

# PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE FOUNDATION

## MAY 2026

### 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.

To date, *People for People* has processed approximately **144** applicants needing utility assistance with funds of over **\$39,200** granted to clients, and we're still going.



#### 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.*

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PARTNERS IN BUILDING COMMUNITY



#### & MORE...

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

You get a lot done when you have talented volunteers working together to create a special garden space. Mowed, trimmed, weeded, deadheaded and some raised beds built in the children's garden. Our tulips are hanging in there in the heat. Our peas, radishes and carrots are raising their heads. Our beds are ready for the next round of planting. Our native gardens have come out of a winter coma. It's just astounding how gardens that were twigs and leaves just a few weeks ago return to a bed of green thriving plants. We are blessed that we have a community of garden volunteers that enjoy working alongside each other. Check out our maternity wards. Bluebirds and Chickadees.

One thing you can predict is weather is unpredictable. Tulipalooza originally scheduled for that Saturday has been accelerated. Summer temperatures will take their toll over the next few days on the tulips. Over 2400 tulips in living color. Enjoy this kaleidoscope while it lasts. But please don't tip toe through the tulips.

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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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## MOTHER'S DAY

**Mother's Day** is an annual holiday celebrated in the United States on the second Sunday in May. Mother's Day recognizes mothers, motherhood and maternal bonds in general, as well as their positive contributions to their families and society.

The Mother's Day observance began when Frank E. Hering, alumnus and administrator at the University of Notre Dame and President of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, made a plea for "setting aside one day in the year as a nationwide memorial to the memories of mothers and motherhood" in 1904.

It was then established by Anna Jarvis, with the first Mother's Day celebrated through a service of worship at St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia, on May 10, 1908. Popular observances include holiday card and gift giving, churchgoing often accompanied by the distribution of carnations, and family dinners. In the United States, Mother's Day complements similar celebrations honoring family members, such as Father's Day, Siblings Day and Grandparents Day.

On May 10, 1913, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution calling on all federal government officials (from the president down) to wear a white carnation the following day in observance of Mother's Day. On May 8, 1914, the U.S. Congress passed a law designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day and requesting a proclamation. The next day, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation declaring the first national Mother's Day as a day for American citizens to show the flag in honor of those mothers whose sons had died in war. In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt approved a stamp commemorating the holiday.

In May 2008, the House of Representatives voted twice on a resolution commemorating Mother's Day, the first one being passed without a dissenting vote (21 members not voting). The Saint Andrews Methodist Church, where the first celebration was held, is now the International Mother's Day Shrine and is a National Historic Landmark.

This year Mother's Day in the United States will be held on **Sunday, May 10, 2026.**



## MEMORIAL DAY

**Memorial Day** (originally known as **Decoration Day**) is one of the federal holidays in the United States for honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. It is observed on the last Monday of May. Memorial Day is also considered the unofficial beginning of summer in the United States.

It is a day for visiting cemeteries and memorials to mourn the military personnel who died in the line of duty. Volunteers will place American flags on the graves of those military personnel in national cemeteries. Others such as family and friends will also come to lay flowers and grieve at the graves of those who died in the U.S. military.

The first national observance of Memorial Day occurred on May 30, 1868. Then known as *Decoration Day* and observed on May 30, the holiday was proclaimed by Commander in Chief John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic to honor the Union soldiers who had died in the American Civil War. This national observance followed many local observances which were inaugurated between the end of the Civil War and Logan's declaration. Many cities and people have claimed to be the first to observe it. However, the National Cemetery Administration, a division of the Department of Veterans Affairs, credits Mary Ann Williams with originating the "idea of strewing the graves of Civil War soldiers - Union and Confederate" with flowers.

Official recognition as a holiday spread among the states, beginning with New York in 1873. By 1890, every Union state had adopted it. The world wars turned it into a day of remembrance for all members of the U.S. military who fought and died in service. In 1971, Congress standardized the holiday as "Memorial Day" and changed its observance to the last Monday in May.

Two other days celebrate those who have served or are serving in the U.S. military: Armed Forces Day, which is earlier in May, an unofficial U.S. holiday for honoring those currently serving in the armed forces, and Veterans Day on November 11, which honors all those who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

This year Memorial Day in the United States will be held on **Monday, May 25, 2026.**



## COOKING CORNER



### Chicken Pasta Salad with Grapes and Poppy Seed Dressing

Pull off a dinner pasta salad in less than 30 minutes. These 6 ingredients are all you'll need.

#### Ingredients

- 1 box Betty Crocker™ Suddenly Salad® classic pasta salad mix
- ½ cup refrigerated poppy seed dressing
- 1 ½ cups cut-up cooked chicken
- ¾ cup halved red grapes
- ½ cup thinly sliced celery
- ¼ cup slivered almonds, toasted

#### Directions

- ◆ Empty pasta mix into 3-quart saucepan 2/3 full of boiling water. Gently boil uncovered 12 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- ◆ Drain pasta; rinse with cold water. Shake to drain well.
- ◆ In large bowl, stir together seasoning mix and dressing. Add pasta and remaining ingredients; toss to combine. Serve immediately, or refrigerate.

**Prep Time:** 15 min **Total Time:** 25 min **Servings:** 4

## May Birthday Wishes!

Happy birthday to Lori Carr!

Enjoy your day!

## 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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## Partnering with CONIFER REALTY, LLC



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CONIFER IMPACT

**Casino Night**  
Friday, November 13, 2026  
5:30pm - 10:30pm

**Glassboro VFW**  
275 Wilmer St., Glassboro, NJ 08028  
[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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