

# PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE FOUNDATION

## FEBRUARY 2026

### UPDATES

People for People Foundation  
A 501c3 grassroots organization

#### Partnership with SHARES: SHARES

As 2026 begins, we expect to increase the help our organization provides. We still assist many individuals and families who seek utility assistance as well as providing them with valuable resource and referral services.

As the year advances, we will keep you apprised of any updates and changes that may occur.

Of course, only time will tell if 2026 will be as successful (or even greater) than the year before.



*Sleeping Garden*

#### 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.

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#### *& MORE...*

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

Introducing our new alternate logo. Designed by Resident Victory Gardener Shana Debes. This logo represents our commitment to local wildlife by planting native plants that support pollinators with food sources, serve as host plants for caterpillars and provide seeds for songbirds. We let our garden "sleep" in the colder months in order to protect overwintering species until they awake in early spring. Seed heads from our fall bloomers provide nourishment to our resident birds that change their diet from insects and caterpillars. Our original logo continues to represent our mission as a community garden.



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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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## VALENTINE'S DAY

**Valentine's Day**, also called **Saint Valentine's Day** or the **Feast of Saint Valentine**, is celebrated annually on February 14. It originated as a Christian feast day honoring a martyr named Valentine, and through later folk traditions it has also become a significant cultural, religious and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world.

There are a number of martyrdom stories associated with various Saint Valentines connected to February 14, including an account of the imprisonment of Saint Valentine of Rome for ministering to Christians persecuted under the Roman Empire in the third century. According to an early tradition, Saint Valentine restored sight to the blind daughter of his jailer. Numerous later additions to the legend have better related it to the theme of love. Tradition maintains that Saint Valentine performed weddings for Christian soldiers who were forbidden to marry by the Roman emperor; an 18th-century embellishment to the legend claims he wrote the jailer's daughter a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell before his execution.

In the United States, the first mass-produced valentines of embossed paper lace were produced and sold shortly after 1847 by Ester Howland (1828–1904) of Worcester, Massachusetts. Her father operated a large book and stationery store, but Howland took her inspiration from an English valentine she had received from a business associate of her father. Intrigued with the idea of making similar valentines, Howland began her business by importing paper lace and floral decorations from England.

Today, the U.S. Greeting Card Association estimates that approximately 190 million valentines are sent each year in the US. Half of those valentines are given to family members other than husband or wife, usually to children. When the valentine-exchange cards made in school activities are included the figure goes up to 1 billion, and teachers become the people receiving the most valentines.

The increase in use of the Internet around the turn of the millennium is creating new traditions. Every year, millions of people use digital means of creating and sending Valentine's Day greeting messages such as e-cards, love coupons and printable greeting cards. Valentine's Day is considered by some to be a Hallmark holiday due to its commercialization.

This year, Valentine's Day is on Saturday, February 14.



## PRESIDENT'S DAY

Presidents Day was created by Congress in 1879 to celebrate the birthday of George Washington. The idea of moving the holiday to a Monday came from a law passed in 1968. The Uniform Holidays Act changed the date of celebration from Washington's actual birthday, Feb. 22, to the third Monday of February. This law moved several holidays to Mondays so workers would get predictable long weekends.

Presidents Day is a federal holiday, meaning some governmental entities and businesses will be closed in observance. Government offices will be closed on Monday, Feb. 16, as will U.S. Postal Service post offices. Mail will not be delivered that day. The stock market and banks, including branches of Capital One, Bank of America, Wells Fargo, PNC, Chase, Truist and Citibank, among others, will also be closed.

As the cold months of the post-holiday season stretch on, some Americans have another long weekend to look forward to in the coming months.

As for the long weekend, Presidents Day affords many Americans a day off from work, thanks to President *Lyndon B. Johnson*, who mandated that it, along with Memorial Day and Veterans Day, occur on Mondays to avoid mid-week shutdowns. Through the signing of the Uniform Holidays Act, Johnson created longer weekends to enable Americans "to travel farther and see more of this beautiful land of ours," according to The American Presidency Project.

In 2026, schools, banks and many businesses will close on Feb. 16 so people can take the day off and remember leaders who helped shape the nation.

Because Presidents Day moves each year, it's helpful to check a calendar early. Although President's Day is on Monday, February 16 in 2026, in the coming years, the holiday will fall on Feb. 15 in 2027 and Feb. 21 in 2028.



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## COOKING CORNER



### Chicken Alfredo with Sun-dried Tomato Cream

Take a short-cut to Italy with packaged Fettuccine Alfredo turned into a creamy chicken dish.

#### Ingredients

- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts (about 1 lb.)
- 1 medium onion, chopped (½ cup)
- 1 box Chicken Helper™ Fettuccine Alfredo
- 1 cup hot water
- 1 cup half-and-half
- ¼ cup chopped dry-pack sun-dried tomatoes
- ¼ cup chopped fresh basil leaves

#### Directions

- ◆ In 10-inch skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add chicken and onion; cook 15 to 18 minutes, stirring onion frequently and turning chicken once, until onion is tender and juice of chicken is clear when center of thickest part is cut (170°F). Remove from heat; cover to keep warm.
- ◆ Meanwhile, fill 2-quart saucepan 2/3 full of water. Heat to boiling. Stir in uncooked pasta (from Chicken Helper box). Gently boil uncovered about 15 minutes, stirring occasionally, until pasta is tender; drain. Set aside.
- ◆ In same saucepan, mix hot water, half-and-half, tomatoes and sauce mix (from Chicken Helper box). Heat to boiling. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until sauce is slightly thickened.
- ◆ Cut chicken into slices. To serve, spoon cooked pasta onto serving plate. Arrange chicken slices and onion over pasta. Top with sauce mixture. Sprinkle with basil.

**Prep Time:** 35 min **Total Time:** 35 min **Servings:** 5



As of 2026, all 76 units at our Camp Salute site are 100% full. Well done to the Community Manager (Lori Carr) and may all of the residents find their home comfortable and inviting.



## People for People

Van Service - *Camp Salute Residents Only*

Residents in need of transportation may contact the **People for People** office to make an appointment for ride service. However, residents **MUST** abide by the following guidelines:

- ◆ Van service is for **LOCAL** designations **ONLY**
- ◆ Shopping requests **MUST** be made at least 24 hours in advance
- ◆ Van service to local doctor appointments are for **VETERANS ONLY** - **MUST** provide at least **3 days notice**
- ◆ Doctor appointments are for **MORNING ONLY** (Van service is not available for afternoon appointments)
- ◆ Passengers **MUST BE AMBULATORY** (able to walk from one place to another) as van **is not** a medical vehicle (i.e., not equipped for wheel-chair bound passengers)
- ◆ Seating is limited to **5** adult passengers (No children)
- ◆ Van service is not available on Fridays  
⇒ People for People use **ONLY (NO EXCEPTIONS)**

**\*Update** - Van service will be temporarily **unavailable** every Wednesday from now through the end of May 2026

Interested individuals call **856-579-7561**



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## PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE FOUNDATION

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 2026.

### 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 2026.

### Riverstone Commons—Swedesboro

Located in Swedesboro, NJ. This is a new community that will feature 80 affordable apartments with 5 units set aside for homeless Veteran families & individuals. Supportive services will be provided by *People for People Foundation*. Completion scheduled for 2026.

### 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 2026.

### 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.



## PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE FOUNDATION - UPCOMING EVENTS

### Veterans Picnic

Saturday, September 5, 2026  
Time: 11:00am - 3:00pm  
Gloucester County 4H Fairgrounds  
Rt. 77, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062

### Casino Night

Date: TBD  
Time: 5:30pm - 10:30pm  
Location: TBD  
[To support the *Paul M. Blackstock Scholarship Program*]

### Wreaths of Remembrance

Saturday, December 5, 2026  
Times: private family gathering - 9am  
memorial ceremony - 10am  
GC Veterans Memorial Cemetery  
240 N Tuckahoe Road  
Williamstown, NJ 08094

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