

PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE FOUNDATION

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UPDATES

People for People Foundation
A 501c3 grassroots organization

Partnership with SHARES: SHARES

As 2026 continues, **People for People** still helps many individuals and families who seek utility assistance as well as providing them with valuable resource and referral services.

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

So far, we've assisted **124** applicants requesting utility assistance with funds in the amount of **\$6,091** granted to clients. It's a pretty good start with 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

The Environmental Commission was pleased to welcome Rich Gess and Bernie Carlson from Victory Gardens at Camp Salute, who partnered with the Commission to install two bluebird birdhouses on the Democrat Road side of Mickleton Park. The houses are fully featured, with a predator baffle to keep out some of our feathered friends' more nefarious neighbors.

Rich, who is an avid birder, donated the birdhouses. He noted that he has had success attracting bluebirds to all of the many birdhouses he has set up throughout communities in our area. He has made arrangements to monitor the birdhouses and hopes to have any future bluebird residents banded.

Thanks Rich and Bernie for helping us to make VG more friendly and sustainable for the native species that make ours a unique and beautiful environment.



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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/PPF20th>

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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TAX ASSISTANCE

The Internal Revenue Service has opened the 2026 tax filing season and began accepting and processing federal individual income tax returns for tax year 2025.

The IRS expects about 164 million individual tax returns for tax year 2025 to be filed ahead of the Wednesday, April 15, federal deadline.

Taxpayers can find a range of tools and filing options on IRS.gov to help them prepare and file their returns.

Tax Assistance Locations

Cathedral Kitchen

1514 Federal St., Camden, NJ 08105
Hours: Wed, Fri 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sat 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Languages Offered: English
Phone Number: [215-454-6483](tel:215-454-6483)
Coverage Area: Camden, Gloucester

Collingswood Library

771 Haddon Ave. Collingswood, NJ 08108
Hours: Fri 11:30 am - 3:30 pm
Languages Offered: English
Phone Number: [856-858-0649](tel:856-858-0649)
Coverage Area: Camden, Gloucester

Mercy Hall, Our Lady of Lourdes Church

500 Greentree Road, Glassboro, NJ 08028
By appointment only
Hours: Thurs 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Languages Offered: English
Coverage Area: Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem

Monroe Twp Library

713 Marsha Ave, Williamstown, NJ 08094
By appointment only
(856) 629-1212

Salvation Army Vineland

733 Chestnut Ave Suite 12, Vineland, NJ 08360
By appointment only
Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10:00 am - 6:00 pm,
Sat 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Drop-off service available
Languages Offered: English
Phone Numbers: [215-454-6483](tel:215-454-6483)
Coverage Area: Counties: Atlantic, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem

United Way of Gloucester County

454 Crown Point Road
Thorofare, NJ 08086
By appointment only

Hours: 2/3/2026 - 4/9/2026 - Tues, Thurs 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Languages Offered: English
Visit Program Website: <https://uwgenj.org/news/4706/>
Coverage Area: Counties: Gloucester, Salem

Washington Township Municipal Building

523 Egg Harbor Rd., Sewell, NJ 08080
By appointment only
Hours: 2/4/2026 - 4/15/2026 - Wed 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Languages Offered: English
Visit Program Website: <https://uwgenj.org/news/4706/>
Coverage Area: Counties: Gloucester

Virtual Service

United Way of Northern New Jersey - Virtual Portal

Phone Number: [973-993-1160](tel:973-993-1160), ext. 5
Email: https://vita.unitedwavnmj.org/
Coverage Area: Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Salem, Somerset, Sussex, Union, Warren

AARP Tax-Aide

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides free tax assistance with several preparation options now through April 15. Visit the website to access the Tax-Aide Site Locator. **Enter your ZIP code to find local assistance sites near you.**
Visit Program Website: <https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp-taxaide/locations/>
Coverage Area: Counties: Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Salem, Somerset, Sussex, Union, Warren



SPRING

Spring, also known as **springtime**, is one of the four temperate seasons, succeeding winter and preceding summer. There are various technical definitions of spring, but local usage of the term varies according to local climate, cultures and customs.

Spring and "springtime" refer to the season, and also to ideas of rebirth, rejuvenation, renewal, resurrection and re-growth. Subtropical and tropical areas have climates better described in terms of other seasons, e.g. dry or wet, monsoonal or cyclonic. Cultures may have local names for seasons which have little equivalence to the terms originating in Europe.

Spring is one of the most exciting times of the year, full of blooming flowers, singing birds, and longer days. Of course, there are many fascinating facts about spring than warmer weather!

Below are some fun facts about spring to brighten your day:

- ◆ The vernal equinox marks the first day of spring
- ◆ Baby animals are born in spring to take advantage of the sunshine
- ◆ Migrating birds return to their homes in spring
- ◆ The Earth's tilt makes spring possible
- ◆ Spring can make you feel happier
- ◆ Flowers communicate with other species in spring
- ◆ Some butterflies fly thousands of miles north in spring
- ◆ Spring is maple syrup season
- ◆ April showers really do bring May flowers
- ◆ Cherry blossoms are a sign of spring in Japan
- ◆ Plants "wake up" in spring
- ◆ The northern lights "dance" more in spring
- ◆ And so much more...

So get out there and enjoy the season. Happy Springtime!



COOKING CORNER



Danish Caramel Potatoes

Sticky, sweet and such a treat, these potatoes, inspired by a classic sweet-and-savory Danish dish, are a must try.

Ingredients

- 2 lbs. unpeeled fingerling or baby creamer potatoes
- 4 tbsp. butter, melted
- ¼ cup sugar
- ½ tsp. salt

Directions

- ◆ Heat oven to 425°F. Line 9-inch square metal pan with foil; spray with cooking spray. In 4-quart saucepan, heat 2 quarts water to boiling over high heat. Add potatoes; reduce heat and simmer 15 to 20 minutes, or until just tender when pierced with paring knife. Drain; transfer to cutting board to cool. When cool enough to handle, carefully peel potatoes by hand; discard peels.
- ◆ In large bowl, mix melted butter, sugar and salt. Add potatoes; toss to coat. Place in pan in single layer. Bake 40 to 45 minutes, stirring occasionally, until sauce is bubbling and caramelized. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

Prep Time: 25 min **Total Time:** 1 hr. 45 min **Servings:** 8

April Birthday Wishes!

Happy birthday to Melody Betz & Jackie Toms! Enjoy your day!

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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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Partnering with CONIFER REALTY, LLC



THE COVE AT PALMYRA



FLAGSTONE POINT



RIVERSTONE COMMONS



THREE BRIDGES AT READINGTON



CONIFER IMPACT

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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.

Flagstone Point—Clarksboro (Formerly Liberty Landing)

Flagstone Point 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. Supportive services will be provided by *People for People Foundation*. 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, NJ. 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.

PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE FOUNDATION - UPCOMING EVENTS

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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