere in the theater will give performances this summer as well, like Christine Andreas with "No Regrets" on June 15



and Jessica Sherr with "Bette Davis Ain't For Sissies" on June 20.

However, noted DePrisco, the Bell Theater offers more than music.

"Some of the highlights are that we are going to have a monthly Bell Comedy Night, in which a comedian comes in and does 2 sets," he said.

June 12's performer will be Ophira Eisenberg, who hosted "Ask Me Another" on NPR for nine years. July 11's performer will be Carmen Lynch, who has a SiriusXM podcast called "The Human CentiPOD."

Links to purchase tickets for the offerings can be found on the theater website, under the "events" tab. You can also call the box office at 732-531-9106, ext. 14.



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HATCH 44 CAFÉ OPENS ON MAIN

Hatch 44 Café, a family-owned restaurant and coffee bar, celebrated its grand opening in April. Owners Andrea and Hansel Batista are gearing up for their first spring and summer in Bradley Beach. BBBCA President Paula Gavin [from left], Council President Jane DeNoble, barista Bethany Ujobai, server Taylor Perez, Hansel Batista, Andrea Batista, chef Miguel Morales, property owner T.J. Coan and Councilman John Weber cut the red ribbon and officially welcomed the 401 Main Street café to the borough.



COURTESY OF BATHROOM PROS

WELCOME BATHROOM PROS

Bathroom Pros, located at 367 Brick Blvd., held its ribbon cutting recently. The staff was joined by Mayor Lisa Crate, Councilwoman Heather deJong, Executive Director of the Brick Chamber of Commerce Danielle Kidney, members of the Brick Chamber and Jersey Shore Chamber of Commerce. Representing Bathroom Pros were Ed O'Neill, owner; Eddie O'Neill, owner; Hank Rostek, general manager; Pete Beucler, production manager; Natalie Burbelo, marketing manager; Gregg Griffin, sales manager; Thom Clark, design consultant; Iliina Kapoor, marketing coordinator; Katy Hofmann, purchasing; and Theresa Brandt, accounting representative.



WELCOME PHILLY PRETZEL FACTORY

Co-owners Bonnie Nach and Kathy Shearer (both holding scissors) recently celebrated the grand opening of their Philly Pretzel Factory location on the Asbury Park Boardwalk. In addition to family and friends, they were joined by Jaime Kelley from Madison Marquette; Rose Small from Philly Pretzel Factory; Asbury Park councilmember Yvonne Clayton; Executive Directors of the Asbury Park Chamber of Commerce Matthew Whelan and Sylvia Sylvia-Cioffi. Even the Philly Pretzel Factory mascot, Phil-E made an appearance.



WELCOME SPIDER SOCIAL CLUB

The Spider Social Club, a tattoo shop, had its ribbon cutting recently at 510 Brick Boulevard, Brick Township. Mayor Lisa Crate, Councilwoman Heather deJong and Executive Director of The Chamber of Commerce Danielle Kidney were present for the ceremony.

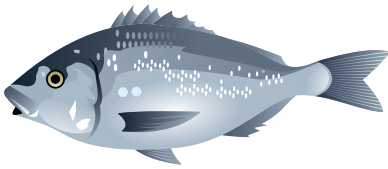
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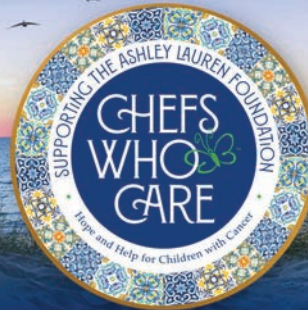
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Sucker Punch rum cocktail, (from left clockwise) Spanakopita, Lump Crab Cake

Fotinos family history infuses rich flavors

Forty years at Scarborough Fair only sweetens authentic flavors

The exquisite and authentic flavors on the menu are the main focus of the Scarborough Fair team including Elias Fotinos, who is an owner along with his parents Mike and Eva Fotinos, and General Manager Jay Manzella. Michael Cox is just as detail-oriented on the flavors of the cocktails as bar manager.

With all these culinary minds coming together, your taste buds will surely thank you for visiting Scarborough Fair. Located right off Highway 35 in Wall Township, Scarborough Fair does not lack atmosphere. Upon entering, you'll wind your way up the staircases laden with booth seating to find yourself at a beautifully designed bar area that was renovated in 2020. Sitting in the stairway booths affords your evening some intimacy and ambience amongst your dining party, while the bar seating often hosts a more lively and friendly crowd. Happy hours are a big hit and in addition to the carefully crafted dinner menu, Scarborough

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Fair offers a nice bar menu, as well. Outdoor seating in the garden area will offer warm-weather options for diners.

Start your meal off with the Spanakopita — or spinach pie — for authentic Greek flavors of baked phyllo, spinach, feta cheese and fresh dill. “We’ve had this on the menu for 15 or 20 years,” Elias said. “It’s very tasty. It’s very light.” The Fotinos family hails from Greece and visits annually, typically in November to help with their family’s harvest of olives.

The spring menu preparation of Scarborough Fair’s lump crab cake includes an asparagus coulis and is served with an asparagus relish in Belgian endive dishes with a caper remoulade. The crab cake is uniquely gluten free, using a corn-based breading. The crispiness of the cake provides a nice crunch of decadent crab and a dip of the coulis and the remoulade sauces finish out the

flavors perfectly.

The spring menu also boasts a beautiful rack of lamb marinated in EVOO, fresh herbs and spices. The chop is served with a Jersey corn risotto topped with summer roasted vegetables. A rosemary demi glaze finishes off the dish. If you’re a salmon fan, you’ll enjoy this spring’s salmon preparation — fresh herb-crusting Faroe Island salmon served with grilled squash skewers and a side of creamy polenta. This dish is topped with a Caribbean Jerk sauce. Elias says, “It’s going to have a little heat,” but it’s just the right amount.

Compliment your meal with a cocktail from the bar. Classic cocktails like Manhattans, old fashioned and martinis are favorites at Scarborough. If you’re looking for something more unique, give the Sucker Punch a taste — passion fruit liqueur, coconut rum, fresh lime, agave, and a “trade secret” pomegranate foam are all topped with coconut flakes. This drink is a vacation in a glass. Bar Manager Michael Cox says, “It’s delicious,” and points out that this popular cocktail is dairy free and vegan.



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The Stone Pony rings in half a century of live entertainment this year

BY **GIANNA MEHES**
N&D MAGAZINE

The Stone Pony, found on Ocean Avenue in Asbury Park overlooking the boardwalk, is a popular live music entertainment venue that has welcomed countless musicians through its doors over the past 50 years. Expanding to its current size in 2009, the Pony's Summer Stage creates the quintessential spot for catching your favorite bands just off the Asbury Park shores.

This year's summer lineup at the Summer Stage is as follows:

- The Solid Pink Disco with Trixie and DJ Mateo Segade (Pride Kickoff Party) – May 30
- Dreamland Pride in Asbury Park party with Purple Disco Machine – May 31
- Fletcher and Friends – June 1 and 2
- Gary Clark Jr. – June 12
- Band of Horses – June 13
- Lake Street Drive – June 14



- Shadow of the City featuring Bleachers and more – June 15
- T-Pain's Mansion in Wiscansin Party – June 21
- Jake Owen with Owen Riegling – June 22
- Orville Peck with Goldie Boutillier – June 29
- Moe. with Daniel Donato's Cosmic Country and Neighbor – July 4
- Railroad Earth with Leftover Salmon, Yonder Mountain String Band – July 5
- Streetlight Manifesto – July 6
- Jamey Johnson with Ben Haggard – July 10
- The Used and Story of the Year and more – July 12
- O.A.R. with Fitz and the Tantrums and DJ Logic – July 19

- Bouncing Souls – July 20
- Dark Star Orchestra – July 21
- Two Door Cinema Club with Flipturn – July 26
- Iration and Pepper – Aug. 2
- The Struts with Barns Courtney – Aug. 3
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- Gaslight Anthem with Joyce Manor and Pinkshift – Aug. 16
- Whisky Myers – Aug. 21
- Something Corporate – Aug. 23
- New Found Glory – Aug. 24
- Sublime with Rome (Farewell Tour) – Aug. 25
- Umphrey's McGee with Eggy and Stolen Gin – Aug. 28
- Almost Queen – Aug. 30
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7.06 **STREETLIGHT MANIFESTO**

7.10 **JAMEY JOHNSON**

7.12 **THE USED**

7.19 **O.A.R.**
FITZ AND THE TANTRUMS

7.20 **STOKED FOR THE SUMMER:**
THE BOUNCING SOULS

7.21 **DARK STAR ORCHESTRA**

7.26 **TWO DOOR CINEMA CLUB**

8.02 **IRATION & PEPPER**

8.03 **THE STRUTS**

8.04 **SAD SUMMER FESTIVAL**

8.16 **THE GASLIGHT ANTHEM**

8.21 **WHISKEY MYERS**

8.23 **SOMETHING CORPORATE**

8.24 **NEW FOUND GLORY**

8.25 **SUBLIME WITH ROME**

8.28 **UMPHREYS MCGEE**

8.30 **ALMOST QUEEN**

9.01 **WAXAHATCHEE**
SNAIL MAIL & TIM HEIDECKER

9.10 **DASHBOARD CONFESSIONAL**

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