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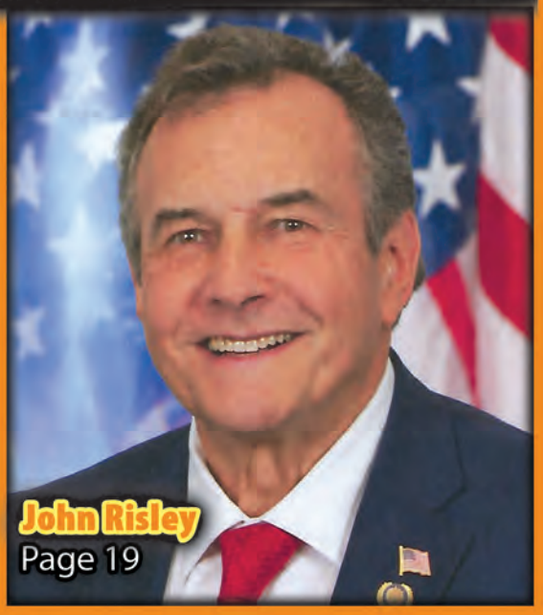

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11/4-6 - NJMEA ALL-STATE ORCHESTRA
11/6-8 - DISNEY ON ICE PRESENTS SPOTLIGHT MAGIC!

## BORGATA:
10/3 - MICKY DOLENZ - 60 YEARS OF THE MONKEES
10/10 - GLADYS KNIGHT
10/23 - THE SIXTIES SHOW
10/24 - SCOTT BRADLEE'S POSTMODERN JUKEBOX – THE FUTURE IS VINTAGE WORLD TOUR

## CAESARS:
ONGOING - THE HOOK & ATLANTIC CITY BALLET: SLEEPING BEAUTY
10/11 - MISS'D AMERICA PAGEANT
11/6 - BORED TEACHERS: "IS IT FRIDAY YET?!" COMEDY TOUR

## HARD ROCK:
10/2 - THE DOOBIE BROTHERS: WALK THIS ROAD TOUR
10/3 - CHRIS TUCKER
10/16 - RICKY MARTIN
10/23 - GODSMACK - THE RISE OF ROCK WORLD TOUR 2026
11/6 & 7 - CHICAGO
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## GOLDEN NUGGET:
10 /3 - TRAVIS CLOER SINGS THE FRANKIE VALLI SONGBOOK
11/7 - WILL DEMPSEY
11/14 - MJ LIVE
12/12 - CHRISTMAS WITH THE BEATLES FT. ABBEY ROAD

## OCEAN RESORT
10/2 - ASHANTI & TREY SONGZ
10/10 - THE REVIVALISTS
10/17 - DAUGHTRY
10/23 - JOHN MULANEY
11/6 - JON STEWART
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11/14 - ANTHONY RODIA
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12/11 - TRISHA PAYTAS
12/20 - CIRQUE DREAMS HOLIDAZE

## TROPICANA:
10/2-3 - THE DISCO BISCUITS
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10/22 - DAYBREAK - A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO BARRY MANILOW
10/23 - JESSE MCCARTNEY
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- 1 pound chicken apple sausage (5 links), sliced into rounds
- 1 pound sweet potatoes, peeled and diced
- 1 small to medium red onion, diced into large chunks
- 16 oz brussel sprouts, halved
- 5 cloves garlic, minced
- chopped parsley and green onion, for serving
- 2 tablespoons dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar

**For the Marinade:**

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon sweet paprika
- 2 teaspoons fresh thyme
- 2 tablespoons dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees.
2. Make the marinade: Whisk together all of the marinade ingredients until well combined.
3. Add the sausage, sweet potatoes, red onion, Brussels sprouts, and garlic to a large mixing bowl.
4. Pour the marinade over the sausage and veggies and then toss until well combined.
5. Transfer the sausage and veggies onto a large sheet pan lined with parchment paper and arrange in a single layer, making sure the Brussels sprouts are cut side down.
6. Bake the chicken sausage and veggies for 25-30 minutes or until the potatoes are tender, tossing halfway through.
7. Remove the sheet pan from the oven and sprinkle a bit of parsley and green onion over top.

# PUMPKIN FACTS:
## BEYOND THE JACK-O'-LANTERN

### GARDEN GIANT

**GARDEN GIANT**

- **BOTANICALLY A FRUIT,** not a vegetable. They are a type of squash (Cucurbitaceae family).
- **MAJOR PRODUCERS:** Illinois grows the most pumpkins in the US for processing.

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**CRANBERRY MOSCOW MULE**
2 cups cranberry juice
2 cups vodka
½ cup lime juice
8 cups ginger beer
Ice
Garnishes: Fresh cranberries, lime wedges, rosemary sprigs

**HOT APPLE CIDER WITH RUM**
4 cups apple cider
1 cup dark rum
2 cinnamon sticks
4 whole cloves
1 orange (sliced)
2 tablespoons brown sugar

**CARAMEL APPLE MARTINI**
4 cups apple cider
4 cups caramel vodka
2 cups butterscotch schnapps
Caramel sauce for rimming glasses
Apple slices for garnish

**CINNAMON WHISKEY SOUR**
2 oz bourbon
1 oz lemon juice
¾ oz cinnamon simple syrup
Ice
Cinnamon stick for garnish

**GINGER PEAR VODKA COOLER**
2 oz pear vodka
1 oz ginger syrup (recipe below)
1 oz lime juice
Club soda to top
Ice
Pear slices for garnish

**MULLED WIND**
4 cups apple cider
1 (750 ml) bottle red wine
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3 cinnamon sticks
4 orange slices
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## Vegan Black Bean Soup

- 3 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 yellow onion, chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 Tbsp. ground cumin
- 2 tsp. smoked paprika
- 2 tsp. dried oregano
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 4 (15.5-ounce) cans black beans, rinsed
- 7 cups vegetable stock
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 Tbsp. sherry vinegar
- Sliced avocado, chopped red onion, chopped fresh cilantro, and lime wedges, for serving

1. Heat oil in a large Dutch oven or pot over medium heat. Add onion and bell pepper. Season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until tender, 8 to 10 minutes. Add garlic, cumin, paprika, and oregano. Cook, stirring, until fragrant, 1 minute
2. Stir in beans, stock, and bay leaves. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, until flavors have melded, 40 to 45 minutes. Discard bay leaves and stir in sherry vinegar.
3. Transfer 2 1/2 cups beans and 1 cup liquid to a bowl; mash with a potato masher until smooth. Return to Dutch oven. Season with salt and pepper. Serve with avocado, onion, cilantro, and lime wedges alongside.

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**Servings:** 1 **Prep Time:** 15 min **Cooking Time:** 3 min

## Ingredients

Pumpkin sauce

- 1 cup Pumpkin puree
- 1 cup Water
- 2 oz Sugar
- 1 tsp Pumpkin pie spice
- 2 tsp Vanilla extract

Latte

- 2-3 tsp Pumpkin sauce
- 1 Espresso
- 8 oz Hot milk
- Whipped cream and cinnamon for garnish (optional)

## Directions

1. *In a saucepan, combine pumpkin puree, water, sugar, pumpkin pie spice, and vanilla extract. Bring to a boil, then simmer for 15-20 minutes, stirring constantly until thickened.*
2. *Let the sauce cool, then store in the fridge for up to 2 weeks.*
3. *To make the latte, add 2-3 teaspoons of pumpkin sauce to a cup.*
4. *Brew a shot of espresso and mix it with the sauce.*
5. *Add hot milk and stir well.*
6. *Optional: Top with whipped cream and a sprinkle of cinnamon. Enjoy!*

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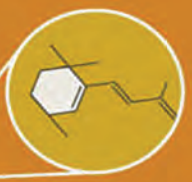
# HALLOWEEN BY THE NUMBERS

**46%**
of American adults carve a pumpkin for Halloween.

A pumpkin grown in 2010 weighed
**1,810 POUNDS**
–as much as a dairy cow or roughly half the weightof a small car.

U.S. growers produce over
**1.5 BILLION POUNDS**
of pumpkins per year. That's more than twice the weight of the Empire State Building.

Each pumpkin contains about
**500 SEEDS.**



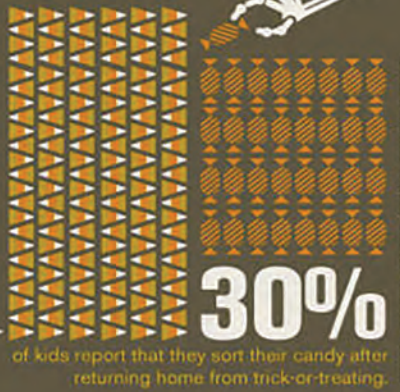
Pumpkins are low in calories, fat, and sodium and high in fiber. They are good sources of Vitamin A, Vitamin B, potassium, protein and iron.

Top pumpkin production states are Illinois, California, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, and Michigan.

Pumpkins are a member of the gourd family, which includes cucumbers, honeydew melon, cantaloupe, watermelon, and zucchini.
**THESE PLANTS ARE NATIVE TO CENTRAL AMERICA AND MEXICO, BUT NOW GROW ON SIX CONTINENTS.**

There are
**36 MILLION CHILDREN**
in the United States between the ages of 5 and 13–the prime trick-or-treating age group.

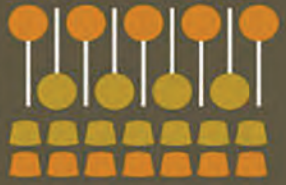
**50%**
of Americans decorate their yards for Halloween.



More than
**35 MILLION POUNDS**
of candy corn are sold annually. That equates to nearly 9 billion pieces–enough to circle the moon nearly 21 times if laid end-to-end.

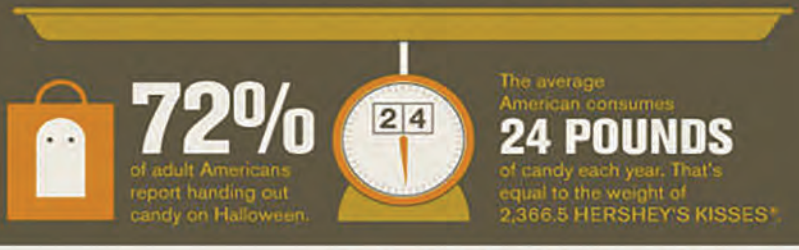
**30%**
of kids report that they sort their candy after returning home from trick-or-treating.

**90%**
of parents admit to sneaking goodies from their kids' Halloween trick-or-treat bags.



Nearly
**120 MILLION AMERICANS**
(children and adults) dress up in costumes for Halloween.

**11.5%**
of Americans dress up their pet for Halloween.




**72%**
of adult Americans report handing out candy on Halloween.

The average American consumes
**24 POUNDS**
of candy each year. That's equal to the weight of 2,366.5 HERSHEY'S KISSES®.

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### STAYING ON TRACK WITH YOUR HOLIDAY WEIGHT LOSS GOALS

Staying on track with your holiday weight loss goals is challenging and usually requires planning ahead and managing your environment. Decide beforehand if you will eat Halloween candy and specify the exact amount, such as two fun-size bars. Each time you grab a piece of candy save the wrapper. Take a look at the wrappers you've accumulated at the end of the day. You'll be surprised just how many fun size chocolates you had. Keep in mind they are about 80-100 calories per chocolate! Here are a few tips to get you through your Halloween:

- *Fill up on protein, fiber, and healthy fats before heading to a party or going trick-or-treating so you are not ravenous.*
- *Choose a snug or body-conscious costume instead of loose clothing to stay mindful of how much you eat.*
- *Purchase treats you find unappealing so you are less tempted to snack on the leftovers.*
- *Hand out non-candy items like stickers or pencils, or donate excess candy through programs like the Halloween Candy Buyback.*
- *Put your kids' leftover candy in the freezer to slow down consumption and remove immediate temptation.*
- *Stay hydrated! Sip water or herbal tea throughout the day to stay hydrated and curb false hunger cues.*
- *Take a long walk while trick-or-treating with family or friends to add extra physical activity to your evening.*

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# OCTOBER 2026

**October 3 & 4: Smithville Oktoberfest**
Celebrate the flavors and fun of fall at Smithville's annual Oktoberfest, a beloved autumn tradition being held October 3–4, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Browse more than 150 juried craft vendors, savor a variety of international cuisine, and enjoy family-friendly activities, nonprofit exhibits, and festive entertainment throughout the village. While you're there, explore Smithville's 50 unique shops, ride the historic carousel or train, paddle across the lake, and discover charming eateries and antique arcades for a full day of seasonal fun. A free shuttle will run from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. each day from Smithville Square, 45 S New York Road, Galloway.

**October 10 & 11: Smithville Irish Festival**
Celebrate Irish heritage and the arrival of fall at the Historic Smithville Irish Festival on October 10–11. Enjoy a lively weekend featuring traditional Irish music on two stages, energetic Irish dance performances, an Irish marketplace filled with unique vendors, family-friendly activities, and a delicious food court. Whether you're Irish or simply Irish at heart, this festive event offers fun for all ages. Grab your kilt and join the celebration in charming Historic Smithville and The Village Greene.

**October 17: Dog Day at Renault**
Dog Day at Renault takes place from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and invites guests to enjoy a "fur-st" class day at the winery with their pups. The free event features outdoor dining, a toy-filled play pen for dogs, a special doggy menu with homemade biscuits and pup cups, and even a Renault Champagne plush toy for your four-legged friend. Mamma's Gonna Rescue will also be on-site with adoptable dogs looking for their forever homes, making it a paws-itively fun afternoon for all.

**October 17 & 18: Atlantic City Marathon**
Established in 1958, the Atlantic City Marathon is the third oldest continuously running marathon in the United States. Known for its fast and flat course, including eight miles along the iconic oceanfront Boardwalk, the event offers runners an unforgettable seaside racing experience. Highlights: Marathon distance: 26.2 miles; Additional race options: Half Marathon (13.1 miles), 10K, and 5K; Fast, flat courses ideal for personal bests; Eight miles of scenic oceanfront Boardwalk running; Open to runners of all skill levels; Weekend full of races, community festivities, and seaside enjoyment

**October 24: Harvest Town Festival**
The Mayor's Office of Special Events invites you to the Harvest Town Festival on Saturday, October 24 at 2:00 p.m. at Historic Gardner's Basin. This free, family-friendly celebration will have an afternoon of food, games, rides, and seasonal fun! Rain date is Sunday, October 25.

**Weekends through November 1: Haunted Golf - North Beach Mini Golf & Bike Rentals**
120 Euclid Ave.; $14 Adult & $12 Child
Get into the Halloween spirit at North Beach Mini Golf, where the course has transformed into a festive, family-friendly Halloween adventure. Enjoy a spooky, more-fun-than-frightening round of mini golf with scenic views of the inlet, Atlantic Ocean and Atlantic City skyline right from the Boardwalk. Bring your friends, show off your Halloween spirit and enjoy a lighthearted way to celebrate the season.

**Now - October 31: The Boo Bar at Bar One**
Celebrate Summer-Ween at Bar One inside Resorts Casino Hotel as it transforms into the spooky Boo Bar: Witches Edition that began August 21. Step into Atlantic City's ultimate Halloween haunt, where it's never too early for spine-chilling drink specials, eerie live music, costume contests, and fang-tastic giveaways. Enjoy nightly entertainment and themed events, including karaoke and bingo, or stop by on Saturday nights to dance the night away with Michael Myers, Freddy Krueger, and the Boo Bar dancers.

# Sweet, Sweet HALLOWEEN

Popular treats among trick-or-treaters:

9% Lollipops
7% Gummy Candy
6% Gum
68% Chocolate

**36 MILLION** U.S. children from ages 5-13 will go trick-or-treating this year.

## Tootsie Rolls

Creator Leo Hirshfield named this candy after his daughter's nickname, "Tootsie", in 1896.

## Snickers Bar

This bar was named after a horse owned by the creator of the candy, the Mars family.

## M&M's

M&M's were named after their invtentors, Forrest Mars & Bruce Murray.

## Trick of the Treats
### Candy Myths and Mouthfuls

**Candy makes children hyper.**
Studies have found no link between candy and hyperactivity. Instead, researchers encourage parents to look at the environment and events surrounding the candy, i.e. Halloween, birthday parties, etc...

**3/4** of candy corn sales occur during the Halloween season.

**Caffine in chocolate will keep you awake.**
In a regular sized 1.5 oz chocolate bar there is about 10 mg of caffine. One would have to eat 13 chocolate bars to equal 1 regular sized 8oz coffee!

**Green M&Ms® are an aphrodisiac.**
This rumor has been circulating since the 1970s. Mars, Inc. suggests the myth plays on the color and its ancient association with love and fertility.

**Eating lots of Halloween candy in one sitting will cause cavities.**
Cavities are caused by bacteria found in our mouths. Eating a large amount of candy in one sitting will not cause cavities; frequent indulging is what causes cavities.

## Toxic Sweets

There has been NO real case of random child poisoning related to trick-or-treating.

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# POPULAR HALLOWEEN COSTUMES 2026:

## KIDS

### #1 ANIMALS & DINO-MIGHT
- TOP ONESIES & SUITS
- ROARING ADVENTURES
- SOFT & COMFY CHOICES

### #2 PRINCESS & FANTASY
- DREAMY DRESSES
- MAGICAL ADVENTURES
- Fairy-Tale Styles

### #3 HEROES & REAL JOBS
- ACTION PACKED
- BRAVE CHARACTERS
- DOCTOR & FIREFIGHTER & MORE

POPULAR HALLOWEEN COSTUMES 2026: FOR KIDS & ADULTS

## ADULTS

### #1 BLOCKBUSTER ICONS
- TOP MOVIES & SHOWS
- TRENDING CHARACTERS
- FAN FAVORITE LOOKS

### #2 CLASSIC SCARY & HORROR
- TIMELESS MONSTERS
- DARK & SPOOKY CLASSICS
- HORROR ICONS

### #3 GROUP & CREATIVE COUPLES
- FUN FRIENDS THEMES
- PERFECT FOR PAIRS
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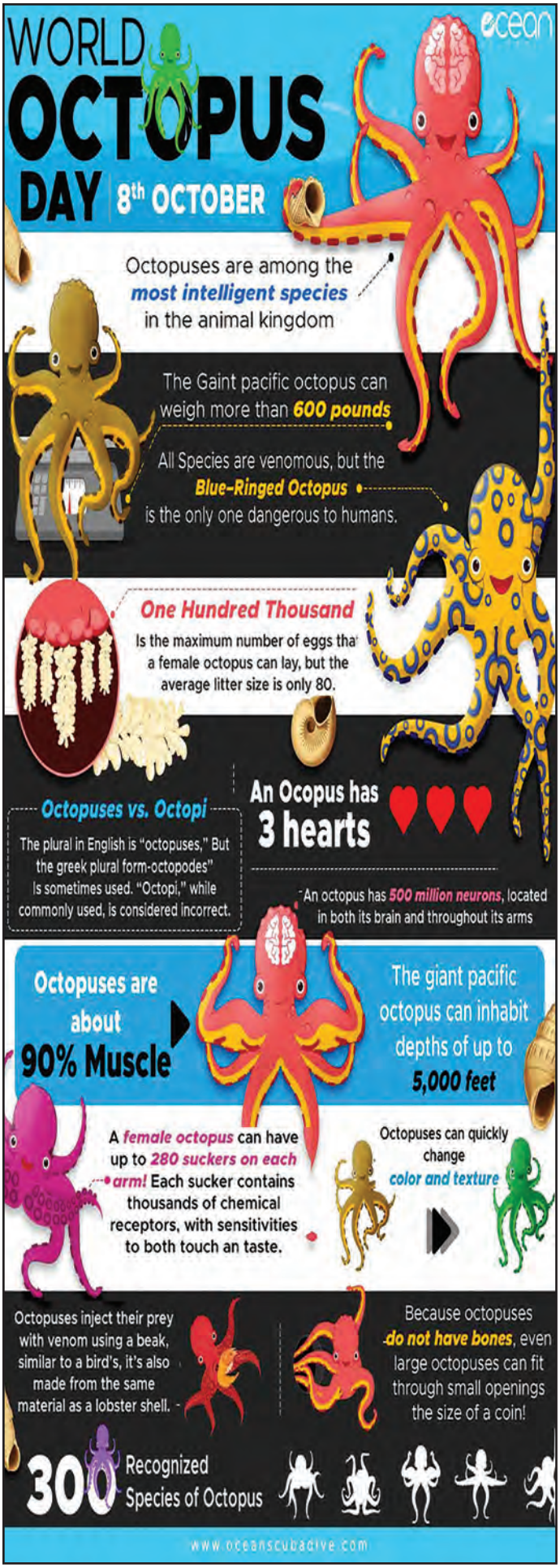


CFBNJ's South Jersey Women Fighting Hunger Luncheon will take place on October 28, 2026 at The Carriage House in Galloway. The Women Fighting Hunger Luncheon serves as a vital extension of CFBNJ and fills the future of children, students, and families in need with our support, our voice and our action. The event begins at 11 AM with registration and light hor d'oeuvres followed by the Luncheon and Program at 12 PM featuring speaker Priya Fielding-Singh, author of *How the Other Half Eats*. Drawing on her extensive research and real stories from families, Priya will explore how the rising cost of living impacts working households and examine the broader systems driving food insecurity. Her insights will highlight actionable ways we can all help address hunger in our communities.

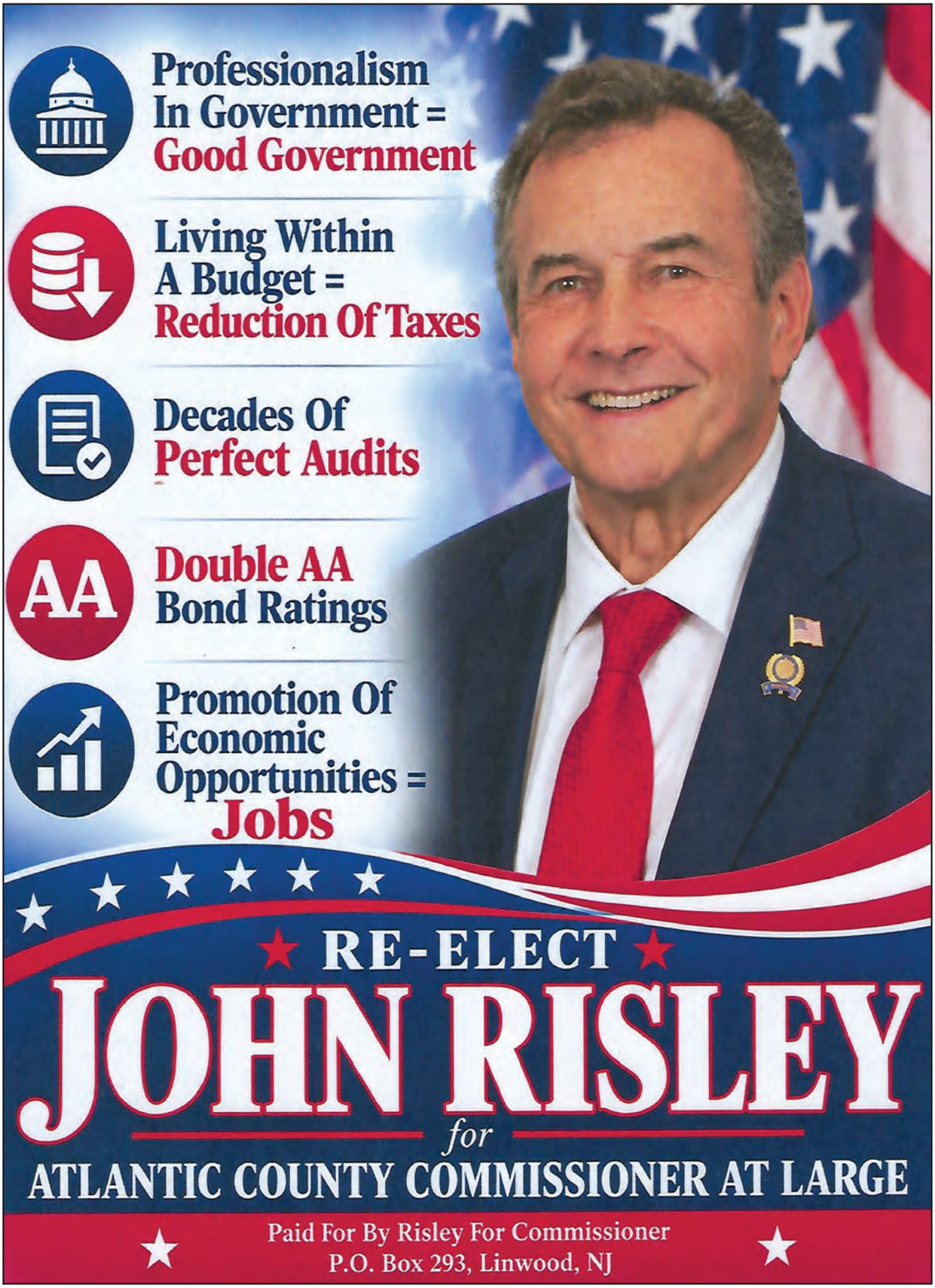
The event RSVP deadline is Friday, October 16, 2026. Please join us as we come together to address food insecurity in our state.

For event inquiries, please contact Torrina Bennett-Michael at: tbennett-michael@cfbnj.org or 609-380-3671.

## OUT OF THE DARKNESS AFSP TEAM JFS WALK

**Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties was proud to participate in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Out of the Darkness Walk at Hard Rock Atlantic City on September 20. More than 25 staff, board members, and community representatives joined Team JFS to help raise awareness about suicide prevention.** *(Photo provided by Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties)*

**HELP IS AVAILABLE.**
**SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE:**
**CALL OR TEXT 988**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## Atlantic County Trunk-or-Treats

**Saturday, October 3 • 5-7pm - Northfield Trunk or Treat**
Birch Grove Park, 1675 Burton Ave., Northfield, NJ 08225

What to expect: Trunk-or-treating with decorated vehicles, candy and family activities. The city's previous event has included face painting, a photo booth and Kona Ice. More info: 609-641-2832 or scampbell@cityofnorthfield.org

**Saturday, October 10 • 6-8pm - Buena Twp Trunk or Treat & Haunted Walk**
Michael Debbi Park, 315 Cedar Ave., Richland, NJ 08350

What to expect: This is a free event . Trunk-or-treating through the fields, decorated cars and trucks, hayride, haunted pathway through the woods, and complimentary hot dogs, drinks and chips while supplies last. More info: 856-697-2100 ext. 8 or specialevents@buenavistanj.com

**Sunday, October 11 • 12-2pm - Scullville Volunteer Fire Co Trunk or Treat**
Fleming's Junkyard, 353 Zion Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

What to expect: Trunk-or-treating and a pumpkin-patch tractor ride. Admission is $5, and anyone receiving candy needs a ticket. Tickets must be purchased in advance; there will be no day-of ticket sales. The rain date is October 18. More information / tickets: https://tinyurl.com/3d6b9sff

**Friday, October 16 • 6-8:30pm - Absecon Schools PTO Trunk-or-Treat**
Absecon Schools, 800 Irelan Ave., Absecon, NJ 08201

More information: 609-641-5375

**Monday, October 19 • 5-7pm - INLAND Family Success Center Trunk or Treat**
3050 Spruce Ave., Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

What to expect: Trunk-or-treating with community partners distributing treats and resources. More information: 609-569-0376 or InlandFSC@gmail.com

**Wednesday, October 21 • 4-6:30pm** - EHT Candy COATed Trunk or Treat
Egg Harbor Township Police Activities League, 2542 Ridge Ave., EHT, NJ 08234

More information: 609-645-8413 or EHTPAL@EHTPAL.org

**Wednesday, October 21 • 5-7pm** - EHT WINGS Program Trunk or Treat
Egg Harbor Township High School, 24 High School Drive, EHT, NJ 08234

What to expect: Music, games and contests for all ages. Admission is $5 per child or $10 per family with three or more children. More info: 609-653-0100

**Saturday, October 24 • 4-7pm** - Linwood Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat
All Wars Memorial Park, 1210 Wabash Ave., Linwood, NJ 08221

What to expect: Games, trunk-or-treat, face and pumpkin painting, and more. More information: 609-927-4108

**Sunday, October 25 • 4-6pm** - Somers Point Police Trunk or Treat
Shore Medical Center parking lot, Harbor and Bay Aves, Somers Point, NJ 08244

More information: KMackenzie@somerspointpd.org

**Tuesday, October 27 • 5-7pm** - EHT Recreation Halloween Trunk or Treat
EHT Community Center, 5045 English Creek Ave., EHT, NJ 08234

More information: 609-272-8120 or Recreation@ehtnj.gov

**Friday, October 30 • 1pm**- St. Vincent de Paul Regional School Trunk-or-Treat
2nd Street & Farragut Avenue parking lot, Mays Landing, NJ

More information: 609-625-1565 or 4info@svdprs.com

**Saturday, October 31 • 3:30-6:30pm**- Kiwanis Club of AC Trunk or Treat
The Courts at MLK / vacant lot behind Pop Lloyd Stadium, Atlantic City, NJ

What to expect: Trunks full of candy, face painting, costume parade, costume contest, musical chairs, limbo and DJ. The event is free. Children ages 5–10 must be accompanied by an adult. More info / trunk registration: 609-300-4526

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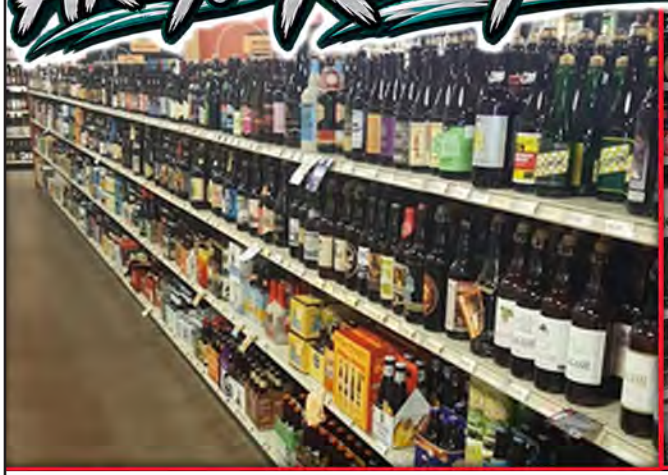

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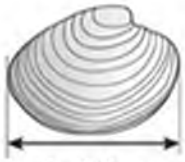
# ATTENTION ANGLERS

## 2026 NJ Recreational Size Limits, Possession Limits and Seasons

*• Fish are measured from tip of snout to tip of tail (except Black Sea Bass and Sharks).*
*• Cleaning or filleting of fish with a minimum size limit while at sea is prohibited.*



**Hard Clam**
1.5 inches
Recreational Limit = 150 clams
No harvest on Sunday
Shellfish license required

**Summer Flounder (Fluke)**
**All marine waters except those noted below:**
3 fish at 18 inches
**Delaware Bay & Tributaries:**
3 fish at 17 inches
**Island Beach State Park:**
2 fish at 16 inches
**Open Season: May 4 – Sept 25**

**Weakfish**
1 fish at 13 inches
**Open Season: Jan 1 – Dec 31**

**Black Sea Bass**
10 fish at 12.5 inches May 15 – June 21
1 fish at 12.5 inches June 22 – Sept 22
10 fish at 12.5 inches Sept 23 – Oct 31
15 fish at 12.5 inches Nov 1 – Dec 31

**Bluefish**
Private/Shore Angler – 5 fish
For-Hire Vessel – 7 fish
**Open Season: Jan 1 – Dec 31**

**Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass**
1 fish at 28 inches to 31 inches
See Marine Digest for Striped Bass Bonus Program, circle hook requirements and gaff prohibition.
**Delaware River & Tributaries Calhoun St Bridge, Trenton to Salem River & Tributaries:**
Open Mar 1 – Mar 31 and June 1 – Dec 31
**Atlantic Ocean:**
0-3 miles from shore, no closed season
Greater than 3 miles from shore, closed
**All Other Marine Waters:**
Open Mar 1 – Dec 31

**PROHIBITED SPECIES**
See the Marine Digest or njfishandwildlife.com for a complete list!

| Other Species | Possession Limit/Season | Total Length |
|---|---|---|
| **American Eel** | 25 | 9" |
| **Black Drum** | 3 | 16" |
| **Cobia** | 1 per person, 2 per vessel | 43" |
| **Cod** | 5 fish: Jan 1 - May 31 & Sept 1 - Dec 31 | 23" |
| **Haddock** | No Limit | 18" |
| **King Mackerel** | 3 | 23" |
| **Pollock** | No Limit | 19" |
| **Red Drum** | 1 | 18" to less than 27" |
| **River Herring** | CLOSED | N/A |
| **Scup (Porgy)** | 30 fish: Jan 1 - June 30 & Sept 1 - Dec 31 | 10" |
| **Shad** | 6 combined | No Limit |
| *No more than 2 American shad in Del Bay, River & Tributaries<br>*Zero American shad in all other waters | | |
| **Spanish Mackerel** | 10 | 14" |
| **American Lobster** | 6 | 3 3/8" to 5 1/4" carapace length |
| *LMA 4 Open Season: Jan 1 - Apr 29 & June 1 - Dec 31<br>*LMA 5 Open Season: Jan 1 - Jan 31 & April 1 - Dec 31 | | |
| **Jonah Crab** | 50 | 4 3/4" carapace width |

**Tautog**
15 inches
4 fish Jan 1 – Feb 28
4 fish Apr 1 – Apr 30
1 fish Aug 1 – Nov 15
5 fish Nov 16 – Dec 31

**Winter Flounder**
2 fish at 12 inches
**Open Season: Mar 1 – Dec 31**

**Shark**
1 fish per vessel
See NMFS for size, season and gear restrictions

**Blue Crab**
(measured point to point)
Peeler or Shedder – 3 inches
Soft – 3 ½ inches
Hard – 4 ½ inches
Recreational Limit = One Bushel
Crab Pot/Trot Line Seasons
**Delaware Bay & Tributaries:**
Apr 6 – Dec 4
**All Other Waters:**
Mar 15 – Nov 30

**Register before fishing! It's free, easy, and required. *SaltwaterRegistry.nj.gov***

For a full list of saltwater regulations, scan the QR code.

*This publication is a summary of the New Jersey recreational fishing regulations at the time of publication. It is not the full law.*
*Flounder, weakfish, black sea bass, bluefish, toutog and striped bass: ASMFC Fish Illustrations © https://drawnbydown.com/*
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# Fishing in Atlantic County

Any angler 16 and older must have a valid license to fish the fresh waters of New Jersey. This includes privately owned lakes and other waters. For more information visit the NJ DEP Division of Fish and Wildlife Fishing License Information website at dep.nj.gov/njfw/fishing/freshwater/buy-a-license/. Remember that all saltwater anglers 16 and older must register with the state. Go to NJ Saltwater Recreational Registry Program for registration information at dep.nj.gov/saltwaterregistry/.

SALTWATER FISHING

**Atlantic City** - Gardner's Basin Marina, North New Hampshire Avenue and the bay, is home to charter boats, sightseeing and fishing cruises. For more information call (609) 348-2880. Fishing is permitted on the beaches, outside of guarded areas, and from the jetties. The seawall along Sunset Avenue is a popular area for crabbing or fishing from land in the back bay. A municipal boat launch (fee required) is located at Albany Avenue and Boulevard Avenue.

**Ventnor/Ventnor Heights** - The Ventnor City Fishing Pier is located at Cornwall Avenue and the Boardwalk. The fishing pier offers seasonal rates for fishing or sightseeing. For additional information, call the piermaster at (609) 823-7944. Along the back bay, a seawall the length of Winchester Avenue is perfect for the family to fish or crab from land. A free boat ramp is located on the bay on Dorset Avenue, where there is plenty of free parking. For more information call (609) 823-7900.

**Margate** - Amherst Avenue, between Decatur and Monroe avenues, is home to several marinas and bait and tackle shops, including small boat rentals. Within the marinas are dozens of charter boats available on a daily basis throughout the summer and shoulder seasons. For more information on charters call Capt. Andy's at (609) 822-0916, or for a family outing on a pontoon rental boat call Ray Scott's Dock at (609) 822-6819. Surf fishing is permitted during non-guarded hours.

**Somers Point** - John F. Kennedy Park, located on Broadway, offers a boat ramp (fee required) granting access to Great Egg Harbor Bay. Another ramp (fee required) is located at Smith's Marina, 910 Bay Ave. Along the Bay Front Historic District on Bay Avenue there are several marinas which are home to many party and charter boats. There is also a crabbing and fishing pier located on the bay off New Jersey Avenue. Restrooms are located nearby.

**Brigantine** - Surf fishing is permitted on non-guarded beaches and at the seawall, Seventh Street north to 14th Street. The old Brigantine Bridge, across Absecon Inlet from Harrah's Marina, is used as a fishing pier. A public boat ramp (fee required) is located at Sixth and Bayshore avenues on the bay. For more information, call (609) 266-1122.

**Leeds Point** - Seasonal fishing and crabbing are permitted in designated areas of both the Brigantine and Barnegat Divisions of the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge. These areas include saltwater fishing (from land) at the following locations: Gravelling Point, Little Beach (with permit), Parkertown Dock Road, Cedar Run Dock Road, and Stafford Avenue. Boats may be launched at the Brigantine Division's Scotts Landing boat ramp, located at the end of Scotts Landing Road, off Moss Mill Road at Leeds Point. Freshwater fishing is permitted on Lily Lake in Oceanville. For more information call (609) 652-1665.

For a detailed list of saltwater fishing locations, see the Saltwater Fishing Guide at atlantic-countynj.gov/residents/recreation-leisure/fishing-in-atlantic-county.

FRESHWATER FISHING

**Lake Lenape Park** - Lake Lenape Park East and Lake Lenape Park West are located in Hamilton Township and together encompass nearly 2,000 acres of land. Each park offers a variety of activities and facilities for residents and visitors to enjoy with its own entrance and access points. Boating is allowed on the lake with proper permits as required. All boaters must comply with state regulations and laws. No personal watercraft are permitted. For information on obtaining a boating permit and the associated fees contact the Lake Lenape Park office at (609) 625-8219.

**Lake Lenape Park East** - 753 Park Road, Mays Landing. This park is located on the eastern side of Lake Lenape and offers the most scenic views of the lake. Recently completed renovations include a new fishing pier, pickle ball courts, additional pavilions, landscaping enhancements and ADA accessibility improvements. The refurbished catering hall, Lakeside Manor, is a unique and picturesque lakefront venue that is available for special events and weddings for more than 250 guests. Lake Lenape Amenities: Fishing, Softball, Pickle Ball, Playground, Picnic Tables, Pavilions, Catering Hall, Historic Lighthouse, Restrooms, Convenient Parking.

**Lake Lenape Park West** - This park is located on the western side of Lake Lenape (note that some land on the eastern side and the entire lake surface is controlled by the county). The park entrance is located at 6303 Harding Highway in Mays Landing and encompasses nearly two-thousand acres of land, all the way up to the Black Horse Pike (Route 322). Things to Do at Lake Lenape West: Mountain Biking, Boathouse, Boating Access, Boat Ramp, Camping, Kayak/Canoe Access, Cross-county Skiing, Fishing, Gazebo (reservations required and may be made online or in person), Hiking, Unimproved Trails, Hunting, Nature Trails, Playground, Picnic Tables, Scenic Views, Playground. Call the reservation office at 609-625-8219 for more information.

**Birch Grove Park** - Off Mill Road, Northfield. For more information call (609) 641-3778 or visit the City of Northfield - Birch Grove website at cityofnorthfield.org/recreation/birch-grove.asp. No boats allowed – fish from land

**Heritage Pond Park** - Mill Road, Absecon. No boat ramp. No outboard motors allowed

**Hammonton State Park** - White Horse Pike (Route 30), Hammonton. Car top launch. No outboard motors allowed

**Maple Lake** - Off Maple Avenue, Estell Manor. Car top launch. No boat ramp. No outboard motors allowed

**Mill Pond** - Off Mill Road, Port Republic. Car top launch. No boat ramp. Outboard motors allowed

**Makepeace Lake** - Off Weymouth Elwood Road, Hammonton. Car top launch. No boat ramp. Outboard motors allowed

October 2026
Halloween Movies
Watch List
Spooky Movies & Good Vibes
Same Girl... Different Scary Movie
Old Classics ♥ New Favorites ♥ Spooky Vibes
31 Days ♥ 31 Movies ♥ Let's Get Spooky!
SUN
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1 Hocus Pocus (1993) Classic
2 Beetlejuice (1988) Classic
3 The Addams Family (1991) Classic
4 Coraline (2009) Animated
5 The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993) Classic
6 Scream (1996) Thriller
7 Halloween (1978) Classic
8 Practical Magic (1998) Fantasy
9 The Craft (1996) Cult Classic
10 Sweeney Todd (2007) Musical/Thriller
11 HalloweenTown (1998) Family
12 The Conjuring (2013) Horror
13 Casper (1995) Family
14 IT (2017) Horror
15 Edward Scissorhands (1990) Fantasy
16 Friday the 13th (1980) Horror
17 The Witches (1990) Family
18 The Lost Boys (1987) Horror
19 What We Do in the Shadows (2014) Comedy
20 Jennifer's Body (2009) Thriller
21 The Burbs (1989) Classic
22 Zombieland (2009) Comedy
23 The Shining (1980) Psychological
24 Hotel Transylvania (2012) Animated
25 Black Phone (2021) Horror
26 Van Helsing (2004) Action
27 Trick 'r Treat (2007) Horror
28 The Others (2001) Thriller
29 Corpse Bride (2005) Animated
30 Ready or Not (2019) Horror/Comedy
31 The Nightmare Before Christmas Classic
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NEW RELEASES (2026 & BEYOND)
The Black Phone (2027)
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Grab Your Snacks, Blankets & Get Spooky!
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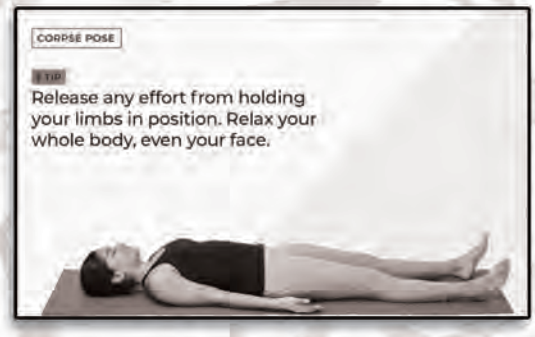
# HEALTHFUL LIVING

## October's Guide to Health Awareness

## YOGA POSES

### Corpse Pose & Child's Pose



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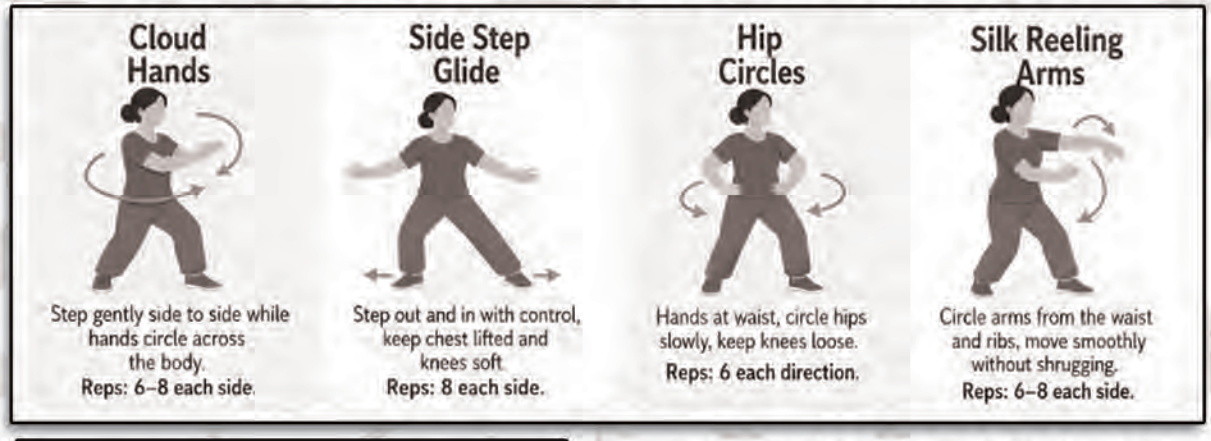

## MENTAL HEALTH CHECK-IN

Are there any beliefs I've outgrown but still hold onto out of habit?

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# South Jersey Matters

By Todd Cohen

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## Main Library Open until 8 p.m. on Thursdays

Those who visit the Atlantic City Free Public Library to find a best seller, use a computer, do research, receive assistance from a librarian or attend a program will now have more time to do so.

The library recently added Thursday evening hours at Main Library, located at 1 North Tennessee Ave. Main Library's new hours are: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, and 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

The library's hours at the Richmond Branch, located at 4115 Ventnor Ave., remain the same: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday.

# TIDE TABLE
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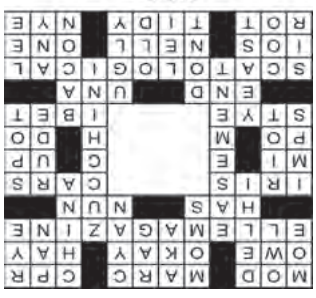
**Across**

1. Up-to-date
4. Cleopatra's love ___ Antony
8. E.M.T.'s skill
11. Have markers out
12. "Comme ci, comme ça"
13. Mudder's fodder
14. Vogue rival
17. Controls
18. Sister or mother
19. Camera diaphragm
21. Sonatas, e.g.
24. Do-re-___
25. Above
26. Letters before "Box" on some addresses
27. Execute
28. Eyelid problem
30. Refuter's remark
32. Purpose
34. Spanish article
35. Bathroom-humor-related
41. Cyclades island
42. Dickens girl
43. Buck
44. Rubbish
45. Shipshape
46. Actress Carrie

**Down**

1. Stooge with a bowl cut
2. Rice University mascot
3. Indian state
4. Soccer ___
5. Letters before an alias
6. Maid's cloth
7. Blue hue
8. Popular wedding gift
9. Slam
10. Kvass ingredient
15. Right of passage
16. Ratatouille ingredient
19. Pucks
20. Laugh ___
22. Boorish
23. Smudge
29. Bakery supply
31. Breakfast sizzler
33. "___ Tread on Me"
34. Nasty
35. Elton John, e.g.
36. Gentle sound
37. Floral necklace
38. Antediluvian
39. In the least
40. Attorney F. ___ Bailey

Solution: Marie Curie



# THINK ENERGY'S NEW VIRTUAL POWER PLANT PROGRAM COULD BRING MAJOR SAVINGS AND BATTERY BACKUP TO NEW JERSEY HOMEOWNERS

Electricity costs continue to rise, and according to Ed Kenny, one of the founders of Think Energy, the problem goes much deeper than another rate increase. The electrical grid was built for a very different world, long before today's population growth, electric vehicles, modern appliances, and massive data centers created the extraordinary demand now being placed on it.

Think Energy was previously featured in an article about its Community Solar and Auto Save programs, which have helped customers save on their energy costs. Now, after more than three years of preparation, the company is getting ready to introduce another program: the Virtual Power Plant, or VPP.

**How does a virtual power plant work?**

Electricity is generally less expensive during lower-demand periods and more expensive during peak hours. Think Energy's technology allows a battery installed outside a customer's home to charge during lower-demand periods and help power the home during expensive peak hours.

When hundreds or thousands of these batteries work together, they essentially become one large energy resource—a virtual power plant—reducing pressure on the electrical grid when demand is highest.

**What does this cost the homeowner?**

Think Energy isn't asking the homeowner to purchase the battery. The company bears the cost, owns and installs the battery, and is responsible for maintaining it. For eligible homeowners, the complete battery solution can be provided at no upfront cost.

The program can also provide two important benefits: electricity savings and backup power during outages.

Under Think Energy's Illinois program, customers can receive a 25-percent discount on their electric supply charges. New Jersey's final legislation and incentive structure are still being worked out, so Think Energy can't yet say what the exact savings will be for New Jersey homeowners.

*When hundreds or thousands of these batteries work together, they essentially become one large energy resource*

If the grid goes down, the battery can provide backup electricity based on the capacity and configuration of the system.

**Why would Think Energy provide the battery?**

States and utilities recognize the value batteries can provide to the electrical grid. Think Energy combines available incentives with its technology to intelligently manage the batteries and reduce demand during critical peak periods.

Because Think Energy owns the battery, it's also responsible for maintaining it.

The battery itself is installed outside the home and is approximately four feet high, two and a half feet wide, and eight inches thick. The number of batteries available to each homeowner will depend on the program and eligibility.

**When is this coming to New Jersey?**

Think Energy has already been operating this technology in Texas for six months and has also launched in Chicago. New Jersey is moving forward with legislation and incentives surrounding virtual power plants, and Think Energy expects its New Jersey program to launch within the coming months.

Initial battery and installation availability is expected to be limited. Existing Think Energy customers—particularly homeowners already enrolled in Auto Save—will receive priority and be among the first in line for the VPP program.

As Think Energy CEO Michael Fallquist puts it: "A home without a battery in 10 years will feel as strange as a home without Wi-Fi does today."

**What should New Jersey homeowners do now?**

Homeowners interested in receiving a backup battery system should reach out to Yossi Azar and enroll in Think Energy's Auto Save program. Being part of Auto Save will put you in line for when the battery program launches in New Jersey.

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## KEEP THE SPOOKY FUN ~ AND THE REAL DANGERS ~ FAR APART

Halloween is one of the most anticipated nights of the year. Costumes come out, neighborhoods fill with trick-or-treaters, and candy seems to be everywhere. But with more people walking after dark, busy streets, costumes that can make it harder to see and plenty of distractions, Halloween also comes with some important safety considerations. A few simple precautions can help make sure the scariest thing about Halloween is the costumes.

## HISTORY OF HALLOWEEN SAFETY MONTH

Halloween has roots stretching back more than 2,000 years to Samhain, an ancient Celtic festival marking the end of the harvest and the beginning of winter. According to traditional beliefs, this was a time when the boundary between the living and the dead was especially thin. People celebrated with bonfires and disguises as part of the observance.

As Christianity spread through Celtic regions, November 1 became associated with All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows. The evening before became known as All Hallows' Eve, eventually shortened to Halloween. All Souls' Day, observed on November 2, became a day to remember the dead.

Over the centuries, Halloween traditions continued to evolve. In medieval England, people went door to door "souling," offering prayers for the souls of the dead in exchange for small cakes known as soul cakes. In Scotland and Ireland, children practiced "guising," dressing up and performing songs, poetry or other tricks in exchange for treats. These traditions helped shape the trick-or-treating tradition we know today.

Although the exact origins of Halloween Safety Month are unclear, October provides an opportunity to remind families about the unique safety concerns that come with Halloween and the simple steps that can help keep the celebration safe.

## DID YOU KNOW?

• THE STORY OF STINGY JACK - One of Halloween's most recognizable symbols has a spooky story behind it. Irish folklore tells of Stingy Jack, a miserly man who repeatedly managed to outwit the Devil. When Jack died, he was said to be denied entry to both Heaven and Hell and forced to wander the earth with only a burning coal to light his way. Jack placed the coal inside a hollowed-out turnip, giving rise to the legend of the jack-o'-lantern. When Irish immigrants brought the tradition to America, pumpkins eventually became the more familiar choice for carving.

• BEFORE THERE WAS TRICK-OR-TREATING, THERE WAS "SOULING" AND "GUISING" - Long before kids were knocking on American doors shouting "trick or treat," Halloween traditions looked very different. In medieval England, people practiced "souling," going door to door offering prayers for the dead in exchange for soul cakes. In Scotland and Ireland, there was "guising," in which children dressed up and went from house to house performing a song, poem, joke or trick in exchange for food or small gifts. These traditions helped shape the trick-or-treating tradition we know today.

• HALLOWEEN HASN'T ALWAYS BEEN A KID'S HOLIDAY - For much of its history, Halloween was an occasion for adults as well as children. Halloween parties became popular in the United States in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, with adults gathering for games, fortune-telling, dancing and elaborate social events. In fact, some early Halloween celebrations were less about collecting treats and more about figuring out who you might marry. Young people played games and used various forms of divination to try to predict the identity of a future spouse.

• THE WITCH NEVER GOES OUT OF STYLE - The classic Halloween witch has been casting the same spell for generations. The pointed hat, broomstick, hooked nose and dark, dramatic clothing became part of the familiar witch image through European illustrations and printed pamphlets centuries ago. Over time, Halloween added its own flair - from old-fashioned crones to glamorous witches and everything in between. The witch is the No. 1 adult Halloween costume in 2026, with an estimated 4.8 million adults planning to dress as one. Vampires come in second, with 4.2 million.

## FROM SPOOKY TO SAFE

MAKE SURE YOU CAN SEE. If you're wearing a mask, make sure it doesn't block your vision. Costumes should fit properly and allow you to walk, see and move easily. Avoid long fabric, oversized shoes or accessories that could cause trips and falls.

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT. If a costume is dark, add reflective tape or another reflective element so the wearer is easier for drivers to see. Bring a flashlight, especially when walking after dark.

STAY TOGETHER. Children should trick-or-treat with an adult or in a group, use sidewalks when available and cross streets at crosswalks or intersections. Establish a meeting point in case anyone gets separated, and make sure everyone's phone is fully charged.

DRIVE SLOW. Halloween means more pedestrians in neighborhoods, sometimes in unexpected places. Slow down, stay alert and watch carefully at intersections, driveways and crosswalks. If you've been drinking, don't drive - arrange for a sober driver or another safe way home.

KEEP PETS SAFE. Taking your dog trick-or-treating? Keep your dog securely leashed and, if their coat is dark, use a reflective collar, leash or other visible gear. Watch closely for dropped candy, wrappers and other things your pet might try to eat. Chocolate and candy containing xylitol can be dangerous to pets. If you're handing out candy at home, a constantly opening door and a stream of costumed visitors can make some pets anxious or cause them to bolt. Consider keeping your dog or cat in a quiet room away from the front door during the busiest part of the evening.

CHECK THE CANDY. Children should wait until an adult has inspected their treats before eating them. Anything that appears open, damaged or unusual should be discarded.

WATCH THE DECORATIONS. Keep candles, cords and decorations out of walkways, driveways and stairs. Secure anything that could tip, blow over or become a tripping hazard - and keep open flames far away from costumes, paper and other flammable materials.

## BEFORE YOU HEAD OUT

☒ Make sure your costume fits properly and you can see clearly
☒ Add reflective tape or something visible if your costume is dark
☒ Bring a flashlight
☒ Make sure your phone is fully charged
☒ Stay with your group or an adult
☒ Know where to meet if someone gets separated
☒ Use sidewalks and crosswalks whenever possible
☒ Watch for traffic before crossing
☒ Check candy before eating
☒ Keep pets away from chocolate and dropped candy
☒ Make sure pets are securely leashed if they're coming along

## HAVE A HAPPY ~ AND SAFE ~ HALLOWEEN!

## Fast-Paced Thrillers that Will Make You Turn Inward

**The Anniversary** *by Alex Finlay*

When you write a novel that only takes place one day a year over ten years, you think that you'll miss a lot of the characters growth, but Finlay executes this perfectly without readers missing a beat. What would happen if you were attacked by a serial killer, but for some reason they spared you? As the person still remains at large and continues coming back every May to claim his victims, how do you move on when survivor's guilt has taken over? Why you? And would he ever try to come back after you again? These are the questions that plague Finlay's protagonist, Jules, the lone survivor of the May Day Killer. Over a span of ten years, we revisit the trauma and effect that it has had on Jules' life and her journey to not only trying to catch this killer, but her path to healing as well.

**Keep Them Close** *by David Ellis*

When Allison's husband Finely is found murdered, the investigation threatens to expose a dark secret with Allison and her brother Luke. This book explores lies and betrayal but also the love of two siblings who would kill for each other, if they don't kill each other first. It deals with fractured families and how as siblings we know the best ways to hurt one another. It's a story that explores the relationship dynamics that form when dealing with toxic parental behaviors and what we do to try to survive them. This complex web of lies was so intriguing that I flew through this book.

**Dead in the Water** *by John Marrs*

After Damon survives a near drowning, he relives a moment that he has never remembered before involving a dead boy. He knows he knows this boy, but he doesn't know how. It's a story that makes us question ourselves as humans. If you are the hero in your own story, then what narrative do you tell yourself so you can believe it? How truthful are our own memories and can we rely on ourselves to remember every detail or only the ones that put us in a good light?

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# ATLANTIC CITY TO UNVEIL ITS FIRST SENIOR MADE PUBLIC MURAL ON THE BOARDWALK

Create 48 AC, in partnership with Mosaic and Atlantic City Senior Services, unveiled "Seen," the first public mural in Atlantic City designed and made by seniors themselves, on Friday, Sept. 18 on the boardwalk at Albany Avenue. The Mayor and Atlantic City Senior Services were joined by Create 48 AC, Mosaic, lead artist Sue Daly, assisting artist Glenn Taylor, and the seniors who conceptualized and painted the work. The seniors who made "Seen" are the same ones who fill Atlantic City Senior Services' weekly calendar with arts classes, fitness sessions, cultural outings, and creative workshops. They made every design decision and painted the mural themselves. The location also sits close to the former site of the Seashore House, the original home of Mosaic. A mural made by seniors, funded by the organization built to serve them, installed on the boardwalk they walk every day, ties the work directly to the century long history of senior care in Atlantic City. Atlantic City now has more than 100 public murals. "Seen" is the first designed and made by seniors themselves. After visiting and viewing Atlantic City senior programs and services, Senator Andy Kim said, "I leave Atlantic City inspired by the incredible work I saw." This project was inspired by that same commitment to keeping seniors at the forefront of Atlantic City's programming and public life. Create 48 AC is a 501(c)(3) public art nonprofit based in Atlantic City. Its team has worked on over 100 murals in the city since 2017.

# FOUR LONGTIME ATLANTIC CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT EMPLOYEES

Four longtime employees serving Atlantic City International Airport concluded their employment as of September 30, 2026, following the transition of airport maintenance and operations functions to self-performance by the South Jersey Transportation Authority. Together, the four employees represent nearly a century of combined service dedicated to airport operations, maintenance, safety, and support functions at Atlantic City International Airport. The employees include:

- Albert Cavileer, Maintenance Technician — 38 years of service
- Michael Barnett, Airport Operations Department Lead Coordinator — 20 years of service
- John Barone, Airport Operations Department Supervisor — 18 years of service
- Marsha Stern, Project Manager of Airport Maintenance and Janitorial Departments — 18 years of service

Throughout their years at the airport, these individuals contributed to the daily operations and long-term continuity of services supporting passengers, tenants, airlines, and airport staff. As of October 1, 2026, the South Jersey Transportation Authority assumed self-performance of these operational functions. This transition presents an appropriate opportunity to recognize these employees' many years of dedicated service to the airport, the traveling public, and the South Jersey community. The departing employees expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve Atlantic City International Airport and the South Jersey community over many years.

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## Hidden Truths, Ancient Secrets and the Search for Answers

**Palm Beach Confidential** *by Susannah Marren*

In the latest entry in her Palm Beach novel series, Susannah Marren returns to the glittering, watchful world of Palm Beach, where appearances matter, and family secrets have a way of surfacing at the worst possible time. Lucinda Barrows has spent decades building a dazzling life of wealth, status and social influence, but her carefully controlled world begins to crack when mysterious letters arrive from Kesgrave, the Florida Panhandle town she thought she had left behind.

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**Son of Hades** *by Caleb Lewis*

Alexandros Nyktos is grieving, furious and very dangerous. After his undercover detective wife is murdered by the Moretti Mafia, Alex - the demigod son of Hades - tears through the criminal empire seeking revenge. But when he reaches mob boss Victor Moretti, someone has beaten him to the kill.

The twist? Moretti was actually Dionysus, the ancient Greek god of wine, and someone has discovered how to murder immortals. Now Alex is both suspect and reluctant guide for FBI Special Agent Morgan Hale, whose investigation pulls her into a hidden America populated by gods, vampires, demons and other legendary beings living behind modern identities. When another god turns up dead, the uneasy partners must uncover what connects the victims before the killer strikes again.

Blending urban fantasy, police procedural and slow-burn romance, Son of Hades brings ancient rivalries and divine grudges into a dark, dangerous modern underworld. Purchase at https://a.co/d/00T5kpWj.

**In Search of the Optimal Human Diet: A Layperson's Guide to Nutritional Science** *by Jonathan Spitz*

In a world of competing diet plans, contradictory headlines and nutritional quick fixes, Jonathan Spitz goes back to a more fundamental question: What does the science actually tell us? In Search of the Optimal Human Diet traces more than two centuries of nutritional research, from an eighteenth-century experiment on scurvy through the discovery of proteins, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals to today's understanding of metabolism, fiber and the gut microbiome. Along the way, Spitz brings the history to life through the scientists, experiments and occasional wrong turns that shaped what we know about food and health. The evidence ultimately leads Spitz to advocate a whole-food, plant-based diet, with Dr. Michael Greger's "Daily Dozen" providing a practical food guide. Extensively documented and supplemented with nine appendices, the book is both an accessible scientific history and a useful reference for readers who want to make evidence-based dietary choices rather than follow trends. Purchase at https://man-eating-plants.com/.

# ATLANTIC COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

## ★ OCTOBER 2026 ★

## ATLANTIC COUNTY TEAMS
### OVERALL RECORD

| # | TEAM | RECORD | FIRST 5 WEEKS RESULTS | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | W1 | W2 | W3 | W4 | W5 |
| 1. | ST. AUGUSTINE PREP | 4-1 | W 24-20 vs. MBAPC | W 30-20 at AC | W 41-7 vs. Holy Spirit | W 42-14 vs. Winslow Twp | L 21-28 at Millville |
| 2. | OAKCREST | 4-1 | W 18-0 vs. Highland | W 40-20 vs. Absegami | W 19-0 vs. Deptford | W 27-14 at EHT | L 20-21 vs. Hammonton |
| 3. | EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP | 4-1 | W 35-0 at Robbinsville | W 28-13 at Lower Cape May | W 29-20 at Clearview | L 14-27 vs. Oakcrest | W 37-6 vs. ACIT |
| 4. | HAMMONTON | 4-1 | W 47-0 vs. Long Branch | W 21-7 vs. ACIT | L 6-20 at Bridgeton | W 27-10 vs. Absegami | W 21-20 at Oakcrest |
| 5. | PLEASANTVILLE | 2-3 | L 6-7 at Mainland | L 14-28 at Shawnee | W 20-6 vs. Cedar Creek | W 20-7 at Cherokee | L 18-20 vs. Burlington Twp. |
| 6. | ST. JOSEPH | 2-3 | L 7-39 vs. C-E Catholic | W 19-7 at Cumberland | L 14-24 at Paul VI | L 6-24 vs. Bridgeton | W 41-7 at Highland |
| 7. | ATLANTIC CITY | 2-3 | L 19-32 vs. Shabazz | L 20-30 vs. St. Aug. Prep | W 47-7 at Eastern | L 19-21 vs. Wash. Twp | W 36-30 at Winslow Twp |
| 8. | ACIT | 2-3 | W 47-6 at Lakewood | L 7-21 at Hammonton | W 27-6 vs. Middle Twp | L 12-48 at Lower Cape May | L 6-37 at EHT |
| 9. | MAINLAND | 1-4 | W 7-6 vs. Pleasantville | L 6-38 vs. Glassboro | L 6-41 at Seneca | L 6-35 at Holy Spirit | L 21-27 vs. Ocean City |
| 10. | BUENA | 1-4 | L 22-23 vs. New Egypt | L 20-48 vs. Penns Grove | W 24-0 vs. Mastery | L 6-34 at Clayton | L 8-42 at Woodstown |
| 11. | HOLY SPIRIT | 1-4 | L 14-28 vs. Farrell | L 15-24 at Camden | L 7-41 at St. Aug. Prep | W 35-6 vs. Mainland | L 0-42 vs. Glassboro |
| 12. | CEDAR CREEK | 0-4 | L 2-6 vs. Ocean City | L 6-20 at Pleasantville | L 6-41 vs. Glassboro | L 7-27 at Camden | — |
| 13. | ABSEGAMI | 0-5 | L 7-26 vs. Barnegat | L 20-40 at Oakcrest | L 0-31 vs. Ocean City | L 10-27 at Hammonton | L 0-28 vs. Lower Cape May |

## OCTOBER SCHEDULE

### WEEK 6 • OCTOBER 1 – 3

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| THU, OCT 1 | Oakcrest @ Ocean City | 6:00 PM |
| | St. Joseph vs. EHT | 6:00 PM |
| FRI, OCT 2 | Atlantic City @ Mainland | 6:00 PM |
| | St. Augustine Prep vs. Burlington Twp. | 6:00 PM |
| SAT, OCT 3 | Absegami @ Holy Spirit | 6:00 PM |
| | Prep @ EHT | 6:00 PM |
| | Hammonton @ Steinert | 2:00 PM |

### WEEK 7 • OCTOBER 8 – 10

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| THU, OCT 8 | Mainland @ Absegami | 6:00 PM |
| FRI, OCT 9 | Oakcrest vs. Wildwood | 6:00 PM |
| | Bishop Eustace @ Atlantic City | 6:00 PM |
| | EHT @ Cedar Creek | 6:00 PM |
| | Hamilton @ St. Joseph | 6:00 PM |
| SAT, OCT 10 | Pleasantville @ Prep | 6:00 PM |
| | Holy Spirit @ Gloucester | 6:00 PM |
| | Burlington Twp. @ Mainland | 2:00 PM |

### WEEK 8 • OCTOBER 15 – 17

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| THU, OCT 15 | St. Joseph @ EHT | 6:00 PM |
| FRI, OCT 16 | Absegami @ Hamilton | 6:00 PM |
| | Cedar Creek @ Oakcrest | 6:00 PM |
| | Wildwood @ Atlantic City | 6:00 PM |
| | Prep @ Mainland | 6:00 PM |
| SAT, OCT 17 | Gloucester @ Pleasantville | 12:00 PM |
| | Burlington Twp. @ Holy Spirit | 12:00 PM |

### WEEK 9 • OCTOBER 22 – 24

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| THU, OCT 22 | Pleasantville @ Delran | 6:00 PM |
| FRI, OCT 23 | Mainland @ Cedar Creek | 6:00 PM |
| | Absegami @ EHT | 6:00 PM |
| | Oakcrest @ Holy Spirit | 6:00 PM |
| | St. Augustine Prep @ Gloucester | 6:00 PM |
| SAT, OCT 24 | Atlantic City @ Lower Cape May | 6:00 PM |
| | Burlington Twp. @ Woodbury | 6:00 PM |

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# SPORTS STUMPERS

## College Football Rivalries

**By Alex Hendry**

**Questions:**

1) Having first started with a 56-0 blowout on Oct. 25, 1884, the longest uninterrupted college football rivalry belongs to which schools currently in the Patriot League conference?

2) The winner of the "Battle for the Illibuck" between the Ohio State Buckeyes and the Illinois Fighting Illini receives a carved wooden trophy of which animal?

3) Who caught the game-winning touchdown when Texas Tech defeated the top-ranked Texas Longhorns 39-33 on Nov. 1, 2008?

4) Name the USC quarterback involved in the game-winning "Bush Push" touchdown with seven seconds remaining against Notre Dame on Oct. 12, 2005.

5) Which two U.S. states host the schools in the Mountain West Conference involved in the rivalry that gifts the winning team the Paniolo Trophy?

6) What is the nickname attributed to the final play of the 78th Iron Bowl?

7) What is the U.S. state that features the rivalry game that competes for the Iron Skillet?

8) Who was the Florida Gators coach who famously referred to rival Florida State as "Free Shoes University" in the buildup to "The Choke at Doak" tie game in 1994?

9) What is the somewhat controversial nickname given to the rivalry game between the Florida Gators and Georgia Bulldogs held annually in Jacksonville, Fla.?

10) Name the two schools whose rivalry game awards the winner the Paint Bucket Bowl.

**Answers:**

1) Lafayette-Lehigh
2) Turtle
3) Michael Crabtree
4) Matt Leinart
5) Hawaii-Wyoming
6) "Kick Six"
7) Texas (SMU-TCU)
8) Steve Spurrier
9) "The World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party"
10) Arkansas State-Memphis


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