

PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE FOUNDATION

JULY 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 **170** applicants needing utility assistance with funds of over **\$51,400** granted to clients, and we're still going strong.

Another great work session in the garden today. The rock garden got planted with several varieties of sedum and boulders donated by Brida Stone. Lore found our first Black Swallowtail caterpillar on dill in the herb garden. The colors were really popping. Two of our other bluebird nest box locations have second nests.



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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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/PEP20th>



& MORE...

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

Today marks the 82nd anniversary of D-Day. We honor this day by remembering Jim Blackstock. Jim served that day and was later severely injured. Injuries that required years of recovery. He dedicated his life to serving and honoring veterans. He was the inspiration to Camp Salute's founders, his son Paul and daughter-in-law Bernadette, who followed in his footsteps with their own efforts to support veterans.



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

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 States 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 Britain). 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.

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 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.

Since Independence Day is a federal holiday, all non-essential federal institutions (i.e., postal service and federal courts) are closed on 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 **Saturday, July 4, 2025**.



THINGS TO DO IN NJ THIS SUMMER - 2026

Summer is here, the smell of the ocean is so close, and we're ready to do *all* the things to do in NJ this summer. Whether your family loves to head to the shore, go to the lake, hit the amusement parks, or stay close to home, we're here to tell you that summer in NJ in 2026 will be grand. Spend a day at a waterpark, hit one of the festivals with live music, cruise along the coast to search for whales, or zipline above the trees for a unique adventure. Ready to have a good time? Then let the fun begin!

Try all the coasters...

An amusement park is always a good idea, and when a water park is included, like at the Land of Make Believe, you can't go wrong.

Get your summer thrills on fun rides and coasters around the Garden State. Try the New Jersey Devil roller coaster at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson. Go for the thrills at Land of Make Believe in Hope Township or climb aboard construction-themed rides at Diggerland USA in West Berlin. Whatever adventure you want, there are plenty of rides and kiddie experiences at one of the many New Jersey amusement parks.

Size up the shore...

Whether you like to jump right into the ocean or sit under an umbrella in the shade, spending time at the shore is a NJ summer rite of passage. Yes, there are so many beaches (some are even free). So if your kiddos are looking to ride the waves, they can hang ten and get surf lessons at the shore.

Pick-up something sweet...

There is nothing like a frozen, sweet treat on a hot summer day, and there are so many delicious options all over the state. Step back in time and try one of the old-fashioned ice cream shops to treat your sweet tooth. Or, don't miss gourmet ice cream shops like Amanda Bananas in the Hoboken area, Cookman Creamery in Asbury Park, or Sundae Best Homemade Ice Cream in Avalon.

Save some cash...

Everyone loves to save money, and with so many free things to do in NJ, you can save lots this summer. Check out what you can do without costing a dime - visit an art museum in Princeton, hop on a free kayak or canoe at Scotland Run Park in Gloucester County, head to the free Cape May Zoo or visit one of the free, no-badge-required beaches in Wildwood, Ocean City, and Atlantic City.

...and so much more. So welcome to summer. **ENJOY!**



COOKING CORNER



Sausage, Mushroom & Spinach Pizza Braid

An Italian-inspired pizza braid is elevated with a delicious combination of sausage, mushrooms, spinach and a little mozzarella cheese

Ingredients

- ½ lb. bulk mild Italian sausage
- 1 package (8 oz) sliced baby bella mushrooms
- 2 cups chopped fresh spinach leaves (from 8-oz package)
- ½ cup pizza sauce (from 14-oz jar)
- 1 can (8 oz) refrigerated Pillsbury™ Original Crescent Dough Sheet
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese (4 oz)
- 1 tbsp butter
- ¼ tsp Italian seasoning

Directions

- ◆ Heat oven to 375°F. Spray large cookie sheet with cooking spray, or line with cooking parchment paper.
- ◆ In 10-inch nonstick skillet, cook Italian sausage 6 to 8 minutes over medium heat, until no longer pink; drain. Stir in mushrooms; cook 4 to 6 minutes, stirring occasionally, until mushrooms are lightly browned and tender. Stir in spinach leaves; cook until just starting to wilt. Remove from heat; stir in pizza sauce.
- ◆ Unroll dough on cookie sheet to 13 x 8-inch rectangle. Sprinkle ½ cup of the cheese in 3½-inch-wide strip lengthwise down center of dough all the way to ends; top cheese with sausage mixture. Sprinkle with remaining ½ cup cheese.
- ◆ Make cuts 1 inch apart on each side of rectangle just to edge of filling. Alternating from side to side, fold cut strips of dough at an angle halfway across filling, slightly overlapping ends.
- ◆ In small microwavable bowl, microwave butter uncovered on high 20 to 30 seconds or until melted; stir in Italian seasoning. Brush butter mixture on top of braided crescent dough.
- ◆ Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until deep golden brown. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. Serve with additional pizza sauce, if desired.

Prep Time: 30 min **Total Time:** 55 min **Servings:** 8

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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)**

Interested individuals must call **People for People** at **856-579-7561** To be placed on schedule



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Partnering with CONIFER REALTY, LLC

* Upcoming Sites *



FLAGSTONE POINT



RIVERSTONE COMMONS



APARTMENTS AT THREE BRIDGES



CONIFER IMPACT

Flagstone Point—Clarksboro (Formerly Liberty Landing)

Located in Clarksboro, 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**. Lease-up began June 17, 2026. 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**. Lease-up began June 10, 2026. Completion scheduled for 2026.

Apartments at Three Bridges —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. Lease-up began June 2, 2026. Completion scheduled for 2026.

PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE FOUNDATION - UPCOMING EVENTS

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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