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Finn

Finn was hiding in the **Windmill** ad on page 4 in our October 29 edition.

In the meantime, Finn is hiding again in this issue! So flip through the pages and see if you can find him. Once you do, you can enter to win online or use the form found on page 13.



Enter at: findfinn.ndmag.com



FINN WINNER

Neptune residents Kristyn Suckow and Damien Hamlett found Finn in the Windmill Hot Dogs advertisement on page 4 in the October 29 edition of Night & Day Magazine and collected a \$50 cash prize. See if you can find Finn today!



If there was any year that the magic of the holiday season was especially needed it would have to be 2020. Whether you pulled out the Christmas tree and holiday decorations as soon as November hit or you're just getting started, the month of December is here to make spirits bright and merry. While some of your usual holiday events may have been cancelled due to COVID-19, the holidays are not cancelled. So take to the streets and indulge in the twinkling lights, festive decorations and magic in the air. Listen to the sounds of carolers and Christmas music pierce the night air and head to your town's shops to admire their seasonal storefront windows. Don't forget to mark your calendars for these holiday events that are still on to make the season even more enchanting.

MAKE YOUR OWN WREATH

Evergreen Holiday Wreaths will take place on Friday, Dec. 4 from 5 to 7 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. in the Program Room at Cooper Environmental Center at Cattus Island County Park, Toms River;

on Friday, Dec. 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Pavilion at Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat; and on Friday, Dec. 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. and 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Program Room at Jakes Branch County Park in Beachwood.

During each workshop, enjoy the scent of holiday greens as you make your own homemade wreath with evergreens cut from Ocean County parks, wire and wreath frame, which are all provided. Don't forget to bring your own hand-pruners and gloves and make sure you dress for the weather.

Celebrate the holiday season with Ocean County Parks & Recreation and for a \$12 fee, take home a beautiful handmade wreath. For more information, visit oceancountyparks.org.

THE HISTORIC VILLAGE AT ALLAIRE

Get in the holiday spirit at The Historic Village at Allaire State Park in Wall Township with a magical Allaire Christmas Lantern Tour as you stroll through the village by candle lit lantern learning about Christmas in the 1800s.

On Saturdays, Dec. 5, 12 and 19,

tours leave every 15 minutes from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. There are two types of tour options this year and each tour is limited to 12 people and tickets are sold in advance in a reserved time block. Guests can delight in the spirit of Christmas past with traditions and holiday decorations.

The Regular Village Christmas Lantern Tour is a 60 minute experiential evening lantern tour with a period dressed interpreter that leads 12 visitors per group to six of their historic buildings. Guests can also warm by the fire pit outside the Carriage House and enjoy the ambiance of a candlelit village. This tour is \$30 per person.

The VIP Village Christmas Lantern Tour allows visitor to enjoy the same magical experience as the regular lantern tour, but with an added 30 minutes that includes Christmas music at the Historic Chapel a special concluding program at the Carpenter Shop and a 2020 Allaire Christmas Gift Bag featuring an annual Allaire ornament and customized first edition Allaire Christmas Postal Cache. This tour is \$45 per person.

Whether you look forward to the Christmas Lantern Tours each year or you're hoping to create a new holiday tradition, you will be sure to experience music, history and theater during the final village tours of the 2020 season.

Keep the holiday spirit going by also taking part in Christmas at Allaire on Sundays, Dec. 6, 13 and 20, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Allaire invites guests to celebrate the traditions of Christmas past in the Historic Village while enjoying a day full of holiday cheer as you experience the magic and joys of Christmas past.

Visitors can warm up on the open hearth, help make Christmas treats, listen to the musicians and storytelling, prepare the Allaire Mansion for a French Christmas, take part in a gingerbread house contest and so much more.

The day will be full of fun interactive programs and visitors can also bring their holiday cards to be sent from Allaire's historic Post Office located in the General Store. Keep your eyes out for Santa and enjoy a great photo opportunity. For more

information about both events and ticket purchases, visit allairevillage.org.

MUSIC ON MAIN

The Ocean Grove Area Chamber of Commerce presents Music on Main on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. on Ocean Grove's Main Avenue.

Enjoy live music by The Band of Strays. Admission to the festival is free of charge. Those in attendance are asked to practice social distancing and masks are required.

Ocean Grove Area Chamber of Commerce invites all to shop downtown Ocean Grove for all their holiday needs and make the season bright by supporting small business. For more information, visit oceangrovenj.com.

HOLIDAY LIGHT SHOWS

Local tradition returns for the 2020 Christmas season with reservations required. The Christmas Light Show returns for its 15th year at "The All New McCanns" at Spring Meadow Golf Course in Wall Township. The schedule is to be determined and will be posted once available. Reservations will be accepted on a ticketing website.

Each show will run for approximately 25 minutes. The show is free, but donations of \$25 for a family of four and \$10 for an individual adult are suggested. These donations will benefit RallyCap Sports, which is a non-profit 501(c)3 charity that sponsors sports programs and builds facilities for children with disabilities. For more information on the return of this Jersey Shore tradition, visit thechristmaslightshow.com.

The Sisti Family Christmas Lights, 300 Pitney Ave., Spring Lake, is on display daily from 4:30 - 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 4:30 to 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with 24,000 Christmas lights that are half synced to music. For the full experience tune to 103.9FM WBEN to listen to holiday music that's synced with the light show. Check out The Sisti Family Christmas Lights Facebook page for any updates.

Johnny's Hazlet Holiday Light Extravaganza, 3 Bauer Ave., Hazlet, will display lights starting at 5 to 5:30 p.m. each night during the month of December. Masks are mandatory. There will be no contact with Santa or any other characters this year.

Walk up the driveway under the lighted trellis to view over three dozen inflatable decorations and 200,000-and-growing lights. Stay up to date on visits from Santa and the Grinch and more during the light show by following Johnny's Hazlet Holiday Light Extravaganza on Facebook.

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

Six Flags Holiday in the Park makes a magical return to the amusement park in Jackson Township on weekends and select days until Jan. 3. The park transforms into a festive winter wonderland full of interactive activities to help capture the holiday spirit and enchanting experiences to create special family fun memories.

For 2020 Six Flags Great Adventure is making sure to deliver holiday magic with a focus on safety. Those in attendance can enjoy millions of glittering lights, delicious treats, thrilling rides and dazzling street entertainment. New for 2020 guests can explore two newly-themed areas this holiday season; Jolly Jamboree and Wild Lights National Park.

Jolly Jamboree is located in the park's catering area and features savory holiday eats as well as the warmth of a fire pit for roasting s'mores. The new Wild Lights National Park allows little tikes to soar on their favorite rides over illuminated animals inspired by the Wild Safari.

Meet and greet with new guests visiting for the holiday season like Evergreen Queen, Mrs. Claus and a couple of Santa's reliable reindeer. Enjoy magical show-stoppers and experience the icy world of frost as you step into a holiday cirque spectacular.

Other holiday attractions include Holiday Harmonies, The Elf That Saved Christmas!, Poinsettia Princess, Mrs. Claus, Peppermint Princess, Holiday Firepits, Frost, Toy Soldiers, Reindeer, Snow Queen and King and Santa's House.

Special treats and unique food are on the menu for Holiday in the Park so try a traditional holiday meal or grab a Christmas-inspired funnel cake.

For more information and a full schedule of events, visit sixflags.com.

CHRISTMAS AT THE HISTORIC LONGSTREET FARM

Celebrate the holiday spirit at the Historic Longstreet Farm in Holmdel with a free and festive event.

The Sounds of Christmas will be heard on Sunday, Dec. 13, from 1 - 3 p.m. as guests celebrate the holidays by visiting the beautiful Longstreet farmhouse at Holmdel Park. Historic Longstreet Farm invites you to enjoy the welcoming warmth of this historic home with the backdrop of wistful music as Larry Moser and Mary Nagin play Christmas carols on the hammered dulcimer and fiddle.

Don't miss a Visit with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 19 and Sunday, Dec. 20. Father Christmas will be coming to Longstreet Farm. He invites young visitors and their families to join him and welcomes them to bring their letters for him to read. Pictures are encouraged. Pre-registration is currently required for this program.

SCROOGE 2020

The Spring Lake Community House and Theatre presents the 38th Annual Production of Scrooge 2020 Style: Outdoors. The production will be shorter, but as joyful as ever. December show dates: 4-6, 11-13 and 18-20. All shows will start at 7 p.m.

Seating is limited and will be assigned in order of purchase. For the safety of everyone, all CDC protocols will be followed. Face coverings will be required. Tickets are \$35 each and include hot chocolate and cookies.

In case of inclement weather, performances will be rescheduled. For more information and to purchase tickets in advance, visit springlaketheatre.com.

LONG BRANCH HOLIDAY BAZAAR GOES VIRTUAL

The Asbury Park Bazaar had planned to present the Long Branch Holiday Bazaar, as an open-air market at Pier Village Festival Plaza through Nov. 20, but due to rising COVID-19 cases the event has been moved to a virtual event.

This handcrafted items planned for this and vintage holiday market can be shopped online at: <https://www.asburyparkbazaar.com/pier-village-holiday-vendors>.

RING IN ← THE → NEW YEAR

WITH COCKTAILS TO GO FROM YOUR FAVORITE BARS

BY SAMANTHA MATTHEWS

NIGHT & DAY MAGAZINE

While toasting to the new year as the clock strikes midnight at your favorite bar and restaurant may not be an option this year, raising a cocktail from your favorite bar while enjoying time at home may be just what 2021 ordered. So slip on your fancy pajamas and cozy up for an elegant night at home with your favorite cocktail made by your favorite bartender takeout style.

SALTY WHALE & GUESTHOUSE

Salty Whale & Guesthouse, 390 E Main St., Manasquan is shaking up specialty cocktails for guests to enjoy at home. Stop by for curbside pickup and bring home the best of the bar.

Current cocktail-to-go options feature a variety of liquors and flavors to ensure there is something for everyone. Whiskey is the star ingredient in the Whiskey Cider, which also features lemon, apple cider and cinnamon. For those who enjoy a little heat to their drink, try the Spicy Margarita, which is made with tequila, jalapeno infused agave, triple sec, fresh lime and club soda.

“D” Martini combines notes of vodka, kahlua and pumpkin spice cream. Hint of Fall features spiced rum, apple cider, ginger ale and a cinnamon stick. Try a Maple Manhattan with bourbon, maple syrup, vermouth and bitters. Scotty offers scotch, blood orange liqueur, vermouth, cranberry and cherry.

The Strawberry Lemonade contains strawberry vodka, lemonade and a splash of club soda. Salty Sangria is also available and is a housemade seasonal selection. Sip an Espresso Martini made with vanilla vodka, godiva chocolate and fresh brewed espresso. Indulge in a Chocolate Martini made with vodka, godiva chocolate and creme de cacao.

Visit them online at thesaltywhale.com.





DEAL LAKE BAR + CO.

Deal Lake Bar + Co., 601 Main St., Loch Arbour is an American style bar and restaurant that features an inclusive, spirited atmosphere with fresh food, a modern vibe and more. Deal Lake Bar + Co. is also offering its guests cocktails to go, which are available all the time.

Cocktails to go are offered in 12 oz. and 16 oz. options. Grand Dad's Old Fashioned, The Big Apple and Cherry Bee are available in 12 oz. to go cocktails. Transfusion, Juicy Lucy, Road Soda, Hangover Helper, Mezcal Mai Tai and Jungle Juice are available in 16 oz. options.

Grand Dad's Old Fashioned is made with Old Grand Dad bourbon, Demerara simple syrup, orange bitters and angostura bitters. The Big Apple is made with Bulleit rye, apple liqueur, smoked cinnamon bitters and apple blossom bitters. Cherry Bee contains Barr Hill gin, dark cherry puree, lemon juice and simple syrup.

Transfusion is made with Russian Standard vodka, grape juice and ginger ale. Juicy Lucy is Ketel One oranje vodka, whipped vodka and coconut cream. Road Soda contains Penelope bourbon, lime juice, ginger beer and peach puree. Hangover Helper is none other than vodka or prosecco with orange gatorade and a side of French fries.

The Mezcal Mai Tai features El Silencio mezcal, orange liqueur, grapefruit juice, orgeat and a Hamilton rum float. Jungle Juice is daily made DLBC sangria with fresh fruit.

Visit them online at deallakebarco.com.

GRAND TAVERN

Grand Tavern, 1105 6th Ave., Neptune is open daily from 5 to 10 p.m. and their menu is always chock full of the craftiest cocktails. The cocktail menu changes with the seasons so there is always something different on the menu.

To-go cocktail options vary so ask for daily offerings. The cocktails are served in 16 oz. portions, which serves four. Current in house cocktail options include Fran's Appletini, made with celery-infused vodka, calvados, green apple shrub and simple syrup shaken. "I Bay Leaf in a Thing Called Love" features bay leaf-infused tequila, mezcal, lime, tonic and tiki bitters shaken.

Visit them online at thegrandtavern.com.

LA MONDINA

La Mondina, 110 Union Ave., Brielle offers La Mondina Signature Cocktails to go so you can enjoy the best of their cocktail menu in the safety and comfort of your own home. The takeout cocktails come in 375 milliliter bottles that are ready to serve. Each bottle serves three to four cocktails.

Sicilian Revenge is a sweet and spicy take on a margarita. The drink features Tanteo chipotle tequila, blood orange juice, fresno-chili lime juice and agave. Old Thymmer is a lemon-thyme infused old fashioned made with Four Roses bourbon, lemon-thyme infused syrup and angostura bitters.

Pear Pressure is a pear martini made with Grey Goose La Poire vodka, Saint Germain elderflower, lime juice and simple syrup. 14 Aspen Drive is a rye whiskey manhattan made with Pinhook Rye Whiskey, amaro lucano, trincheri rosso vermouth and orange bitters. Dolce Amaro is a strawberry negroni made with Ford's Gin and Campari, trincheri rosso vermouth and strawberry infused syrup.

Visit them online at lamondinabrielle.com.



TAKA

Taka, 660 Cookman Ave., Asbury Park is open daily for takeout from noon to 10 p.m., which includes some of the bar's best cocktails available to go.

Taka is offering bottles of cocktails for takeout so you can feel like you're at the bar while still being safe at home. Cocktail options include housemade Taka Spicy Rosa Rita and Taka Blackberry Margarita as well as aviatis, traditional or jalapeno pineapple margaritas, old fashioned and cosmopolitans. Winter Sangria is also available for takeout and can be served warm or cold. The sangria combines the flavors of fall with cider and cinnamon.

The cocktails are served in bottles so guests can simply pour over ice or straight into a glass at home for a taste of Taka.

Visit them online at takaasbury.com.

Make memories at the Magic of Lights

BY SAMANTHA MATTHEWS
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MAGIC of LIGHTS

One thing that won't look different this holiday season is PNC Arts Center as Magic of Lights returns for another dazzling season. Those in attendance can enjoy the return of one of the area's favorite holiday traditions from the safety and comfort of their own vehicle.

TAKE IN THE MAGIC

The lights are already on at PNC Bank Arts Center, 116 Garden State Pkwy, Holmdel and the magic can be enjoyed until Jan. 2. The schedule is Sunday through Thursday from 5 to 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 5 to 11 p.m. Purchase tickets online in advance for a contactless option that also saves time and money. Standard vehicle cost is \$25 online and \$30 at the gate. Admission cost is per car not per person.

"It is with great pleasure that we announce the return of Magic of Lights to PNC Bank Arts Center," stated Jorelle Aronovitch, general manager of PNC Bank Arts Center, in a post on PNC's website in October. "It will be wonderful to welcome our patrons to celebrate the holidays with our drive through light show."

"We are especially happy to once again brighten up everyone's holiday season at PNC in partnership with the New Jersey Turnpike Authority and promise a fun-filled family night in



the safety of your car," said Aronovitch.

Magic of Lights features themed light displays using the latest LED technology and digital animations including the drive-through blizzard tunnel and other returning favorites such as 12 Days of Christmas, Winter Wonderland and The Night Before Christmas.

Also making its return this season is the popular Toyota Mega Tree Spectacular, which features your favorite holiday programming displayed across 240 feet of LED Christmas trees inside the Toyota Holiday Village. The drive-through course is 2.5 miles and every inch is filled with the brightness and dazzle of lights.

SAFETY AND GIVING BACK

According to the Magic of Lights website, Magic of Lights' philanthropy made a meaningful impact in local communities last year by donating more than \$150,000 to local organizations in addition to collecting non-perishable food items, toys, books, coats and more for those who need it most.

Visit the Magic of Lights website to learn more about charity nights that they will be hosting this year.

PNC ensures that the safety of their guests is their highest priority and they are adhering to extra safety measures this year to allow everyone at the event to have a safe and memorable experience. Guests will be asked to stay in their vehicles for the duration of the event.

For more information on Magic of Lights and to purchase tickets in advance, visit magicoflights.com/events/newjersey.





TO DO LIST

BRIELLE VIRTUAL TREE LIGHTING

Dates: Friday, Dec. 4

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Virtual

Website: briellenj.com

While the borough's traditional Christmas tree lighting has been cancelled due to COVID-19, this virtual tree lighting event is on.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FESTIVAL

Dates: Saturday, Dec. 5

Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Location: Main Ave., Ocean Grove

Website: oceangrovenj.com

The Ocean Grove Area Chamber of Commerce presents the Holiday Craft Festival featuring artisans and makers. Admission is free and there will be live music by The Band of Strays. Please practice social distancing. Masks required.

HOLIDAY HARMONIES

Dates: Every Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 20

Time: 12 - 3 p.m.

Location: Performances are stationed at various locations in Red Bank
Website: redbank.org

This program is made possible in part by Monmouth Arts through funding from the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. Immerse your ears in the various harmonies of the season including traditional carolers, choirs, brass bands, handbells, rock, folk and jazz as musicians fill the sidewalks of Red Bank.

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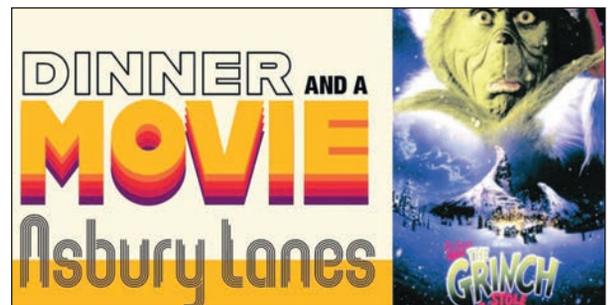
Date: Every Sunday thru Dec. 27

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: Nature Center, Jakes Branch County Park, 1100 Double Trouble Rd., Beachwood



The Red Bank Elf Scavenger Hunt will take place throughout the town's charming downtown and arts and antiques district between now and Thursday, Dec. 24. Stroll the downtown to view more than three dozen places where the Red Bank Elf has been spotted. Look for the Red Bank Elf in the windows and in the stores, restaurants and businesses and enter to win. Keep track of the locations by logging information into the Scavenger Hunt form! Download it, print it out and start searching. If you love this Scavenger Hunt, try the extra-special, social media photo challenge, too. Share your experience on social by snapping photos of the Elves and tagging the business, @redbank_nj and hashtagging #RedBankElf #RedBankNJ. For more information, visit redbank.org.



Get in the holiday spirit with Dinner and a Movie: **How the Grinch Stole Christmas** on Friday, Dec. 18 at 6 p.m. at Asbury Lanes, 209 4th Ave., Asbury Park. Enjoy Jim Carrey in the title role of this lavish live-action version of the holiday tale directed by Ron Howard. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the movie will start at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Asbury Lanes dinner and drinks menus are available before, during and after the movie. For more information and to purchase tickets in advance, visit theasburyhotel.com/to-do.



Celebrate the **Winter Solstice Celebration** on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cattus Island County Park, 1170 Cattus Island Boulevard, Toms River. All the fun will take place at the Cooper Environmental Center and the event is free of charge. Enjoy games, crafts, live animal talks, horse carriage rides, campfire storytime, food, a visit from Santa and a Candy Cane Nature Walk. For more information, visit ocparks.co.ocean.nj.us.



Head to the SurfFlight Theatre, 201 Engleside Ave., Beach Haven between Saturday, Dec. 5 and Sunday, Dec. 20 for a showing of **"We Need a Little Christmas."** This is the show to see this holiday season. A love filled Christmas Card filled with tradition, cheer and a little sparkle, you will leave this show with toes tapping and heart soaring, filled with the beautiful warm spirit of the season and the promise of better things to come. The performance is sponsored by Buckalew's Restaurant & Tavern & yuleTIDE. We Need a Little Christmas will be performed indoors at no more than 25 % capacity of audience per Governor Murphy's Executive Order and enhanced ventilation systems and hygiene and the audience will be in masks. For more information and to purchase tickets in advance, visit surflight.org.

Website: ocparks.co.ocean.nj.us

Join a park naturalist on these brief, but informative nature walks through Jakes Branch. *Weather permitting* walks will not exceed 30 minutes.

CURBSIDE AND CHRISTMAS TREES

Date: Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 20

Time: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Location: 4 JG's Orchard & Vineyard, 127 Hillsdale Rd., Colts Neck
Website: 4jgswinery.com

4JG's will be conducting curbside wine sales and Christmas trees every Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 20. Pick your own tree and grab your holiday wine. They will be featuring some beautiful gift options for all the season's needs.

ALLAIRE CHRISTMAS LANTERN TOURS

Sat., Dec. 5, Dec. 12 and Dec. 19

Time: 4:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The Historic Village at Allaire, 4263 Atlantic Ave., Wall Township
Website: allairevillage.org

Spend an evening strolling through the Historic Village at Allaire by candlelit lantern and enjoy the history of Christmas in the 1800s. Visit various historic buildings as your 1830s period dressed interpreter brings alive the spirit of Christmas past. Traditions and holiday decorations to delight everyone. Limited to 12 people per tour, tickets are sold in a reserved time block, by two tour types.

CHRISTMAS AT ALLAIRE

Dates: Sundays, Dec. 6, Dec. 13 and Dec. 20

Time: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Historic Village at Allaire, 4263 Atlantic Ave., Wall Township
Website: allairevillage.org

Celebrate new family traditions by celebrating the traditions of an Old World Christmas. Join the village for Christmas at Allaire and enjoy a day full of holiday cheer as you experience the magic and joys of Christmas past. Warm up on the open hearth, help make Christmas treats, listen to the musicians, storytelling, watch them prepare the Allaire mansion for a French Christmas, gingerbread house contest and much more. Drop off your holiday cards at the Allaire Village Post Office inside the General Store. Also keep

your eyes out for Santa, a great photo opportunity.

MEDIUM LINDA SHIELDS AT TIM MCLOONE'S

Dates: Wednesday, Dec. 9

Time: 8 p.m.

Tim McLoone's Supper Club, 1200 Ocean Ave., Asbury Park
Website: apboardwalk.com

Enjoy an evening with Linda Shields, The Jersey Shore Medium, as she connects with those who have crossed over. Linda realized her "gift" at a very early age and tells us that her greatest joy is in being able to be the "voice" of a loved one or a friend who has passed and wants to communicate with those they have left behind. This promises to be an evening with many surprises.

ANNUAL MENORAH LIGHTING CEREMONY

Dates: Thursday, Dec. 10

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Location: Pier Village, 50 Chelsea Ave., Long Branch
Website: piervillage.com/events

Join the Annual Menorah Lighting Ceremony during the celebration of Hanukkah. Rabbi Laibel Schapiro from the Chabad of the Shore will officiate the lighting. See the spectacular window displays, shop and indulge yourself with the delicious food and libations from the restaurants. The Menorah Lighting will take place rain or shine, all ages with all CDC recommended COVID-19 safety and social distancing guidelines in place with face coverings required.

A VIRTUALLY CELTIC CHRISTMAS

Date: Saturday, Dec. 12

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual through the Grunin Center, Ocean County College, College Dr., Toms River
showtix4u.com/event-details/40639 or grunincenter.org

Join Emmy-nominated singer-producer Michael Londra at the National Opera House of Ireland for the ethereal tenor's live concert performance with the Irish Concert Orchestra, two choirs, guest singers and musicians from all over Ireland as the Jay and Linda Grunin Center for the Arts presents A Virtually Celtic Christmas. The Grunin Center is offering various Video On Demand ticket

options for this stunning seasonal show. A Virtually Celtic Christmas will feature traditional carols, ancient Gaelic hymns beautifully sung and some classic songs that audiences familiar with Londra's recordings will know well.

MENORAH LIGHTING

Dates: Saturday, Dec. 12

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Riverside Gardens Park, Red Bank
Website: redbank.org

The Red Bank community will continue the Festival of Lights celebration with the Menorah Lighting. This socially distanced event will feature local music and prayer led by Rabbi Klein.

DO YOU SEE IT? PHOTOGRAPHY PRESENTATION

Date: Monday, Jan. 11

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Website: belmararts.org/classes
Photography is not about the camera, or any new software filters or plug-ins. Photography is about seeing. You either see it or you don't see it. Photography is the simple function of noticing things. If you want to take your photography to the next level, you need to increase your ability to see and be visually aware. This presentation will enhance your ability to make interesting, distinctive and mindful images. Michael & Beverly have been teaching awareness, mindfulness, experiential education and blending it into photography for over 30 years.

EVENTS AT MONMOUTH COUNTY PARKS

HISTORIC LONGSTREET FARM

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The Sounds of Christmas: 12/13, 1 - 3 p.m. Free.

Visit With Santa: 12/19-12/20, \$15 per group of six.

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Yarn Bee: 12/5 & 1/2

12 - 2:30 p.m. Free.

Cutting, Splitting and Hewing:

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THOMPSON PARK

805 Newman Springs Rd.,

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The Casual Birder Bird Walks:

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FRENEAU WOODS PARK

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Owl Prowl: 12/12, 7 - 8:30

p.m. \$9 per person.

Animal Hours: 12/17, 4:15

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ing: 12/6, 2 - 3 p.m. Free.

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Monthly Bird Walks:

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Warm up this winter with an order of chili from **Jimmy's Cucina**, 301 Union Ave., Brielle and 201 Broadway, Point Pleasant Beach. While Jimmy's Cucina may be known for their pizza, subs and from the grill options, the menu is full of appetizers, salads, soups, sides and more. Their goal is to serve their valued customers the highest quality products at family prices in a clean, casual atmosphere. Enjoy a pint or a quart of Homemade Chili with your choice of onions, cheese or broth. Visit them online for their full menu and more at jimmypizzasubs.com.



Start your dining experience at **Taka Asbury**, 660 Cookman Ave., Asbury Park with a carefully crafted cocktail from their menu. Indulge in a Spicy Rosa Rita made with Tanteo jalapeno tequila, blood orange, lime, cointreau and muddled jalapeños. Pair the cocktail with a specialty hand roll from their sushi menu. Can't dine in? The Spicy Rosa Rita is available to go in a 16 oz. bottle. Visit them online at takaasbury.com.

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Wright Taste, 1006 Main St., Belmar provides a unique variety of quality foods that range from Soul, Italian, Hispanic, Caribbean and more. Their mission is to give the customer a proficient experience in relation to food and love. Stop by for dinner and enjoy an order of 4pc Fried Chicken, which includes a breast, wing, thigh and leg served with your choice of two sides. With plenty of sides to choose from it will probably be hard to choose just two, but try the mashed potatoes and baked beans. Visit them online at wrighttaste.com.



BY SAMANTHA MATTHEWS
NIGHT & DAY MAGAZINE

With the colder months approaching and COVID-19 numbers still on the rise, why not take your breakfast to go and enjoy a delicious restaurant-style meal in the comfort of your own home. There are so many great options for breakfast in Monmouth and Ocean counties with many offering various takeout and delivery options to easily suit your needs. From fluffy pancakes to savory breakfast sandwiches and more, there are plenty of takeout breakfast options waiting for you this weekend or anytime.

BRIELLE BAGELS

Brielle Bagels, 204 Union Ave., Brielle deems themselves your neighborhood destination for a great bagel sandwich, a fresh juice and a sense of community. All bagels are handmade and baked in store making them stand out from the crowd. But the menu has plenty of breakfast takeout options to choose from in addition to bagels.

Egg platters are served any style with toast

and your choice of breakfast meat. Options include pork roll, bacon, sausage and turkey bacon or sausage. Three egg omelettes are also served with toast and come in several varieties. Pancake options include plain, chocolate chip and blueberry and french toast options feature Texas french toast and nutella french toast.

Of course bagels are always on the menu, until they run out that is. There are always tons of different options to choose from like cinnamon raisin, egg, everything and more. Flavored cream cheese options available are vegetable, scallion, olive/pimento, jalapeno, walnut raisin, strawberry and nova lox.

Brielle Bagels is open Monday through Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 5:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Takeout and delivery options are available. Visit them online at facebook.com/BrielleBagels.

CAPSIZED CAFE

Capsized Cafe, 111 Rt. 71, Spring Lake Heights was founded in 2015 and provides a casual, relaxed breakfast and lunch experience prepared by none other than Jimmy Pickles himself. Order your breakfast for takeout and choose from a wide array of options from sweet and decadent to savory and salty.

Breakfast sandwiches include traditional options like

egg and cheese sandwiches and meat, egg and cheese sandwiches as well as a breakfast burrito option, smothered breakfast burrito option and The Siren. The Siren comes with turkey sausage or turkey bacon, spinach, egg whites and swiss cheese on a whole wheat wrap.

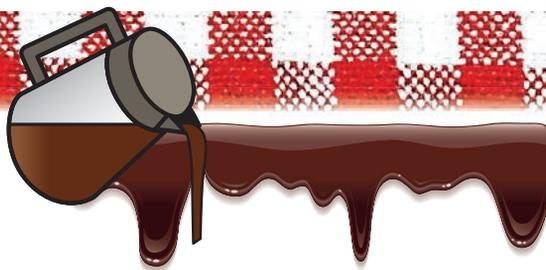
Enjoy an order of pancakes or french toast including Fluffernutter pancakes with marshmallows and peanut butter and cinnamon stuffed french toast. Platters and omelettes are served with homefries and toast and include options like Big Bad Wolf, which is ham, bacon, sausage and American cheese.

Capsized Cafe is open daily from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit them online at capsizedcafe.com.

CARDINAL PROVISIONS

Cardinal Provisions, 513 Bangs Ave., Asbury Park is the culinary collaboration of chefs Grace Crossman and Laura Brahn. Cardinal provides full service breakfast and lunch with great carryout, which is perfect for dining at home.

The current breakfast menu features avocado toast and ricotta toast as well as breakfast sandwiches and wraps, bowls, pastries and so much more. Indulge in a Skillet Cake, a cranberry skillet pancake topped with salted honey butter. Craving sweet and savory? Try the



Chicken & Waffles. The dish is made with fried organic chicken breast and thigh, pearl sugar waffle, maple poblano relish, herbed yogurt and Cholula hot sauce.

Enjoy a Classic Egg Burrito with scrambled eggs, cheddar cheese, beans, greens and roasted jalapeño salsa verde. For a delicious hot beverage try the Campfire Coffee, which is made with Valrhona hot chocolate coffee and a toasted housemade roasted marshmallow.

Cardinal Provisions is open Thursday through Monday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit them online at crdnl.com.

BAGEL STATION

Bagel Station, 2407 Rt. 71, Spring Lake Heights serves delicious hand-rolled bagels in the following varieties: plain, whole wheat, multi-grain, cinnamon raisin, egg, sesame, poppy, onion, pumpkinnickel, bacon and egg, everything, whole wheat everything, egg everything, jalapeno cheddar, salt, garlic, rye, blueberry, super cinnamon and french toast.

Order one of their bagels to go paired with cream cheese or butter or make it a breakfast sandwich with your favorite meat and cheese. Breakfast platters and more from the grill items are also available. Call ahead and pick up your order for a seamless transaction.

Bagel Station is open Monday and Wednesday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit them online at bagelstation2-springlake.weebly.com.

MEEMOM'S

Creative breakfast fare is at the forefront of all three Meemom's locations: 1825 NJ-35, Wall Township, 1383 NJ-35, Middletown and 56 Chambersbridge Rd., Brick. According to Meemom's, they specialize in serving shamelessly delicious spins on traditional breakfast and lunch items.

They have also deemed themselves

"Dean of French Toast University" as they offer over 20 delicious preparations of the classic breakfast dish. Varieties include ultra savory, fun and fruity and many more. Try the Campfire French Toast, which is coated in graham crackers and stuffed with marshmallow spread and nutella. The dish is topped with toasted marshmallows, crumbled graham crackers and powdered sugar and drizzled with vanilla and chocolate sauce.

The Breakfast Quesadilla is made with eggs, onions, peppers, bacon and cheddar jack cheese inside a whole wheat tortilla served with spuds, sour cream and house-made salsa. The Stay Fit Wrap features egg whites, mushrooms, onions and turkey bacon all wrapped up in a warm whole wheat tortilla. The wrap is served with a side of house-made salsa and a fruit cup.

All locations are open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Order online at DoorDash or UberEats for all three locations or pickup your order. Visit them online at meemoms.com.

TOAST

Toast City Diner features multiple locations as well. Visit them at 516 Cookman Ave., Asbury Park or 45 Monmouth St., Red Bank. The mantra of Toast is simple: Peace. Love. Pancakes. Toast declares these the three, not so secret ingredients that help make every dining experience at Toast stand out.

Enjoy menu favorites at home by ordering online or over the phone. Grab a breakfast starter like Grilled Cinnamon Buns, which come three to an order. Want something different for breakfast? Try the Disco Eggs with french fries, brown gravy and fresh cheese curd topped with two lightly fried eggs and scallions.

Omelettes and scrambles are served with breakfast potatoes and toast and of course pancakes are on the menu as well as waffles and french toast. Order Red Velvet Pancakes and enjoy your favorite cupcake as a pancake. Served with homemade sweet cream cheese.

Asbury Park hours are Monday and Wednesday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Red Bank location is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit them online at toastcitydiner.com.

LOCAL URBAN KITCHEN

Local Urban Kitchen offers guests the freshest and most nutrient dense ingredients there are with two locations: 1985 Highway 34, Wall and 1805 Rt. 35, Point Pleasant Beach [Point Beach location currently

closed for renovations]. Local Urban Kitchen is an organic restaurant that supports local farmers.

Order takeout online or over the phone for the Wall location and choose from a variety of breakfast items, which are both healthy and delicious. Whether you're a meat lover, vegan or gluten free there is an option with your name on it. Try a breakfast starter like the parfait made with fresh fruit, vanilla or coconut yogurt and homemade granola.

Sweeten your day with Ezekiel French Toast topped with your choice of fresh to order blueberry or strawberry compote. For a more savory breakfast try a Mediterranean Omelette made with spinach, tomato, kalamata olives and feta cheese.

Local Urban Kitchen in Wall is open Tuesday through Sunday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit them online at localurbankitchen.com.

BECKMAN'S DELI & GRILL

Beckman's Deli & Grill, 704 10th Ave., Belmar is perfect for all your breakfast takeout needs with pickup and delivery options available as well as online ordering. For a quick bite or a delicious meal, you can order your Beckman's Deli & Grill your way. The breakfast menu features sandwiches, wraps, platters, omelettes and more.

Order the Jay's Wrap and enjoy a breakfast wrap filled with eggs, pepper jack cheese, avocado, breakfast potatoes, ketchup and hot sauce. Sweet lovers will enjoy a fresh and hot stack of french toast. For sweet and savory indulge in a Monte Cristo sandwich with ham, turkey and Swiss cheese served on french toast. The Link Sandwich is also savory, sweet with pork roll, sausage, bacon, egg and cheese topped with maple syrup and served on a half sub.

Beckman's Deli & Grill is open daily from 5 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Visit them online at beckmansdeligrill.com.

Celebrate the season of giving this year

BY SAMANTHA MATTHEWS
NIGHT & DAY MAGAZINE

The holiday season is a joyous time of year to celebrate with friends and family. Make the most out of the "Season of Giving" by finding ways to give back to the community, volunteer, donate and help those less fortunate. Various food pantries in our area collect donations and serve food to those who need it most and they can always use donations. Give back this season and help make someone else's season a bit brighter.

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Volunteer opportunities include organizing food drives, packing and sorting donations, helping out at mobile pantries and with their feeding program partners and so much more.

For more information and assistance locating a pantry, call 732-918-2600. Text "findfood" in English or "comida" in Spanish to 888-918-2729. You will be prompted to give your zip code and then will receive information about the closest pantry location to obtain food in your chosen language.

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Spend this holiday season putting others first by giving back and getting involved to make someone else's season brighter. Each and every action helps. Whether you donate food to a holiday distribution, volunteer to serve food during a holiday meal, donate funds or needed items to a worthy cause or join an organization to help others, you will make a substantial impact on someone else's life. Lend a helping hand to those who need it most this season.

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The pandemic shakes up a new venture for LAYLOW

BY SAMANTHA MATTHEWS

NIGHT & DAY MAGAZINE

The pandemic struck the service industry in a terrible way and with some businesses having to shut their doors to the community, it was time to get creative. For the team behind Laylow Cocktail Lounge, 603 Mattison Ave., Asbury Park by Cul+ure Collective, creativity hit in the form of virtual cocktail classes and a cocktail book.

RAISE YOUR SPIRITS

Laylow originally opened in November 2019 and by March their doors were shut. With the hope of keeping their team paid and guests engaged, they decided to host virtual cocktail classes both public and private to help people master the art of bartending at home.

“Chris [Viola, founder of restaurant group Cul+ure Collective] had wanted to reach our guests just as a way of keeping people active

that had been active in our life every week,” said Pasquale Papi. “So that’s how it started, but it really took with people. I think everybody in the beginning was trapped in this perpetual snow day.”

The classes were initially public, but once inquiries came in for private classes as well, Laylow began offering both. “The public was pretty much our driving force of those first ten weeks or so and then we started getting inquiries about private classes pretty quickly,” said Papi. “And then while still doing these weekly public classes we started developing private classes and then we got in touch with people all over the country, which was awesome, all over the world.”

INSPIRATION AND WHERE IT STRUCK

From the classes Papi and Jamie Dodge, gathered their stories, recipes, puns and tips for the home bartender and created a cocktail book, **Raise Your Spirits**. The book features roughly 25 recipes for readers to try at home.

The book will launch mid December and is currently available for presale on Laylow’s website. One of the cocktails in the book, The Makai Sour, was inspired by a trip to Mexico City that Viola, Papi, Dodge, Janna Burrows and the culinary team went on in February.

According to Papi, one of Viola’s friends had a roadside restaurant

called Makai Puchina where they were shown unbelievable hospitality and cuisine and that experience was deep seeded in the inspiration of this cocktail.

“So we just kind of crafted that cocktail,” he said. “It’s a sour in a sense.

We’re just following our main spirits, our citrus, our sweetener. We’re teaching them how to use an egg white to make that nice light fluffy texture in the cocktail,” he added. “And also this nice beautiful cocktail that’s really easily accessible to make at home.”

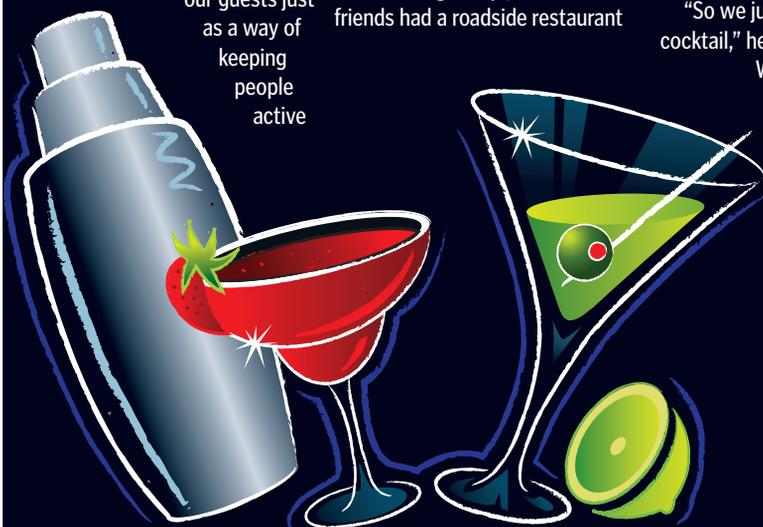
For Dodge, the book release is also a way to get the Laylow name out to people. “I would say a lot of it’s going to be introducing

Laylow to a lot of people that don’t know about it as well,” said Dodge. “We opened this past November before the pandemic so we were really rocking for four months and then obviously got shut down.”

The book is currently available for presale and virtual classes are still being offered to the public each week. The month of December offers classes on Dec. 9, 23 and 30.

“I feel like the book takes a different approach than most cocktail recipe books in that each one tells a tale,” said Burrows. “Each drink comes with a story, comes with some background, history and I got to know a little bit more about Pip and Jamie through their stories so I really enjoyed that process of writing with them.”

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