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- \* AUDIO RIOT @ 9 PM

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#### MONDAY, JULY 15TH

- ★ UNDISPUTED @ 1 PM
- ★ BIG HIX @ 7 PM

#### TUESDAY, JULY 16TH

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- ★ WAR ON THE SHORE @ 6PM (TICKETS NEEDED)
- ★ NINE DEEEZ NITE @ 8 PM

#### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 17TH**

- ★ THE BLACK TIES @ 2 PM
- ★ PAT RODDY @ 8 PM

#### THURSDAY, JULY 18TH

- ★ NO STANDARDS @ 2 PM
- \* SENSATIONAL SOUL CRUISERS @ 8 PM

#### FRIDAY, JULY 19TH

- ★ NED RYERSON TRIO @ 2 PM
- \* KRISTEN & THE NOISE @ 9 PM

#### SATURDAY, JULY 20TH

- ★ NON STOP BAND @ 12 PM
- ★ NO STANDARDS @ 5 PM
- \* KICKING SUNRISE @ 9 PM

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- ★ BIG BANG BABY @ 5 PM

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- ★ KICKIN NASH @ 7 PM

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- ★ THE POUR BOYS @ 7 PM

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- ★ AARON & EVE @ 2 PM
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**BOARDWALK ROLLER COASTER** — Whether it's Point Pleasant Beach or Seaside Heights boardwalk, summer visitors (and year-round residents) must catch a ride on a coaster overlooking the ocean. Both boardwalks offer rides that suit all levels of adventure, or lack thereof.



**SHOP DOWNTOWN** — Pick your favorite Main Street thoroughfare: Manasquan's Main Street, Point Pleasant Beach's Arnold Avenue, Spring Lake's Third Avenue, Freehold's East Main Street, Toms River's Main Street, Red Bank's Broad Street, Belmar's Main Street. You'll find plenty of local shops to fill your beach bag, closet hangers and much more.



**FIND ADVENTURE ON THE WATER** — Be sure not to just passively enjoy the beauty of the Atlantic Ocean and area lakes and rivers. There are so many options to choose from: hop aboard a pleasure cruise or fishing cruise at one of the area marinas; float on local rivers in a kayak or a paddleboard; go whale watching; take flight on a parasail; vou can even float on a tiki bar.



**BITE INTO A SLICE OF JERSEY SHORE PIZZA** — The thin crust of a local slice of pie is unmatched and a must-do when visiting the Jersey Shore. Locals can share their favorite spot within a moment of asking, but we haven't met a pie in the area that we didn't love for one reason or another. Perhaps a pizza tour of the Shore is in order for your summer vacation?



**CATCH A FIREWORKS SHOW** — Watching the sky light up at the end of a sunny beach day is the perfect way to close out your fun. Weekly you can catch beautiful pyrotechnics in Seaside Heights every Wednesday and Point Pleasant Beach every Thursday, Offshore, you can see post-game fireworks shows at select Lakewood BlueClaws games including July 12, 13, 26 and Aug. 15, 16, 30 and 31.



MONSTER MINI GOLF, EATONTOWN

#### WHAT CAN FAMILIES DO WHEN IT RAINS ON YOUR BEACH DAY?

#### **ISABELLE FARINA**

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"But MOOOOMMM! It's raining! What are we going to dooooooo?"

Those dreaded words on what should be a sunny Shore day can be a challenge to address. Unless of course, you read on in this article, where we have done the hard work for you.

The opportunities for fun in the Jersey Shore and surrounding areas are endless, even during those dreaded cruddy weather days. The following locations solve the unpredictability of weather when looking for a fun summer activity.

#### **IPLAY AMERICA**

#### 110 Schanck Road, Freehold Township

iPlay America takes all the excitement of the Jersey Shore boardwalk and the streets of New York City and turns it into an indoor arena of fun. The amusement park has countless attractions including top golf, laser tag and the multi-sensory interactive XD Dark Ride. In addition to the unique attractions, iPlay America offers 11 amusement rides for all ages. There are also more than 250 arcade and boardwalk games. Social media and marketing manager Savannah Beyer said in an interview that this variety of activities makes iPlay entertaining for all ages.

"There's a lot to do for any age range," Beyer said. "So you can be a teen coming in for just laser tag and the arcade, you can be a 5-year-old coming in for ballocity and the rides, you could be a 10-year-old



SKY ZONE, VARIOUS LOCATIONS

coming in for the go karts. There's something for everybody versus some other places are more targeted with their demographics."

Customers can buy the iRide band for \$39.99, which includes unlimited access to amusement rides or the Premier Play Pass, which covers all rides, two hours of unlimited, non-redemption video games,

one round of two-level laser tag, one XD Dark Ride Experience, unlimited ballocity and a \$25 game card for \$79.99. Customers can also pay as they go by purchasing credits.



JENKINSON'S AQUARIUM

#### JENKINSON'S BOARDWALK 300 Ocean Ave., Point Pleasant Beach

If you decide the Jersey Shore boardwalk is more for you, the Jenkinson's offers several activities that are available in all weather conditions. The boardwalk has four different arcades: Jenkinson's South Arcade, Jenkinson's Pavilion Arcade, Frank's Fun Center and South Beach Arcade. Each is filled with tons of skill cranes, classic video games, virtual reality video games, skee-ball, basketball, prizes and more. At each arcade, customers must use the respective card.

#### JENKINSON'S AQUARIUM 300 Ocean Ave., Point Pleasant Beach

The fun at Jenkinson's is not limited to its arcades. Adjacent to the boardwalk is an aquarium, which offers several experience options including self-guided tours, animal encounters, private behind-the-scenes tours and educational programs. Adults can buy tickets for \$18, seniors for \$13, children (3-11) for \$12 and children 2 and under for free.

#### MONSTER MINI GOLF

#### 749 Hope Road, Eatontown

Surrounded by neon-painted ghouls and goblins, Monster Mini Golf brings the fun of the classic summer activity of miniature golf inside. The course provides an epic adventure for children and families on rainy summer days. In addition to mini golf, kids can also enjoy the Monstrous Gaming Arcade and virtual reality activities. Little Monsters can get mini golf tickets for \$13, big monsters for \$14 and seniors and military for \$11.

#### SIX FLAGS GREAT ADVENTURE 1 Six Flags Blvd., Jackson

Six Flags Great Adventure has more to offer than just its dare-devilish roller coasters, which yes, do close during severe weather. The park offers many activities that are fun in any kind of weather including shows, restaurants, shops, games and arcades, according to its website. Some shows offered are the Flash! Bang! Brass!, Saw Mill Duo and The Tone Travelers. There are numerous shops including M-PORIUM, full of sweet and colorful M&M's® and

MARS candy treats, Safari Outpost, which sells animal-themed apparel and collectibles and the DC Superhero Store, which sells collectibles, toys, souvenirs, apparel and more. Daily tickets start at \$39 each.

#### **SKY ZONE**

2355 Route 66, Ocean Township 1001 New Hampshire Ave., Suite A, Lakewood

Trampolines can become incredibly dangerous in the rain, but Sky Zone has solved this problem with its indoor trampoline park. The park is full of countless different activities including freestyle jump, Ninja Warrior Course, Air Court, Zip Line, Speed Zone, Silks, dodgeball, trapeze and swing, sky joust and more. Single-day and all-day passes are \$29.99 and \$38.99 respectively. Sky Zone also offers summer packs for frequent visitors.

#### **SHORE LANES**

#### 701 Route 35 North, Neptune

Bowling is a great activity to get the whole family involved and get competitive spirits high. With shoe rental at \$3.50, prices are typically \$3.50 for children, adults for \$4.50 and seniors for \$3.

#### **INSECTROPOLIS**

#### 1761 Route 9, Toms River

Arcade games or rides are not for everyone. Insectropolis, a bug museum for children, provides an indoor and interactive alternative for those rainy summer days. With its dozens of exhibits, at Insectropolis kids can see their favorite bugs up close or even get to hold them. Admission is \$12 per visitor, while children 2 and under are free.



INSECTROPOLIS



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Participants dig for fossilized treasures at Poricy Brook Fossil beds.

to shark teeth to fossilized fecal matter. Rogoff is an education specialist with the New Jersey Department Environmental Protection Fish and Wildlife, Bureau of information and Education

The Monmouth Museum sponsors fossil hunts throughout the summer, bringing groups of people to shady creek beds throughout the area to pan for fossilized treasure in a unique experience that also enables participants to avoid the summer heat.

Erika Schaefer, executive director of Monmouth Museum, told Night & Day that the museum typically holds a fossil hunt once a month, with its most recent one at Poricy Brook held on June 15. The tour features an expert in the field of paleontology, the study of prehistoric life, as attendees meet at a designated location and start digging for fossils.

Monmouth County is an excellent location for Cretaceous-era fossils. This was the time at the end of the dinosaurs, 66 million years ago (mya). During this time, most, if not all of Monmouth County was under water, as sea levels were much higher than today. As the sea levels have now well receded a few miles to the east, a trove of fossilized treasures can be found throughout the area.

One of the biggest hotspots in the Monmouth County area is in Big Brook, between Marlboro and Holmdel. The previous fossil hunt took place at Ramanessin Brook in Marlboro, which is a part of the greater Big Brook area.

"The area that we live in is so rich with this history," Schaefer said. "We all travel down and people bring their sifts and shovels. Sometimes you don't



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#### A sign that instructs fossil hunters what they'd likely find at Poricy Brook Fossil beds.

even need a tool as things are so easily found here."

In this area, one of the most common types of fossils are teeth, particular prehistoric shark teeth. Roughly eight different species of prehistoric crow and angel sharks have

Also in the area are mosasaur

been identified in this area.

learn about the present," said Rogoff. Rogoff — and his son who was leading the dig with him and is currently studying paleontology at Rowan University — agreed that many of the fossilized creatures found in the Poricy Brook stream resemble what is in the ocean today. In Marc's time hunting for fossils, one of the most interesting fossils he has ever found was a hadrosaur tooth he found at Big Brook.

extinct marine reptiles related to snakes. If readers

have seen the "Jurassic World" movies, this is the

on the line.

the sharks of that era.

large swimming animal that jumps and eats the shark

While the movie version is significantly larger than

the real ones, this does not mean these animals were

pushovers. Mosasaurs ruled the Cretaceous seas and

were the top predators of the ocean, surpassing even

These animals ranged in size, with some of the

largest species growing up to 60 feet long and having

a bite force of 13,000 to 16,000 pounds per square

inch (psi) of bite force. For comparison, saltwater

crocodiles are capable of achieving about 3,700 psi.

In fact, the first-ever American specimen of a mo-

sasaur was found in Monmouth County back in 1818.

Another fossil paleontologists have found in this

area are Hadrosaurus teeth. This dinosaur was one

to become New Jersey's state dinosaur.

tebrates have also been found in the area.

in the area.

of the first dinosaurs to ever be identified, and it was

found right here in New Jersey. This has led the animal

This dinosaur was a duck-bill, a herbivore from the

Along with these, many shells of prehistoric inver-

Rogoff said he had great success digging for fossils

"If you are going to be digging for things from the

past, learn about the present as well. Use the past to

Cretaceous period, and may have found itself on the

menu of many predators back then, including T-rex.

Fossil hunting can be for anyone, said Rogoff, "The only tool you'll need is a colander...you use it as a sifter, like you are panning for gold."

While hunters may not find teeth or bones right away, Rogoff said doing this at Big Brook, people often find something within 10 minutes, that is how plentiful fossils are in Monmouth County. At the most recent dig, attendees stumbled on an array of oyster, clam and brachiopod shells.

Brachiopod fossils are the remains of marine invertebrates that lived on or buried in the ocean floor and secreted two-part shells called valves. These range in size from incredibly tiny, only a few millimeters in length up to two and a half inches long.

Something else fossil hunters may find is coprolite, which is fossilized fecal matter. Most likely, people may locate fossilized fish poop in the streams of Big Brook.

The museum is planning another guided fossil hunt at Ramanessin Trail in the fossil beds on July 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information on events like these. visit the Monmouth Museum website at monmouthmuseum.org.



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Marc Rogoff prepares future paleontologists during a recent fossil dig at Poricy Brook Fossil beds.



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#### **EVENTS AND OUTINGS**



#### FILMONEFEST RETURNS TO ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS

This year marks the 16th anniversary of FilmOneFest, an international film festival that features super short-format films from around the world. This free, family-friendly festival takes place in the Atlantic Highlands Marina on Saturday, July 20 from 5 to 11 p.m. This popular outdoor festival attracts over 1,500 audience members to watch nearly 60 films from over 100 countries. Produced by the local nonprofit, the Atlantic Highlands Arts Council (AHArts), FilmOneFest raises awareness of the arts through local and international filmmaking using media and technology, screenings, and connecting to the community, including promoting and accepting donations for the local food bank. Follow @filmonefest for more information.



Whether it's from watching the highwire act, walking through hundreds of butterflies, or dancing the night away, the 49th Annual Monmouth County Fair will take your breath away. Held at East Freehold Showgrounds, 1500 Kozloski Road, Freehold, Wednesday-Sunday, July 24-28, the Monmouth County Fair offers five days of exciting entertainment, thrilling rides, tasty food, and so much more. And this year promises to be better than ever thanks to new acts joining the lineup. Topping that list is the Wallenda Productions Aerial Thrill Show. Audiences will be amazed by Blake Wallenda, a member of the legendary family, as he performs death-defying feats on the highwire. Visit www.MonmouthCountyFair.com for more information.

#### **BELMAR'S FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERTS**

Fridays during summer at 6 p.m. Pyanoe Plaza, 9th Avenue and Main Street

July 12: Black Ties

July 19: Rubber Souls

July 26: Danny White w/ BMRB

#### **GAZEBO CONCERTS FREEHOLD**

Fri. and Sat. starting June 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. Downtown Freehold Gazebo, 10 East Main St. downtownfreehold.com

Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the music downtown.

#### FREEHOLD'S ROCK CONCERT SERIES

Thursdays from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Hall of Records downtownfreehold.com

#### SATURDAYS IN THE PARK: CONCERT SERIES

Every Saturday until August 31 at 5 p.m. Riley Park, Bradley Beach

#### MANASOUAN LIBRARY BOOK SALE

July 12 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Manasquan Public Library, 55 Broad St.

Friday is \$2 bag sale.

#### **BELMAR SANDCASTLE CONTEST**

Wednesday, July 17 8 a.m. registration, judging begins at noon 18th Avenue Beach, Belmar

The 37th Annual Sandcastle Building Contest returns to Belmar beaches. Free beach admission for participants entering through 18th Avenue.

#### **MOVIES ON THE BEACH**

Wednesdays; first movie July 17 Dusk (7:30 p.m.) 7th Avenue Beach, Belmar

Grab a blanket and a sweatshirt to join the community in watching movies on the beach this summer. Next showing will feature "Despicable Me."

#### **LIBRARY SUMMER CONCERTS**

Thursday, July 18 at 6 p.m. Belmar Public Library, 517 10th Ave., Belmar

Live on the library front lawn, bring a lawn chair and friends to enjoy music as part of the library's summer concert series. Next concert will feature The Black Ties.

#### **BRICK TOWNSHIP'S SUMMERFEST**

Thursday, July 18 - After Shock at 7 p.m. Windward Beach Park, 265 Princeton Avenue

Fireworks after every concert.

#### SONGWRITERS ON THE BEACH

Thursdays starting July 11 at 7 p.m.

#### Newark Avenue Beach. **Bradley Beach**

Presented by 90.5 The Night and the Bradley Beach Tourism Commission, Songwriters on the Beach features an array artists to perform in the sand free of charge to the public.

#### **TRIBUTE CONCERT SERIES**

Third Sat. of the month; next show July 20 7 p.m.

Belmar Arts Center, 608 River Road, Belmar \$10 in advance, \$15 at door

The monthly concert series will pay tribute to two bands each month. Next show will highlight the music of Bob Marley and Sublime. To purchase tickets online, visit belmararts.org and follow the Music & Events tab to the event listing.

#### **MEET ME ON MAIN STREET**

Thursdays, July 25, Aug. 8, Aug. 15, Aug. 29 6 p.m.

Main Street and downtown Manasquan

Featuring multiple events sponsored by the Manasquan Chamber of Commerce.

#### **BANDS ON THE BEACH**

Thursdays, July 18, 25; Aug. 8, 15, 22, 29, 31 (rain date Sept. 1) Main Beach, Manasquan Sponsored by Manasquan Tourism Commission

#### SUMMER JAZZ CONCERT

Friday, Aug. 2 from 6 - 9 p.m. Bandshell, Arnold and Baltimore avenues, Point Pleasant Beach

Sponsored by the Point Pleasant Beach Recreation Committee.

#### CANOE, KAYAK, AND PADDLEBOARD RACE

Aug. 10 on Stockton Lake, Manasquan

Sponsored by the Manasquan Tourism Commission.

#### WALL KNIGHTS FAMILY FOUNDATION OUTING

Monday, Aug. 12 at 10 a.m. Eagle Oaks Golf and Country Club, 20 Shore Oaks Drive, Farmingdale

The Wall Knights Family Foundation is having its second annual outing and barbeque on Monday, Aug. 12. Activities include a round of golf, a pool, pickleball and tennis and a dinner that includes a 50/50, gift auction and raffles. Contact the foundation at info@wkff.org for more information.

#### **MARKETS**

#### **ASBURY FRESH FARMERS & MAKERS MARKET**

Sundays, July 14, July 21, July 28

#### **EVENTS AND OUTINGS**

9 a.m. to 1 pm.

Press Plaza, Asbury Park asburyfresh.com

#### **BELL WORKS SATURDAY MAKERS MARKET**

Once a month on Saturdays including July 20 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bell Works, 101 Crawfords Corner Rd., Holmdel

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

#### **BELL WORKS FRESH MARKET WEEKLY**

Every Wed. including July 17, July 28 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 gods from the best local makers and food purveyors.

#### **BRADLEY BEACH MAIN STREET MARKET**

Saturday, Aug. 3, Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 pm. 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.

#### **BRICK FARMERS MARKET**

Now through Sept. 28 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.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. Admission is free and leashed friendly dogs are permitted.

#### FREEHOLD FARMERS MARKET

Fri., June 28 thru Oct. from 11 am. to 4 p.m. Hall of Records

#### **RED BANK BOARDWALK FRESH**

Thursday, July 18, July 25 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. **Broad Street & West Front Street Red Bank** asburvfresh.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.

#### POINT BEACH SUMMER FARMERS MARKET

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



#### **ENJOY A JAZZY SUMMER AT TINY PORCH CONCERT SERIES**

The Jim Josselyn Group kicks off a jazzy summer at the T. Thomas Fortune Cultural Center, opening the popular Tiny Porch Concert Series, starting Saturday July 20 at 6 pm. Bring a lawn chair, and park yourself on the beautiful front lawn of the Cultural Center, kick back, relax and enjoy cool jazz. (The Cultural Center is located at 94 Drs. James Parker Blvd., Red Bank) On Saturday August 17, The Diga Ogunbiyi Quartet, will perform a fusion of Yoruba West African and Contemporary Jazz. Visit tthomasfortuneculturalcenter.org for more information.





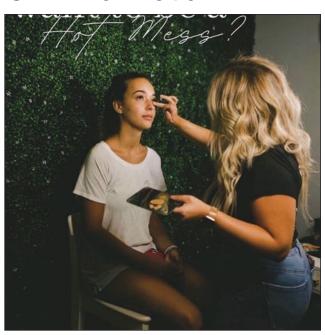
#### LOCAL SCENE AND HEARD

If you're wondering which local businesses are on the move or are making news in Monmouth and Ocean counties, we've got the scoop for you. Here's what we're hearing and seeing on the local scene. Have a scoop of your own? Email us at info@starnewsgroup.com

## Now Open



### On The Move



#### **OFFSHORE COFFEE CO. OPENS** SECOND LOCATION IN BELMAR

Offshore Coffee Co. has opened its second location at 800 Main Street in Belmar, A small batch roaster located in Ocean Township, the Belmar and Long Branch locations serve seasonal bites and coffee. offshorecoffeeco.com





#### **HOT MESS STUDIO MOVES FROM AP TO BELMAR**

Hot Mess Studio recently moved to 901 Main Street in Belmar. They specialize in hair, skincare, lashes, waxing and wedding hair/makeup. A second location, Hot Mess West End is located on Brighton Avenue in Long Branch. "Hot Mess Studio is a one-stop shop to look HOT even if you feel like a MESS!" hotmessstudio.com

## **Ribbon Cuttings**







#### THREE NEW BUSINESSES HOLD RIBBON CUTTINGS

Three new businesses in Spring Lake - Canvas by Elan, (from left) For Heaven Sake and Sunflow - held ribbon cuttings on June 18 and were welcomed by the Business Improvement District and the Greater Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce.

#### LOCAL SCENE AND HEARD

## Now Open



#### PARTY WITH GI'S HAS A BALLOON BAR IN BRADLEY BEACH

Party with Gi, located at 612 Main Street in Bradley Beach has all of your party needs covered: tableware, decorations, pinatas, games, gifts, cards, candy and more. Their Balloon Bar is open seven days a week and they offer more than just standard balloon bouquets. Visit Party with Gi for balloon garlands, towers, back drops and more. partywithgi.com



ASBURY PARK BREWERY TAP ROOM HAS ROTATING LINE UP OF BEERS Asbury Park Brewery recently opened its new tap room at 614 Cookman Avenue in late May and it's now open to the public 7 days a week. Located within the brewery, the tap room offers a rotating line up of beers, many of which are offered exclusively on site. asburyparkbrewery.com/ tasting-room



## Summer Sparkles



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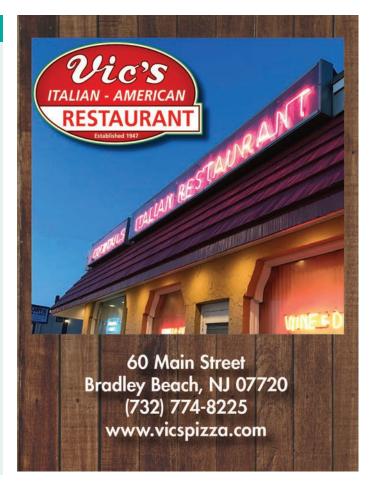
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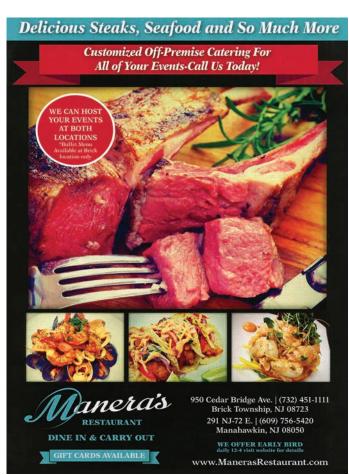
By Meg Jay, PhD

As the mom of three 20-somethings, I need all the help I can get to try and navigate them through this tough decade. If we are honest with ourselves, we

can remember this wasn't the easiest time in our lives. So many decisions to make and it's when you really get to know yourself, for better or for worse.



















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## Taste Hawaii at Ohana Grill

#### **ISABELLE FARINA**

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ocated on Grand Central Ave in Lavallette for 14 summers now, Ohana Grill is a classy casual restaurant that brings a taste of Hawaii to the Jersey Shore.

As someone who has always thought of fish as merely friends and definitely not food, I was apprehensive to try seafood for the very first time. However, Ohana Grill's friendly, familial atmosphere eased all my fears.

Traces of family are discreetly scattered all around the restaurant. The walls are a vibrant, coastal blue that was hand painted by owner James Costello and his grandfather-in-law, adorned with photographs also taken by his grandfather-in-law and a framed shirt that belongs to his father-in-law. Customers have probably been served by one of the many family members that have worked there.

Undoubtedly, the restaurant lives up to its name, which according to the website Collections of Waikiki involves: "creating loving relationships

with more than just blood relatives. Embracing 'ohana' means developing a sense of familial care and devotion to all members of the human family."

"There's a lot in the 'ohana' you know ..." Costello said. "You know, it's always been a very family business, so that's important to us."

In addition to its commitment to family, Ohana Grill celebrates the unique cuisine of Hawaii. Costello shared a taste of four beautifully plated

The crispy rice cakes appetizer, featured a marinated spicy tuna served over a bed of crispy rice and topped with wasabi aioli and jalapenos. While spicy tuna crispy rice is a common dish, the wasabi sauce was unique because of its strong flavor without overwhelming spice.

Moving on to entrees, the day boat scallops risotto featured pan-seared scallops over crab, mushroom and spinach, which was cheesy and delicious.

The Mongolian beef bowl came with coconut rice and broccoli, and was topped with sesame seeds and scallions. The meat was coated in a generous

amount of sauce with a kick. The coconut rice was sweet and soft, serving as a perfect pairing with the broccoli.

As a newfound fish lover, I am shocked to share that the blackened mahi-mahi was my personal favorite. The lime aioli drizzled around the plate along with the mango salsa elevated this fiery fish dish above the others. While the fish was the star of the meal, the garlic mashed potatoes should not be forgotten.

Costello's expertise in the kitchen has been acquired over years of experience. In fact, Costello first learned the restaurant business when he was a bartender, picking up chef's shifts when necessary. Once Ohana Grill was open, Costello enhanced his skills by learning from his fellow staff members.

"Every place you learn little bits and pieces," Costello said. "So when we bought the restaurant, I could cook but not to this level. Over the years, in 14 years, I've had 20 different chefs come through and every chef brings something else."

While the cooking came later, the idea for the establishment was born

long ago. Costello and his wife, who frequently vacation in Hawaii, often mused about opening a Jersey-themed restaurant in Hawaii or a Hawaiian-themed restaurant in New Jersev. Soon after a visit to Hawaii in 2009, Costello's wife became pregnant and the previous owner was selling the restaurant's current building, finalizing the family's decision to turn their inside joke into a reality.

Once the state was decided, the Costellos knew opening a restaurant in Lavallette just made sense.

"Lavallette is a great town," Costello said. "I've always been in the seasonal business. The restaurant business isn't easy, and to do it seven days, year round is a grind, so we were like, 'Well, if we bought in Lavallette, we could be super busy in the summer and then the off season, you could just really open weekends if you wanted to."

Costello is content with the restaurant's seasonal, dinner-only arrangement and plans to continue to serve the community by adhering to his core values of "great service, great food in a great atmosphere."



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#### Hook's Bar & Grill **Seaside Heights** hooksnj.com

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#### **Point Pleasant Beach** jenksclub.com

7/12: Royals; 7/13: Changing Lanes, Go Go Gadjet; 7/14: 80s Revolution, B-Street Band; 7/19: Man Down, DJ Case Ace; 7/20: Eddie Testa Band, Pulse; 7/26: Good Noise, 7/21: New Power Soul, **B-Street Band** 

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#### Neptune

#### mjsrestaurant.com/neptune

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#### **Toms River Brewing Toms River** tomsriverbrewing.com

7/20: Bri & Matty; 7/26: Open Mic Night; 7/27: The River Duo

#### Martell's Tiki Bar **Point Pleasant Beach** tikibar.com

Fri. 7/12: Kenny Raye Duo, Jexxa; 7/13: Original Copy, Breck, Audio Riot; 7/14: New Power Soul, Band of Make Believe; 7/19: Ned Ryerson Trio, Kristen & The Noise; 7/20: Non Stop Band, No Standards, Kickin Sunrise

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#### stoneponyonline.com

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