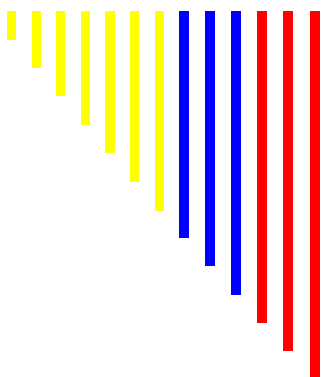




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Out and About

A Community Newsletter

August 2026

Your guide to
what's going on in
Williamstown and
the surrounding
area!

Splash Day at Pfeiffer Community Center

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There's one perfect way for Monroe Township to beat the heat this summer—at the Pfeiffer Community Center's Splash Day on Saturday, August 8th from 12 PM to 4 PM!

The grounds of the Pfeiffer Center (on Main Street and Blue Bell Road) will be full of water slides to cool off with. But that's not all...there will be bounce houses, performances from strolling ventriloquist Justin Thomas, a foam pit (don't mind the mess!) a petting zoo, carnival games, face painting, food trucks and even more great family-friendly activities!

Admission is \$5 per child ages 3 and up. (Kids 2 years and younger get in free.) You can purchase your wristband in advance at the Pfeiffer Center. Just stop by the Pfeiffer Center during usual open house (it's closed Friday through Sunday), or call 856-728-9841.

Bring your swimsuits, bring your towels, and enjoy a day of "cool" fun at the Pfeiffer Center!



Special Points of Interest:

- Free summer concerts and movies at Gloucester County parks
- Wine Down Summer at Cooper River Park
- 20th anniversary of Collingswood Craft Fair
- Beautiful: The Carole King Musical in Millville
- Coyote Vs. Acme makes it to the screen
- What if...Anne Boleyn had survived? Three new novels tell the tale

Second Annual Food Truck Fest at Atlas

Food trucks are becoming more and more popular, and South Jersey has a great selection of them, which will be there for you to sample at Atlas Healthcare at Cedar Grove on Sunday, August 16th from 12 PM to 4 PM.



The afternoon will feature some of the area's best food trucks with all kinds of treats to purchase. There will also be a DJ with tunes, as well as local vendors and raffles to benefit Atlas.

The event's free and open to the public, but you must RSVP via <https://theatlashcg.com/atlas-2nd-annual-food-truck-fest/>.

Enjoy a great afternoon with some of our best food trucks!

Free Summer Park Concerts

With summer here, our local parks are hosting all kinds of great summer concerts—all absolutely free! August's schedule (and the beginning of Labor Day weekend's) is as follows:



Saturday, August 8th, 7 PM in Atkinson Park in Sewell—The Racket, a Mullica Hill band that specializes in oldies. (Rain date: Sunday, August 9th, at 7 PM.)

Saturday, August 15th, 7 PM in Atkinson Park in Sewell—The Greg Farnese Quintet. Greg is a crooner who specializes in hits from The Great American Songbook. (Rain date: Sunday, August 16th, at 7 PM.)

Saturday, August 29th, 1:30 PM at Deptford Memorial Park—Poor Mouth Henry, a cover band specializing in country rock and classic rock. (Rain or shine.)

Friday, Sept. 4th, 5 PM, Rowan Boulevard in Glassboro—East Coast Funk Band. This cover band focuses on blues, punk, and disco.

For rainout information, call 856-251-6740 after 4 PM the day of the concert.

Collingswood Crafts & Fine Art Festival

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Collingswood Crafts and Fine Art Festival, which takes place along Haddon Avenue on Saturday, August 15th and Sunday, August 16th, from 10 AM to 5 PM.

Almost 200 artisans and crafters will be set up along Haddon Avenue to sell their creations, whether it's food, scents, soap, jewelry, carved figurines, items for your furbabies, or any number of great handmade items. Artists' Alley on Irvin, off Haddon, spotlights the work of local artists. There will also be live music and hands-on activities for the whole family, including make-and-take crafts.

For more information, visit https://collingswood.com/things_to_do/arts_and_events/crafts_and_fine_arts_festival.php.



Moms Night Out at Autumn Lake Winery

If you're a busy mother and you'd like to take a break and meet some new people, there's an event out there just for you—the third annual Mom's Night Out at Williamstown's Autumn Lake Winery on Malaga Road, on Friday, August 21st from 5 PM to 9 PM.



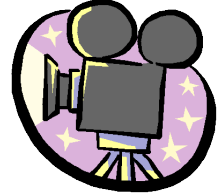
This is a ticketed event—just search for the event on Eventbrite.com. For your \$24.95 ticket, you'll get a complimentary glass of wine, a swag bag, and \$5.00 drink specials. There will be live music and vendors with some homemade food and gifts, as well as a tarot reader (a reading costs \$40 extra) and opportunities to get permanent jewelry, mini-tattoos, or a massage (which is also extra).

The event is co-hosted by Williamstown's TCC Boutique, a mobile arts and crafts shop. Come and join the party on a nice summer night at one of our area's best venues!

Free Summer Movies in the Park

Now that summer's here, it's time for free family movies in the various parks around Gloucester County! August's schedule is as follows:

- Monday, 8/3/2026 - Paulsboro – Zootopia 2. Fort Billings Park, 801 Clonmell Rd, Paulsboro.
- Wednesday, 8/5/2026 - National Park – The Bad Guys 2. National Park Ballfields, 700 St Johns Walk, National Park.
- Friday, 8/7/2026 - Newfield – Zootopia 2. Gatier Field 218-180 Madison Ave, Newfield.
- Wednesday, 8/12/2026 - Woolwich Twp – How to Train Your Dragon. 120 Village Green Dr, Woolwich.
- Friday, 8/14/2026 - Washington Twp – The Bad Guys 2. Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville-Crosskeys Rd, Sewell.
- Monday, 8/17/2026 - Mantua – Lilo & Stitch. Chestnut Branch Park, 545 Main St, Mantua.
- Wednesday, 8/19/2026 - West Deptford – The Smurfs. River Winds Community Center, 1000 Riverwinds Drive, West Deptford.
- Friday, 8/21/2026 - Pitman – The Bad Guys 2. Ballard Park, 15 Pitman, Ave, Pitman.
- Friday, 8/28/2026 – Harrison Twp – Zootopia 2. Ella Harris Park, 127 Commissioners Rd, Mullica Hill, NJ.



All movies start at dusk. Bring your own blanket/chair and bug spray. For rain-out information, call 856-251-6738 after 4 PM the day of the movie.

Wine Down Summer at Cooper River Park

Summer is drawing to a close, and the annual Wine Down Summer festival—held this year on Veterans Island at Cooper River Park—is the perfect send-off. It will take place on Saturday, August 29th and Sunday, August 30th from 12 PM to 5 PM.



The event will feature food trucks like Caroline Blue and Craw Daddy, arts and crafts vendors, and live music from Right Turn at 40 and Naughty Humphrey...and, of course, representatives from wineries all over New Jersey, with their best wines to taste (and to buy, if you want—but only if you're 21 or over).

Admission is \$20 in advance, \$25 the day of. It will include a souvenir wine glass (the better for those wine tastings) and wine sampling. If you're not planning to sample any wine, it's only \$5, cash only, the day of (as long as you're over 21). Guests under 21 get in free. You're encouraged to bring your own chair/blanket/tent.

To order tickets in advance, visit www.etix.com/ticket/p/91742206/wine-down-summer-august-29th-30th-ticket-valid-any-one-day-pennsauken-veterans-island-at-cooper-river-park. Finish off your summer at beautiful Veterans' Island with one of the area's most fun events!

Music Bingo at 13th Child Brewery

Interested in various genres of music? Check out the Music Bingo night at Williamstown's 13th Child Brewery on Main Street on Thursday, August 13th at 7 PM!

The event is free to play. Just stop by 13th Child and you'll get some bingo cards good for two different games. Both games will cover several different genres of music. There will be opportunities for multiple people to take home some great prizes!

13th Child Brewery is located at 345 S. Main Street. Stop by during operating hours (5 PM-9 PM Wednesday through Friday, 2 PM-9PM Saturday, 12 PM-7 PM Sunday) to ask for more details.





All The World's A Stage...

The early years of one of the world's greatest singer/songwriters play out onstage, to the tune of her best hits. *Beautiful*, the biographical jukebox musical about Carole King, runs at Millville's Levoy Theater from August 7th-16th.

In 1958, at the age of sixteen, Carole Klein sets off for New York in the hopes of selling her songs to top music producer Donnie Kirshner. Despite her youth, she succeeds (with a name change), writing hit songs for the likes of the Shirelles and the Drifters. Sparks also fly with lyricist Gerry Goffin, with whom Carole collaborates professionally and romantically, leading to their marriage. But time brings changes both welcome and unwelcome...Carole comes into her own more and more as a songwriter and begins to experiment with singing her own songs, while Gerry, restless in their marriage, strays. As her personal life becomes more turbulent, Carole grows as an artist, writing music and lyrics without Gerry and gaining confidence as a singer...leading to her groundbreaking 1971 album *Tapestry*. The story evolves through Carole's greatest work such as "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow?", "You've Got A Friend," and "So Far Away."

Tickets are \$30. To order, visit levoy.net...and feel the earth move under your feet!



If you're up for a night of laughs, Pitman's Broadway Theatre has a great show for you with *There Are No Stupid Questions*, featuring headliner comedian Chad Thornsberry, on Thursday, August 6th at 7:30 PM.



Chad has a relatable but clean style of comedy, drawing on his blue-collar upbringing, career as a public school teacher, and family life for his humor. He's been on networks from BET and ESPN to showcase his comedy. Chad's joined by supporting comedians Johnny Watson, a comedy-club veteran who's been on Saturday Night Live and filmed a comedy special called *Functionally Dysfunctional*, and Todd Linebaugh, who was runner-up in the South Jersey Clean Comedy Competition. Between them, these three men offer us a night of laughs, with witty observations on everyday life. (Though these three are billed as clean comedians, the show's still recommended for mature audiences.)

Tickets are \$30. To order, visit thebroadwaytheatre.org.

Enjoy a night of hilarious fun with three of the area's best stand-up comedians!

Also at the Broadway Theater, we have the return of one of the area's great tribute bands. For us New Jerseyites, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons are iconic (after all, the jukebox musical biography of them was called *Jersey Boys*). On Saturday, August 8th, at 8 PM, the Broadway is featuring a one-night-only concert by one of the best Four Seasons tribute bands, Let's Hang On!

Let's Hang On consists of six vocalists and a four-piece band to recreate the Four Seasons sound perfectly. Between that and their snazzy costumes, you're bound to feel as though you've gone back in time to the group's heyday. The band, who's performed on Broadway and in Las Vegas (in six sold-out shows!), will present all of your favorite Four Seasons hits, such as "Walk Like A Man", "Can't Take My Eyes Off Of You", "Big Girls Don't Cry", and "Oh, What A Night". Acclaimed from coast to coast, Let's Hang On is an experience not to be missed!

Tickets are \$40 (which includes the tax and service fees). To order, visit thebroadwaytheatre.org. Don't miss this thrilling recreation of one of the greatest bands ever to come out of our home state!



What's New Onscreen!

Fans of classic Warner Brothers animation were up in arms over the legal kerfuffle that kept *Coyote Vs. Acme* from being released. But thanks to independent distributor Ketchup Entertainment, this homage to our favorite Looney Tunes is finally reaching the screen on August 28th.

Based on a tongue-in-cheek *New Yorker* article by Ian Frazier, this blends live action and animation in the style of *Roger Rabbit*. Hapless Wile E. Coyote is fed up with Acme products backfiring on him in his quest to catch the Road Runner. So he enlists the services of washed-up lawyer Kevin Avery (Will Forte) in his lawsuit against the company. But like any multi-million dollar corporation, Acme isn't going down without a fight. What's more, Acme's slimy lawyer Buddy Crane (John Cena) has some Looney Tunes on his side, including Foghorn Leghorn and, believe it or not, Tweety (aren't you just shaking in your boots at that?). But with the help of other classic characters (including a certain wascally wabbit), Kevin and Wile E. set out to prevail in their David-and-Goliath quest.



With cameos from classic Toons, and plenty of in-jokes (the surnames Avery, Jones, and Maltese show up, in honor of WB animation greats Tex Avery, Chuck Jones, and Michael Maltese) this movie's perfect for Looney Tunes fans...and anyone who used to secretly root for Wile E.!

Divorced...Beheaded...*LIVE!!!* The proshot of the hit musical *SIX* comes to screens August 14th for a week-long release in theaters!

Many of us know the story of the Six Wives of Henry VIII by now, but this unique show stages the six wives as would-be members of a girl group, performing a rock concert. They propose a competition as to who should be lead singer...depending on which of them has had the worst experience at Henry's hands. Catherine of Aragon tells us of how Henry cast her aside for Anne Boleyn...who, in turn, sings about how Henry executed her on trumped-up charges when he got disillusioned with HER. Jane Seymour had to live knowing how fickle Henry's love was, only to die after giving birth to the son he wanted. Then Anne of Cleves has her say...divorced by Henry because he claimed she was unattractive, she got the last laugh by getting a great settlement out of him. Katherine Howard, branded as the "slut" beheaded for adultery, gives us her side of the story as a teenage girl groomed and abused by men all her life. Finally, Katherine Parr, who had to submit to Henry's desire while loving another man, rejects the idea of competition between the wives...inspiring them to re-write their own stories and consider the kind of lives they could have if they'd had other options besides Henry.

Enjoy this high-energy "histo-remix" with the original cast! (And check out the last page for recent novels which give Anne Boleyn—as well as some of the other Six Wives—different fates.)

How would you survive if your entire neighborhood was transported to a far more hostile environment? *The End Of Oak Street*, out August 14th, gives us a family who must face that prospect.

Greg and Denise Platt (Ewan McGregor, Anne Hathaway) live a peaceful life on suburban Oak Street with their children. But one night, there are strange, eerie lights over the neighborhood. When the family gets up the next morning, everything looks normal at first...except the power and water aren't working anywhere on Oak Street. When the Platts drive to the end of the street to see if any other neighborhoods are affected, they're met with a shocking sight: there's a deep cliff at the end. The whole street's been lifted up and taken somewhere else...and, as if that's not bad enough, dinosaurs are roaming the neighborhood and attacking the neighbors. The Platts must band together and dredge up their survival skills to survive the beasts attacking them...and to find out who, or what, might be experimenting on their neighborhood.



J.J. Abrams produces this unique, compelling sci-fi thriller which puts an ordinary family through its paces.



The Biblio-Files

What if Anne Boleyn, infamous wife of Henry VIII, had survived? Several recent novels present a universe where she escapes death and seeks justice...

Anne Boleyn was the innocent victim of her husband's desire to be rid of her to marry another woman whom he could believe would give him a son. But in Rebecca Lehmann's *The Beheading Game*, an ancient magic revives Anne from death and sends her on a quest for justice.

Anne opens her eyes in the arrow chest she was tucked away in...with her head tucked underneath her arm. She doesn't understand what's happened to her or why, but she manages to make her way out of the Tower of London, sew her head back on, and seek justice for what was done to her...and safety for her daughter Elizabeth, now bastardized and marginalized. She knows that if Henry marries lady-in-waiting Jane Seymour and has a son, Elizabeth will be disinherited at best...imprisoned or even executed at worst. As she befriends—and perhaps more—a prostitute named Alice, she looks back on her life with Henry and the mistakes she made, as well as becoming more aware of the kind of life lower-class women have to lead to survive. If there's to be any hope of a better world, Elizabeth must have her due...and Henry must have his.



This alternate history with a fantastical twist deserves all the praise it has gotten, and is a must for Tudor and Boleyn fans.

And speaking of stories where Anne escapes her fate through magic...Jillian Laine's *Henry Tudor Must Die* posits that not only Anne, but her predecessor Catalina (Catherine) of Aragon survive with magic on their sides.



Anne is well-versed in witchcraft—but it can't save her from Henry's murderous fickleness. Now, as she awaits her execution in the Tower, she gets help from a surprising source—Catalina of Aragon, whom she displaced as Henry's wife. Lina has faked her death and gone underground with the Hellebore Sisterhood, whose purpose is to protect women who are wronged by men, especially those accused of witchcraft when they have only used their powers for good. Lina smuggles Anne the magical tools that she needs to escape, and the two flee to Madrid, where they study the ways of the Sisterhood and Anne is initiated into their mission. Despite the contentious history between the two, they have a common cause now...to protect their daughters from their father's selfish whims, and to see Henry pay with his life for his crimes, especially now that Anne's naïve cousin Katherine Howard is in Henry's sights. Even Henry's second divorced queen, Anna von Kleve, is on board with their plan. But Anne's magic drains her physically...will she need to sacrifice herself for justice?

This wonderfully witchy “what-if” is perfect for anyone who ever thought Anne deserved better...and Henry worse.

In 2023, Karen E. Olson gave us *An Inconvenient Wife*, a mystery-thriller which updated the story of Henry VIII's wives to the modern day. She continues this story with *A Defiant Woman*, showing that the problems of Henry's past wives—and current one—are far from over.

Kate Parker Tudor, sixth wife of billionaire Hank Tudor, is no longer sure of her future with him after seeing the depths he could sink to...but she's also pregnant. She's been a devoted stepmother to twelve-year-old Lizzie, his daughter by (supposedly) deceased ex-wife Nan...but Lizzie is kidnapped. Meanwhile, Nan, who's faked her death to escape Hank's machinations, is living a quiet life in France with her young son—whom Hank doesn't know about—when she receives an ominous message from the kidnapper. She comes to believe that this is a personal vendetta against her...from yet another ex-wife in the shadows. Now, she and Kate, who's also in danger from the kidnapper, must join forces to rescue Lizzie while keeping her survival a secret and avoiding Hank's devious cronies, who have their own agenda.



A tense thriller with plenty of surprising twists and reveals, this updates the age-old story to the 2020s in a fresh and fascinating way.