

PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE FOUNDATION

JULY 2025

UPDATES

2025 continues to be a year of progress.

Since 2003 when **People for People Foundation** (a 501c3 grassroots organization) started, our organization (along with partner agencies) has assisted numerous individuals and families with utility assistance along with providing valuable resource and referral services.

People for People still partners with **SHARES**. As you may know, **SHARES** provides energy assistance to moderate and lower-income households experiencing a financial crisis. Eligibility is based on household size and income.

People for People supports the **SHARES** programs with processing and submitting applications from eligible clients in need.

As we enter July, **People for People** has processed approximately **121** applicants needing utility assistance with funds of over **\$58,570** granted to clients, and there's more to come.



Venture Partnership

People for People's joint venture with **Conifer Realty, Inc.** provides permanent housing for low to moderate income families with a veteran preference; the first partnership in the United States built to provide permanent housing to veterans, their families and the surviving spouses of veterans.

People for People and **Conifer Realty, Inc.** ventures continues to expand. Current ventures are listed on the last page of the newsletter.



& MORE...

The Victory Garden - a community garden serving the residents of Camp Salute in Clayton NJ

Our 1st Annual Bee-in to celebrate the garden on the 1st day of summer. We had the opportunity to interact with residents of all ages to explain what we do to support pollinators and how they support our vegetable beds and native gardens. There were kid's crafts, a scavenger hunt, dancing and good food & conversation. The Victory Gardeners make this all possible by keeping our garden growing. Special thanks to Shana, Bernadette and Lore for organizing this special day.

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Please help us continue our mission assisting the veterans and residents of South Jersey by making a donation to our 20th Anniversary Fund. Click the following link to give: <https://givebutter.com/PFP20th>

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide resource and referral assistance to residents of Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem Counties that have experienced financial hardship due to unforeseen circumstances.



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INDEPENDENCE DAY

Background

Independence Day, known as the **Fourth of July**, is a federal holiday in the United States which commemorates the ratification of the Declaration of Independence by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, establishing the United State of America.

The Founding Father delegates of the Second Continental Congress declared that the Thirteen Colonies were no longer subject (or subordinate) to King George III (monarch of Britian). We were now united, free, and independent states. The Congress voted to approve independence by passing the Lee Resolution (The Resolution for Independence) on July 2 and adopted the Declaration of Independence two days later, on July 4.

Observance

In 1777, thirteen gunshots were fired in salute, once at morning and once again as evening fell, on July 4 in Bristol, Rhode Island. An article in the July 18, 1777, issue of *The Virginia Gazette* noted a celebration in Philadelphia in a manner a modern American would find familiar: an official dinner for the Continental Congress, toasts, 13-gun salutes, speeches, prayers, music, parades, troop reviews, and fireworks. Ships in port were decked with red, white, and blue bunting.

In 1778, from his headquarters at Ross Hall, near New Brunswick, New Jersey, General George Washington marked July 4 with a double ration of rum for his soldiers and an artillery salute. Across the Atlantic Ocean, ambassadors John Adams and Benjamin Franklin held a dinner for their fellow Americans in Paris, France.

In 1779, July 4 fell on a Sunday. So, the holiday was celebrated on Monday, July 5. In 1781, the Massachusetts General Court became the first State legislature to recognize July 4 as a state celebration.

In 1783, Salem, North Carolina, held a celebration with a challenging music program assembled by Johann Friedrich Peter entitled *The Psalm of Joy*. The town claims it to be the first public July 4 event, as it was carefully documented by the Moravian Church, and there are no government records of any earlier celebrations.

In 1870, the U.S. Congress made Independence Day an unpaid holiday for federal employees. In 1938, Congress changed Independence Day to a paid federal holiday.

Customs

Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, family reunions, political speeches, and ceremonies, in addition to various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States. Independence Day is the national day of the United States.

Independence Day is a federal holiday, so all non-essential federal institutions (i.e., postal service and federal courts) are closed on that day. While the legal holiday remains on July 4, if that date happens to be on a Saturday or Sunday, then federal government employees will instead take the day off on the adjacent Friday or Monday, respectively. Other non-essentials that are non-government related may also be closed that day.

Fireworks displays typically occur in the evening, at such places as parks, harbors, off of boats, sporting venues, fairgrounds, public shorelines, or town squares. Decorations (i.e., streamers, balloons, and clothing) are generally colored red, white, and blue, the colors of the American flag, and many homes and businesses will decorate their properties with miniature American flags.

This year Independence Day will be held on **Friday, July 4, 2025**.



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COOKING CORNER



Crunchy Chicken Salad

Picnic time! Pack Crunchy Chicken Salad for your next picnic in the park!

Ingredients

- 3 tbsp butter or margarine
- 1 package (3 ounces) Oriental-flavor ramen noodle soup mix
- 2 tbsp sesame seed
- ¼ cup sugar
- ¼ cup white vinegar
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- ½ tsp pepper
- 2 cups cut-up cooked chicken
- ½ cup dry-roasted peanuts
- 4 medium green onions, sliced (¼ cup)
- 1 bag (16 ounces) coleslaw mix

Directions

- ◆ Melt butter in 10-inch skillet over medium heat. Stir in seasoning packet from noodles. Break block of noodles into bite-size pieces over skillet; stir noodles into butter mixture. Cook 2 minutes, stirring constantly; stir in sesame seed. Cook about 2 minutes longer, stirring constantly, until noodles are golden brown.
- ◆ Mix sugar, vinegar, oil and pepper in large bowl. Add remaining ingredients and noodle mixture; toss.

Prep Time: 15 min **Total Time:** 22 min **Servings:** 6

Hot Fun in the Summertime 2025!

Looking for something to do in South Jersey whether it be indoors or out? There are a number of activities to do if you look around. Here are some suggestions to start you off. Some are free, some are for a fee.

- ◆ Edelman Fossil Park and Museum – Mantua, NJ – While there is an admission fee for the museum itself, the playground outside and the nature trail are free and open to the public every day. <https://www.efm.org>
- ◆ Gloucester County has an abundance of nature trails full of trees (shade!) and beauty everywhere.
- ◆ Gloucester County Concerts in the Park – free. Great bands play at various parks throughout Gloucester County. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets.
- ◆ Cowtown Rodeo – Woodstown, NJ – fee to get in. Have you ever been to a rodeo? We have a world famous venue right here in South Jersey in Salem County. Cowboys and cowgirls from all over the country come to compete! Every Saturday night during the summer until September sometime. See website for more details. <https://cowtownrodeo.com/>
- ◆ Movie Matinees – discounted tickets for afternoon shows. Check your local movie theater.
- ◆ Rowan University Performing Arts – Glassboro, NJ – free. “Finding Nemo, Jr.” Also many other discounts available. <https://cpa.rowan.edu/>
- ◆ Gloucester County 4-H Fair – Mullica Hill, NJ – free. Runs from July 24th to the 27th. Fun for everyone. <https://gloucester.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/fair/>
- ◆ Gloucester County Certified Gardeners Butterfly Festival – Red Bank Battlefield, National Park, NJ – free. One day - July 12, 2025. Also in conjunction with the festival, there will be a Butterfly Festival Art Contest. Entering your artwork is free. <https://gloucestercountynj.gov/399/Certified-Gardeners-Program>



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Partnering with CONIFER REALTY, LLC - COMING SOON...

The Cove at Palmyra—Palmyra

Family development located in Palmyra, NJ. Family development with 8 units set aside for veterans at risk of homelessness. Completion scheduled for 2025.

Liberty Landing—East Greenwich

Liberty Landing located in East Greenwich, NJ. Family development with 70 total units with 35 veteran preference units. 5 units designated for veterans at risk of being homeless. Completion scheduled for 2025.

Third and Water—Swedesboro

Located in Swedesboro, Gloucester County, NJ. This vibrant new community will be a valuable addition to South Jersey. Completion scheduled for 2025.

Three Bridges at Readington—Hunterdon County

Located in Readington, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. This new community has 80 high-quality apartment homes with 5 units set aside for veterans at risk of being homeless. Completion scheduled for 2025.

Valor Pointe—Middlesex County

Our newest community in Monroe Township, NJ. This modern development features 80 thoughtfully designed apartment homes, offering residents spacious and comfortable living spaces.

Verona Flats—Essex County

The new affordable housing community, in Verona, NJ. This community has 95 available apartments, underscoring the immense demand for affordable housing in the area.

Woodland View—Camden County

Applications are now open for Woodland View Apartments, our newest community in Waterford Township, NJ. This community will house 95 families in a townhouse/flat, and provide 13 apartments that are solely dedicated to homeless veterans. Completion scheduled for 2025.



PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE FOUNDATION - UPCOMING EVENTS

Veterans Picnic

Saturday, September 6, 2025
Time: 11:00am - 3:00pm
Gloucester County 4H Fairgrounds
Rt. 77, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062

Perfectly Wicked Toy Run

Sunday, September 28, 2025
9:30am - 4:00pm

Start Point: AC Harley Davidson
219 E. White Horse Pike,
Galloway, NJ 08205

End Point: Watering Hole

6494 Weymouth Road,
Mays Landing, NJ 08330
[All proceeds & toys go to
People for People Foundation
501c(3)]

Casino Night

Friday, November 14, 2025
Time: 5:30pm - 10:30pm
Sapphire Grand Deptford
1849 Cooper St., Deptford, NJ 08096
[To support the **Paul M. Blackstock**
Scholarship Program]

Wreaths of Remembrance

Saturday, December 6, 2025
Times: family private gathering - 9am
memorial ceremony - 10am
GC Veterans Memorial Cemetery
240 N Tuckahoe Road
Williamstown, NJ 08094

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