

A Day in the Life of New Jersey



Presented by the
Ridgewood Camera
Club



Ridgewood Camera Club

A Call for Members

RCC Creative Challenge - 2023

RCC Member Challenge : “A Day in the Life - New Jersey”

The Challenge

RCC members accepting this challenge will be assigned to specific locations throughout the state giving each photographer the same 24-hour period to capture, in pictures, a typical day in New Jersey. The images that best represent daily life in the state will be published in a photo book memorializing the day’s activities.

Each participating photographer will be assigned to a geographic location that will serve as a starting point for the day’s shoot, but will be free to roam and shoot whatever they discover in the course of the day. Each participant's skills will be tested to make extraordinary images of ordinary events. The objective is to capture life as the people living in the state experience it and to illustrate the state’s vast diversity of people, cultures, and geography.

Date of Shoot: June 10, 2023

All work must be shot on the same day. The concept of this challenge is to show different activities occurring at the same time, on the same day, in different places across the state.

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Trenton State capitol dome

Photographer:

David Amundsen

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Dunes at Ocean City Beach

Photographer:

Debra Roditski

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Ocean City Beach

Photographer:

Greg Roditski



Ridgewood Camera Club Presents:

**A Day in the Life of
New Jersey**



**Photographed by 16 members of the
Ridgewood Camera Club
on June 10, 2023**



Preface

On September 2, 1609, Henry Hudson sailed north along the shoreline of a land to his west that he would name New Netherlands, claiming ownership for the Dutch. Robert Juet, a crewman on Hudson's ship *The Half Moon*, would note in his journal: "*This is a very good land to fall with, and a pleasant land to see.*" Today the land that Juet described in his journal is known as New Jersey, the third state to ratify the United States Constitution and be admitted to the Union in 1787.

On June 10, 2023, 16 members of the Ridgewood Camera Club set out to photograph A Day in the Life of New Jersey. Much had changed in the course of time since Hudson's famed voyage over 400 years ago. The population in Hudson's day consisted of roughly 10,000 native inhabitants. That population has since swelled to over nine million residents who are spread out over the state's 8,700 square miles, making New Jersey the most densely populated state in the country. It is also one of the country's most ethnically and religiously diverse states, with almost 25% of the population being foreign born and 12% not fully fluent in English. New Jersey is largely known for its industrial and urban areas, but with 140 miles of oceanfront shoreline and 45% of its land covered with forests, the state has a rich blend of land, lifestyles, and activities.

The 16 photographers who set out that day were tasked with capturing the state's vast diversity of people, cultures, and geography all within a 24-hour period. Their goal was not to create a pictorial tourist guide, but instead to capture everyday life as the people living in the state experience it. Each photographer was assigned a geographic location as a starting point to begin their odyssey but were free to roam the state as they wished in search of finding extraordinary photographs of ordinary events. Thousands of pictures were taken that day and have been distilled down to the roughly 100 photographs you will find collected in this book. From sunrise to sunset, from the farmlands to the cities, from the mountains to the ocean, the images captured in this book represent a time capsule of authentic moments as they were lived on that one day in the "Garden State" of New Jersey.





6:45 AM



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In the early morning hours, the kitchens at Taskin Bakery in Paterson hum with activity. This family-owned business has been in operation since 1997 and their focus is on Turkish breads, pastries, and desserts. This worker carefully tends these pieces so they are properly browned.

Photographer:

Ruth Plucinski

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The Taskin café is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This mother shares some Turkish pastry with her daughter, who is visiting from abroad, along with a family friend.

Photographer:

Ruth Plucinski





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• Above

B&W staff Sheldon, Lauren, and Saudia proudly display their freshly baked crumb cake. Those pink and blue paper wrappings are a mainstay on breakfast tables throughout northern NJ.

Photographer:

Debra Chasolen

• Right

B&W Bakery in Hackensack is known for one thing - their legendary New Jersey-style crumb cake. They bake it all day long, making nearly 2,000 pounds of the famous extra-crumbly streusel topping a week. It's not unusual to see customers lined up outside waiting for the doors to open so they can bring home a freshly made, just for you, batch of their famous Heavy Crumb Cake.

Photographer:

Debra Chasolen



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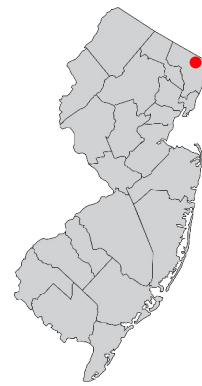
“It’s such a beautiful day out there and what are people doing? They’re in here EATING. I swear... it’s going to kill us all! ”

“Can you make me look thinner?”

– Waitress - Mahwah Diner

Photographer:

Jacek Kowalski



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A 1965 Ford Falcon Sprint enjoys a premium parking space outside the State Line Diner in Mahwah. Classic cars are a mainstay at NJ diners.

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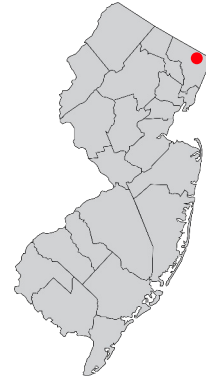
Jacek Kowalski







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An early morning angler fly-fishing along the banks of the Ramapo River in Mahwah. The river runs for 30 miles, carving through the Ramapo Mountains of northern New Jersey. It's a popular fly-fishing destination with its trout stocked waters.

Photographer:

Robert Matthews





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Michael, an FAA certified flight instructor at the Princeton Flying School, checks the plane's oil before taking a student up for a lesson.

Photographer:

Dilek Ozler



7:45 AM



• Right

Jay is a regular at the 50s style JB's Diner in Farmingdale. He grew up in New Jersey in the 1950s, and not surprisingly, is very fond of hearing that era's music being played in the background. While he likes the music of New Jersey native Frank Sinatra, Jay has a particular fondness for Dean Martin. As for more recent music, he admitted to knowing nothing. He's happy being "Lost in the 50s".

Photographer:
Elliot Owens

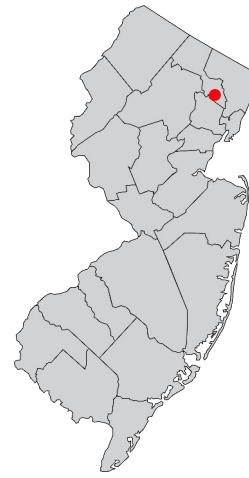


LOST IN THE 50'S

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Hockensack, Meridian
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Hockensack, Meridian





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Families come out early to prepare for the third annual tri-town fishing derby at Henderson Pond in Woodland Park. Participants from Little Falls and Totowa also join in on the fun which offers prizes for the biggest, smallest and most fish caught. As these siblings demonstrated though, it's all about the worms.

Photographer:

Ruth Plucinski





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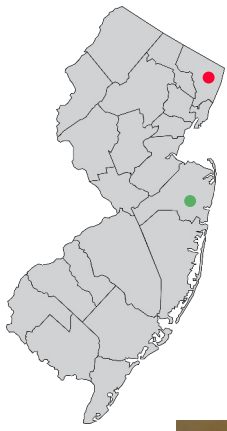
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Tom Jersey, a Dumont resident, is a frequent customer of the Crystal Diner. Tom works at the Union Construction Company and enjoys wildlife photography. And yes, "Jersey" is his real name.

Photographer:
Valentina Yakubova

• Above

Lufti Saleh, who was born in Bethlehem on the West Bank, is the proud owner of the Dumont Crystal Diner. "Louie" purchased the Crystal in 2014 from another immigrant, Momir Saranovic, who was from Yugoslavia. "I always wanted to own a place like this and I'm happy to serve my customers". – Louie

Photographer:
Valentina Yakubova

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Waitresses at 'JB's Diner on 33' in Farmingdale are preparing for the morning rush while Paul, a NJ native with an extensive knowledge of photography, introduces the photographer. On the menu at JB's are pork roll egg and cheese, meatloaf, and disco fries, common fare at New Jersey diners.

Photographer:
Elliot Owens

9:00 AM



• Right

The Touch of England Car show is an annual event held at The Hermitage National Historic Landmark in Ho-Ho-Kus. Damien Hinson puts the final shine on his two-tone red and white hard-top Triumph Herald coupe, which paid off with a First Place Award in the "Other Triumphs" category. The car was donated to Damien by a fellow club member who had too many cars and needed to downsize. Nice friend!

Photographer:
Debra Chasolen



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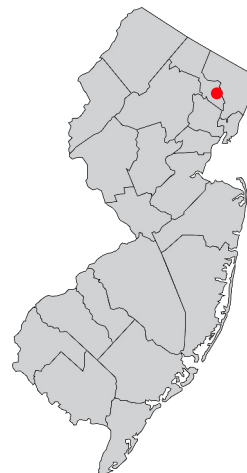
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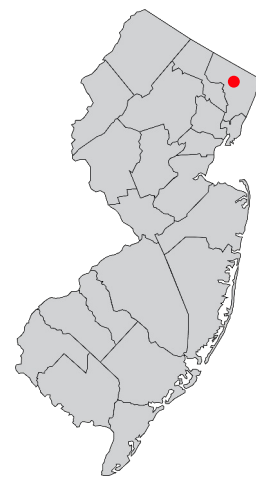
Deacon Willie Davis proudly shows off the fruits of his labor at the Green Acres Community Garden in the fourth ward of Paterson. Founded in 2015, the garden provides fresh and nutritious produce free to a neighborhood that is one the most challenged in the city. Deacon Davis is the driving force behind it all, growing the vegetables, manning the farm stand, leading tours, and putting on seasonal events. Raised in North Carolina in a family of sharecroppers, he knows how to coax riches from this urban soil.

Photographer:

Ruth Plucinski







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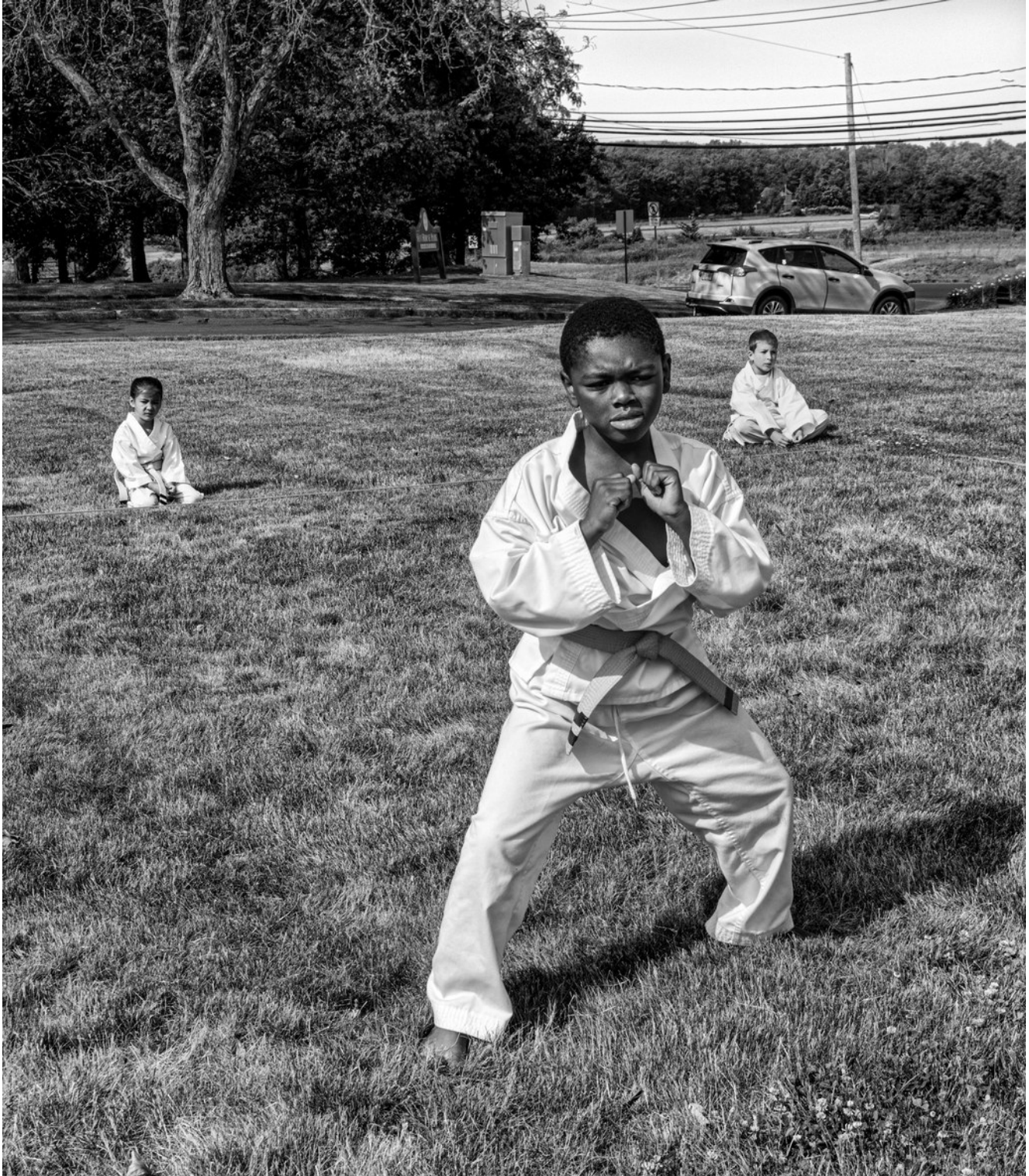
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The Touch of England Classic Car Show at The Hermitage in Ho-Ho-Kus. Alex Tourtounis demonstrates how he shapes custom-made replacement parts in his shop, “66 Customs” in Lyndhurst.

Photographer:

Jacek Kowalski





• Left

Kickside Martial Arts in Princeton has been teaching martial arts to children, teens, and adults for years. They proudly organize outdoor events for the community to come and watch the students showcase their skills.

Photographer:

Dilek Ozler

• Below

Princeton Soup & Sandwich Company offers deli sandwiches, soups, and drinks in an easygoing, family-run corner location in the heart of Princeton. A customer enjoys a sandwich and coffee at one of its outdoor tables.

Photographer:

Dilek Ozler

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If it's Saturday, anytime between April and November, you'll find the Garden State Harley Owners Group (HOG) on the road. Based in Morris Plains, the group traveled through Morris, Passaic, and Sussex Counties ending at the Irish Cottage Inn in Hamburg. Traditionally, a group shot is taken at each ride's destination as shown here at this fine eatery known for their Fish & Chips and Mutton Pie.

Photographer:
Joe Gennarelli

- Right

There are nearly 300 families within Paterson who have become homeowners through Paterson Habitat for Humanity. The Homeowners' Association connects many of these families. At the annual youth awards breakfast, they honor six students "who have applied ingenuity and commitment to their studies". Here Jeanette Thompson, Executive Director for the Association, proudly displays the plaque that each winner receives.

Photographer:
Ruth Plucinski






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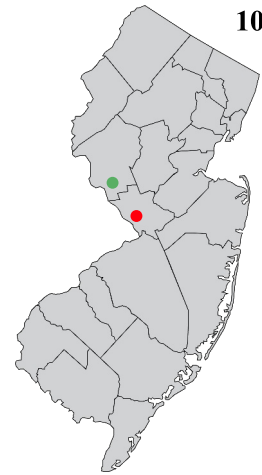




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In her shop at the Trenton Farmers Market, Rose sells international fashions, jewelry, and accessories.

Photographer:
David Amundsen



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A passerby stops and listens as guitarist J.B. Kline plays a tune outside his "JB Kline Vintage Instruments Gallery" in Lambertville. Kline, who has played with the likes of Marshall Tucker, Chuck Berry, Fats Domino, George Thorogood, and the Beach Boys, focuses his music on Rhythm & Blues.

Photographer:
Carlos Rodriguez

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Tattoo Girl Jennifer is not a regular employee but a friend helping out at the off-beat Out of Step Shop in Trenton.

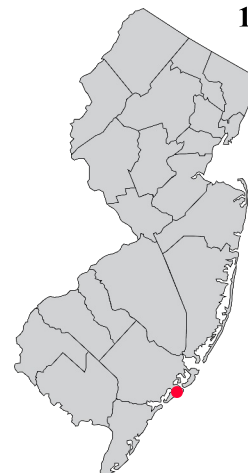
Photographer:
Christine Amundsen







10:30 AM



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Seemingly immune to the noise and activity of Atlantic City's boardwalk scene, Rebecca was content to be out of the casinos catching a little sun and light breeze while quietly enjoying her book in this historic beach town.

Atlantic City has a storied past: from its beginnings as a quiet beach resort, to a popular tourist destination in the late 19th Century, to a prohibition-era boomtown of organized crime and corrupt politics that faced a sharp decline with the repeal of the 18th Amendment. The city then languished for decades until the casinos arrived in the 1970s, revitalizing the boardwalk economy but leaving the rest of the city forgotten. Today, it is an economically uneven city filled with bus loads of tourists descending on the few remaining casinos but never venturing off the safe confines of the boardwalk.

Photographer:

Elliot Owens



• Left

Known as "Squirrel Man", this Atlantic City resident sits on the boardwalk every day, feeding pigeons and coaxing squirrels to eat right out of his mouth. He loves talking about his friends and is open to explaining their habits to any passersby.

Photographer:

Elliot Owens

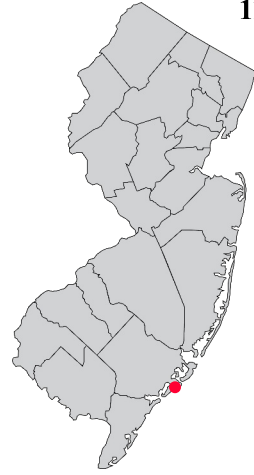
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This 6' 5" man with braids, colorful beads, and an outfit to match his outsized personality stood out even on the Atlantic City boardwalk. "Colors", he explained, "represent mood, and bright colors bring happiness". His job, he said, is to bring joy to the world and he does this, in part, through colorful clothing.

Photographer:

Elliot Owens

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• Right

The annual Columbus field day parade celebrates summer and showcases the local farm-based economy.

Photographer:
Stuart Waldrum









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Andy, NJ State Trooper,
enjoying a day off fishing at one
of his favorite places in Mercer
County Park.

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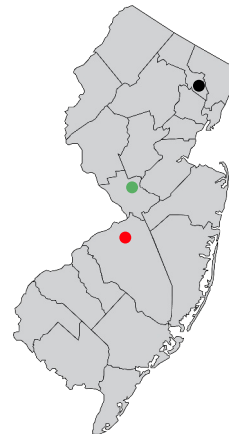
Christine Amundsen





Terhune Orchards in Princeton is a sustainable farm that organizes special events and seasonal activities to give families the chance to experience farm fun. It is family owned and operated, and kids love to watch the farm animals.

Photographer:
Dilek Ozler



• Left

Hugh Pribell has been tending bees to make wonderful honey in downtown Columbus for over 17 years.

Photographer:
Stuart Waldrum

• Right

Nine year-old Alex Boychuk shares a smile after being awarded a graduation ribbon from the Olympian-owned gymnastic training facility "Gymnastika" in Woodland Park.

Photographer:
Valentina Yakubova

GYMNASTIKA





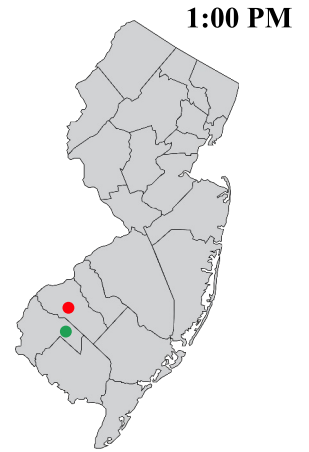
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It's the honor system at Bishop's farm in Elmer, just leave your money in the tin box. New Jersey has a rich agricultural history known for a vast variety of produce including its famous tomatoes.

Photographer:

Lisa Matthews





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Mood's farm in Mullica Hill has been run by the same family since 1887. Richard and Joyce Mood are pictured here. Their daughter Patti actively manages the farm now, and she is out working the fields.

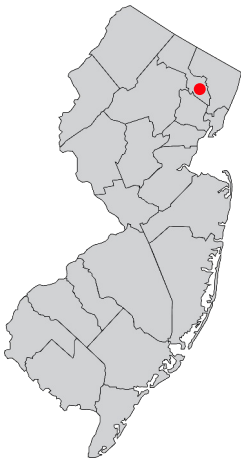
Photographer:

Lisa Matthews









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The Art Factory, located in the Great Historic District of Paterson, dates back to 1840 when it was constructed by the American Hemp Company to spin hemp into rope. The massive space is over 230,000 square feet. Having more recently housed artists and provided the backdrop for movies and music videos, it's now known for the celebrations it holds. Three weddings and a sweet sixteen party were taking place while this team prepared for an Alice in Wonderland themed bat mitzvah scheduled for the next day. The bright colors are a contrast to the drab old factory walls.

Photographer:

Ruth Plucinski

• [Right](#)

One of the many artists working on the decorations — she is a work of art herself.

Photographer:

Ruth Plucinski











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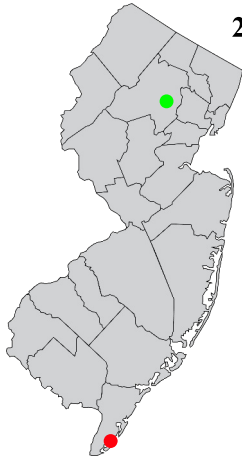
Root Beer Floats

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Coca-Cola

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2:00 PM

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Visiting from south Jersey, Tony needed a big pie to feed himself and his family of four waiting for him on the beach. He grabbed the largest pie he could get from Joe's Pizzeria, one of the many serving pizza in Wildwood, and happily posed with the giant of a pie.

Photographer:

Elliot Owens



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15-Year old Gracie Waldrum fires off a leadoff double for the East Hanover Hornets High School softball team. Gracie pitched for the boys baseball team for three years, the only girl on the team.

Photographer:

Stuart Waldrum

(Grandfather to Gracie)

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The Colonial Musketeers Junior Fife and Drum Corps prepare to march in the American Legion parade in Wildwood. This non-profit group offers scholarships to its members, all of whom are between 8 and 21 years old.

Photographer:

Elliot Owens

• Above

Ahmed came to Wildwood all the way from Egypt, to work, save some money, and have a little fun. He's friends with many of the other basketball stand workers along the boardwalk as they all came from Egypt.

Photographer:

Elliot Owens



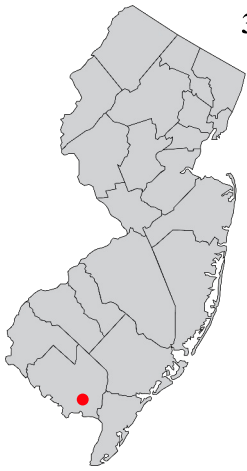
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Annual Portugal Day in Newark – A day full of singing, dancing, barbecue, beer, and plenty of smoke.

Photographer:
Jacek Kowalski



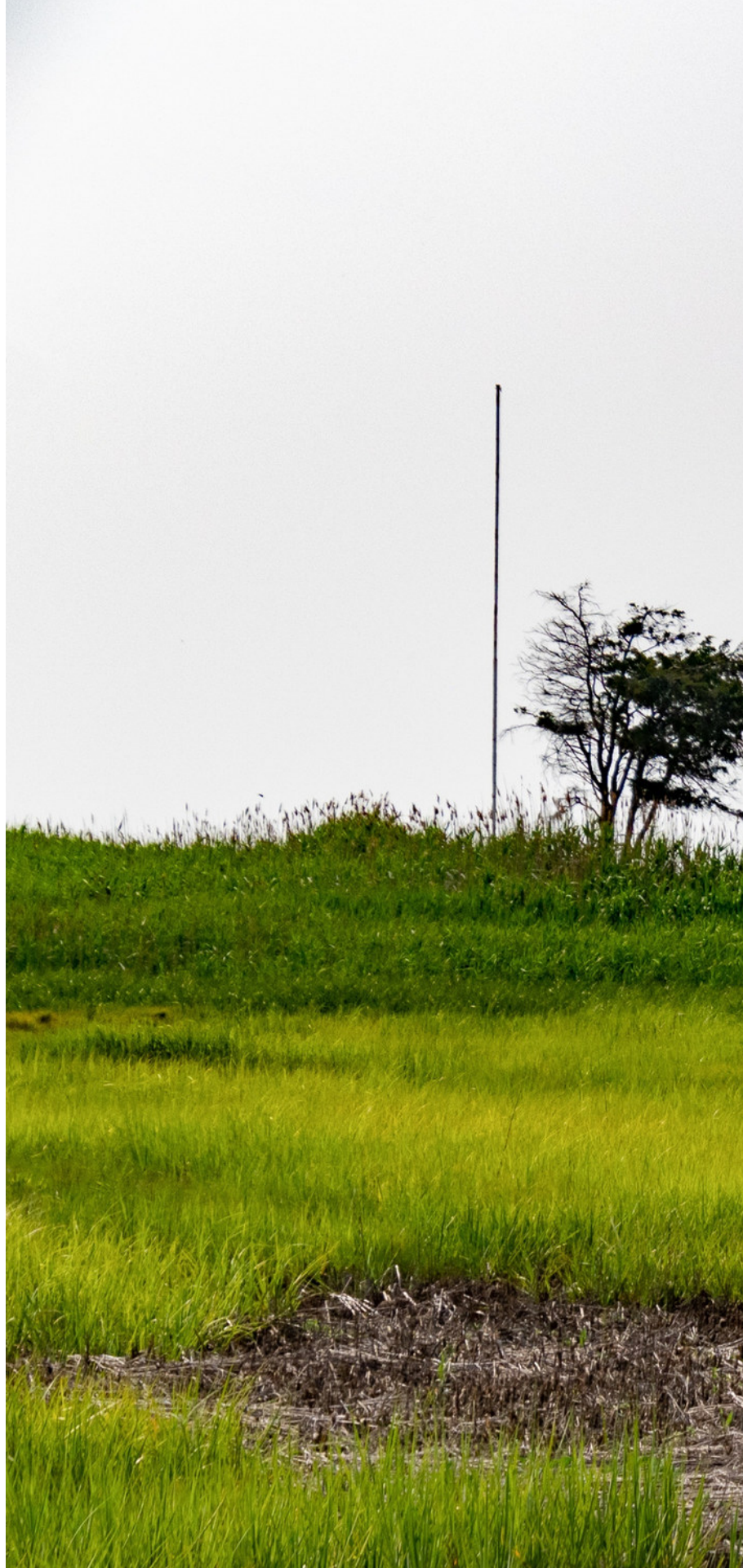
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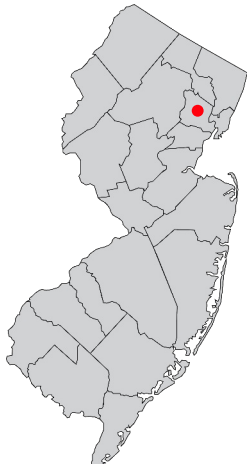
East Point Lighthouse, built in 1849, is the second oldest in the state, and is the last remaining land-based lighthouse located on the Delaware Bay. The fully restored, furnished lighthouse is still active as a navigational aid and a museum, giving us a glimpse into the past glory days of shipping, ship building, and the oyster industry along the Southern Bayshore.

Photographer:

Greg Roditski







3:45 PM

• Right

Montclair holds its second annual Pride Festival providing three different stages of entertainment throughout the day. Here Fast Forward 80s performs on the family stage singing a bunch of old-time favorites.

Photographer:
Ruth Plucinski

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On the day of the festival Montclair closes off much of the downtown to give the throngs of people, vendors, and entertainers free rein to enjoy the festivities. A day of true celebration, these three friends share a good laugh together.

Photographer:
Ruth Plucinski



MONTCLAIR
PRIDE
2023









RAIDS

FOUR



BODY
PIERCING

TATTOO
PARLOR

TATTOO
PARLOR

SWIFT





- Left

Skylands Stadium in Augusta is home to the NJ Miners minor league baseball team. Here, two young fans ask a local hero for his autograph. The games are a popular family outing filled with kid's activities and a post-game fireworks display. Americana at its finest, just add the apple pie.

Photographer:
Joe Gennarelli



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At Oxygen Body Piercing in Wildwood, Pete works on a customer using henna instead of permanent tattoos. The tattoos on Steve's bald head, though, are permanent.

Photographer:
Elliot Owens

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Many parlors along the Wildwood boardwalk offer body piercing, feathers, and braids. Here, a young woman waits patiently for her turn to get a body piercing.

Photographer:
Elliot Owens

- Below

John and his pet rabbit "Peanut Brittle" on the boardwalk in Asbury Park. John is working on a documentary on the life of service animals. Peanut Brittle will be starring.

Photographer:
Robert Matthews





• Above

Joe and "Buttercup" serenading the crowd on the boardwalk in Asbury Park with Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville. He apologized for his coarse voice saying he's getting over a cold, but to his cheering fans, he sounded just fine.

Photographer:
Robert Matthews

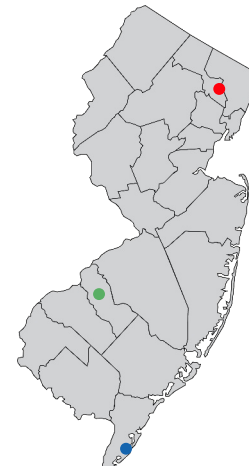


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Hawthorne Pride was on full display as the town gathered to celebrate their 125th Anniversary. On hand to ensure a safe event pictured left to right are Police Captain Robert King and Lt. Matthew Hoogmoed.

Photographer:

Debra Chasolen



• Right (top)

Air Force cadets at the Jersey shore in Wildwood celebrating their graduation from bootcamp. Some of these cadets may end up serving at NJ's McGuire Air Force Base.

Photographer:

Elliot Owens

• Right (below)

First responders of Haddonfield pose in front of Engine 14 after returning from a call. A volunteer fire department was established in Haddonfield over 250 years ago.

Photographer:

David Amundsen





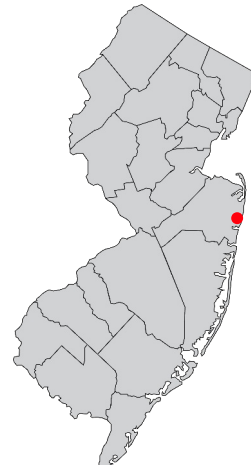


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Lifeguards Bill and Steve on duty on the beach at Asbury Park.

Photographer:

Robert Matthews

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Late afternoon lounging on the beach at Asbury Park. The wet sand doesn't seem to be a concern.

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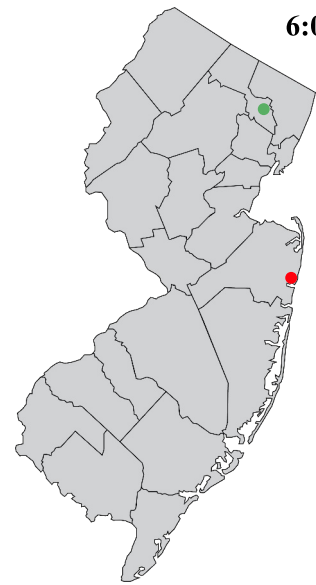
Robert Matthews



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High School Student Volunteers proudly supporting their hometown of Hawthorne during the celebration of its 125th Anniversary.

Photographer:
Debra Chasolen



6:00 PM



• Left

Last rays of the day on the beach at Asbury Park.

Photographer:
Robert Matthews



- Above

Bill, Steve, and Ray, affectionately known as "The Old Guys", working their shift as members of the lifeguard team at Asbury Park. Steve is working on a documentary on life as a lifeguard in Asbury Park. This town has a reputation for being a haven for the arts, perhaps most famously as the training ground for rock musicians such as Bruce Springsteen. In Asbury Park, even the lifeguards have artistic ambitions.

Photographer:

Robert Matthews



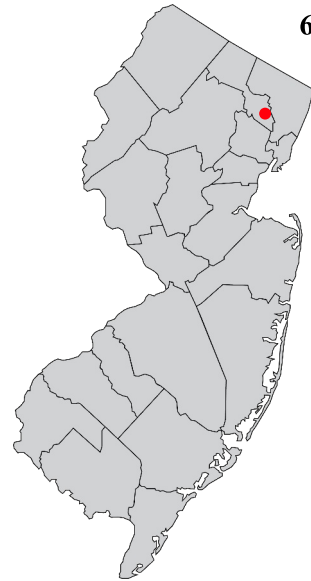
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Built in 1932, Hinchliffe Stadium in Paterson is one of the last remaining stadiums in the U.S. that hosted Negro League baseball games. After years of neglect, the stadium received a new lease on life with a \$100 million renovation. 2023 marked the opening of this pristine stadium, just a stone's throw from the Paterson Great Falls and with it, the relocation of the Jersey Jackals from nearby Montclair. Here, with the city of Paterson as their backdrop, the Jackals outfielders wait for the next batter. They would go on to win one for the home crowd, 8-6.

Photographer:

Ruth Plucinski

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• Below

On this clear evening in Paterson's Hinchliffe Stadium, the Frontier League team faces the Trois-Rivières Aigles from Quebec. The visiting team's batter, Ricardo Sanchez, takes a crack at the ball, with an eye for first base.

Photographer:

Ruth Plucinski



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The Beach Jam basketball tournament in Wildwood brought together teams of boys from aged 10 to high school varsity for two days of basketball. The teams came from all parts of New Jersey and as far away as Boston. The games are highly competitive, and the party-like atmosphere of the Jersey Shore probably contributed to the energy the players had even after failing to advance in the tournament.

Photographer:

Elliot Owens



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STATION

BROOKLYN
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Gloucester County was founded in the late 1600's, and to this day it still maintains the agricultural roots of those colonial days. Driving through Gloucester and adjacent Salem County's large stretches of farmland it is easy to see why the state was nicknamed the "Garden State". This bucolic landscape provides a pleasing contrast to most people's perception of the state.

Photographer:

Lisa Matthews

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• Right

The Cowtown Rodeo in Pilesgrove claims the title of the oldest weekly running rodeo in the United States. Operating since 1929, many professional rodeo events are highlighted ranging from Bull Riding, Steer Wrestling, Saddle Bronc Riding, Team Roping, and much more. You can even buy your own cowboy outfit at Cowtown Cowboy Outfitters. This family owned and operated rodeo runs every Saturday, from May through September and includes fun for the entire family.

Photographer:

Carlos Rodriguez



BUT SHE'S THE BOSS
SHE'S MY Queen
HE'S MY King
King
Queen
QUEEN
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SEASIDE HEIGHTS
NEW JERSEY

DADDY SHARK
DOO DOO DOO DOO DOO DOO

MOMMY SHARK
DOO DOO DOO DOO DOO DOO

BABY SHARK
DOO DOO DOO DOO DOO DOO

TIKTOK QUEEN
I KNOW She's Crazy

FREE RICK
BACKWOODS

I'M SO GAY
I SHIT RAINBOWS

LET'S WATCH THE SUNSET

SUNNY

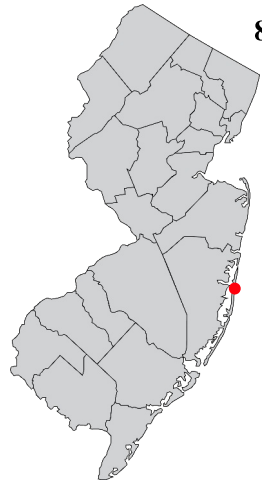
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BACKWOODS
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I HEART SLUTS

I LOVE HOT DIL

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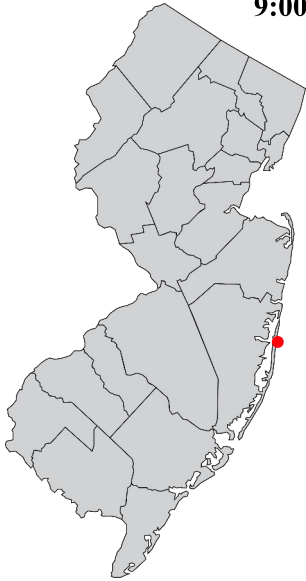
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The nighttime scene on the boardwalk at Seaside Heights, a place made infamous by the reality TV show "The Jersey Shore", whose cast members worked in the T-Shirt shops lining the boardwalk.

Photographer:
Robert Matthews

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Nick insisted he wanted to show off his new hat, sitting here with two of his girlfriends among the dozen or so of his friends that were trolling the wild nightlife found on the boardwalk in Seaside Heights. If it's adolescent debauchery you're looking for, this Jersey Shore town is the place to be.

Rock on!

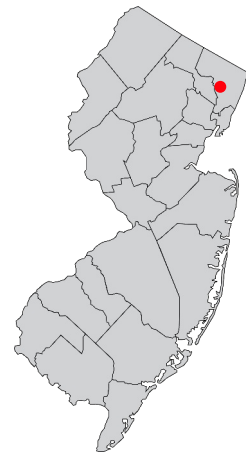
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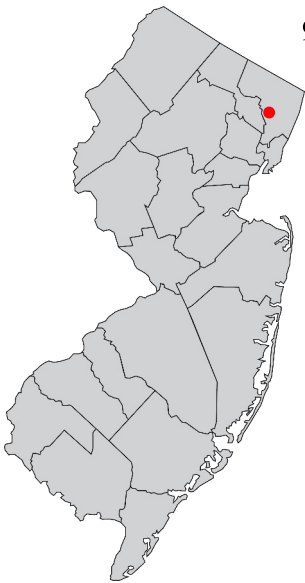
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Raymond Tomo established this iconic pizza place in Elmwood Park in 1958. After staying in business for more than 60 years the family sold it to Elio Suriano in 2022. Elio is dedicated to keeping its legacy by preserving the original menu, recipes, and maintaining the pizzeria as loyal customers remember it. "The Daily Meals" mentioned Pizza Town as among the best pizzerias in the country.

Photographer:

Valentina Yakubova



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• Right

Elio Suriano, the new owner of Pizza Town USA.

Photographer:

Valentina Yakubova

• Below

"We are a team!" says Russel, second from left.

Photographer:

Valentina Yakubova





PIZZA TOWN USA
1968



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Nightlife in Seaside Heights. The beach town is packed with high school and college kids roaming the boardwalk, bars, and food stands. Below, Paige Marusic (far right) and friends are fashion coordinated in Stars and Stripes apparel coupled with matching concert tees from the "drill" rapper King Von .

Photographer:

Robert Matthews





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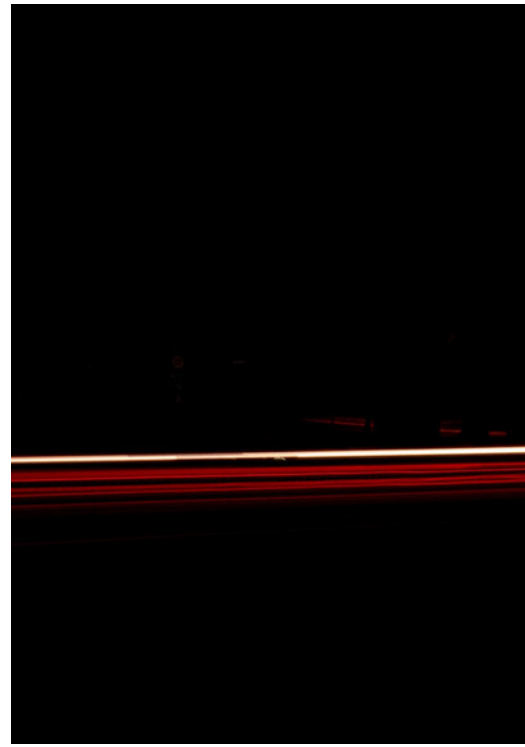
Amy Munger Grabfelder and Syboll are brother and sister owners of the Charlesworth Hotel & Restaurant in Fortescue. Located on the Delaware Bay, it offers spectacular bay sunsets and fine dining for locals or guests staying at the unique hotel.

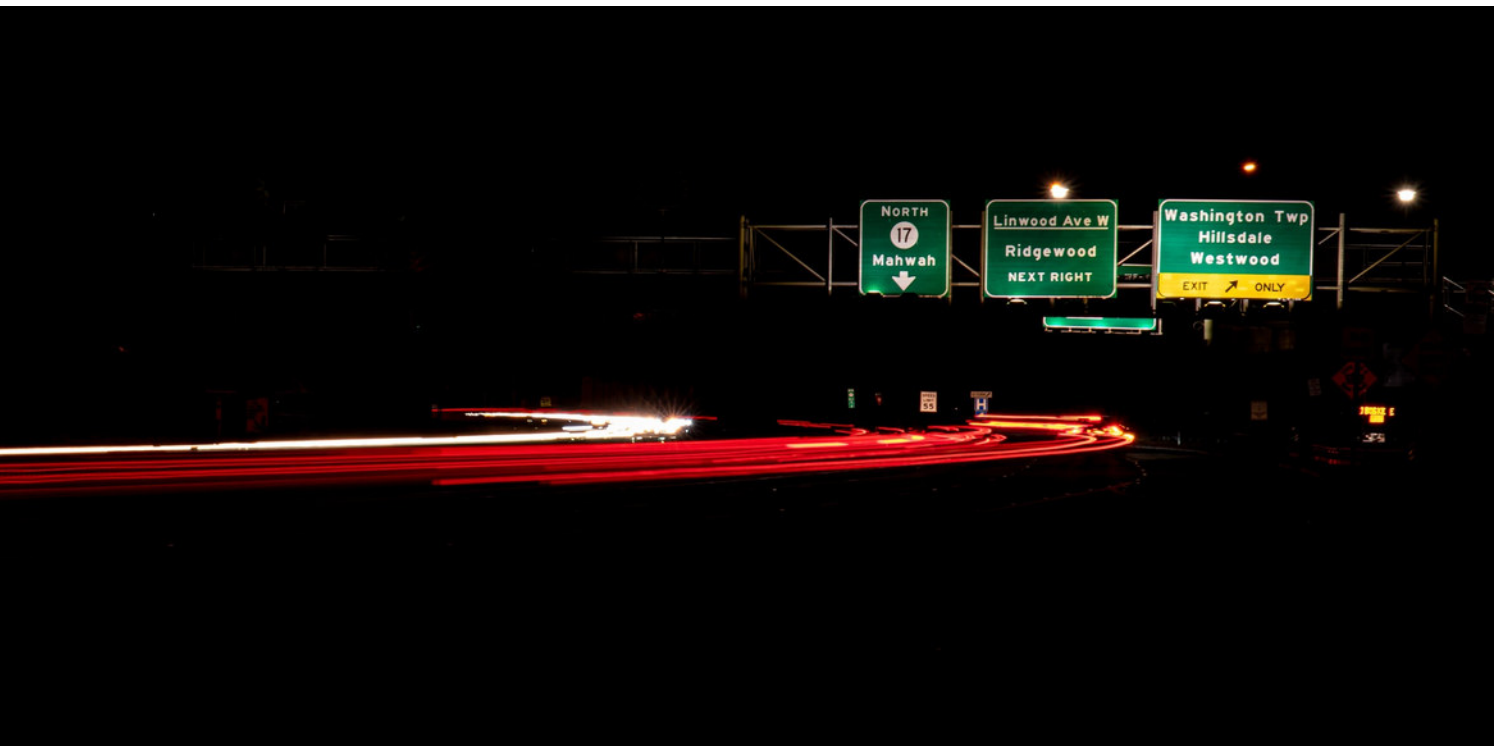
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New Jersey is the most densely populated state in America and also boasts the highest density of highways (5.3 miles of roads for every square mile of land area). No portrait of New Jersey would be complete without a look at one of its night-time rivers of light. Route 17, in Paramus.

Photographer:

Jacek Kowalski

- Left

New Jersey is known as the "Diner Capital of the World". The traditional diner as we know it today was invented by Jerry O'Mahony of Bayonne, NJ, who formed a prefabricated diner company in Elizabeth, NJ that built more than 2,000 diners between 1917 and 1952. Today, there are 530 diners in New Jersey, the highest number of any state. The Arlington Diner pictured here is a vintage 1966 model from the Kullman Dining Car Company, also established in New Jersey in 1927. This popular diner in Arlington was remodeled in the 1990s.

Photographer:

Jacek Kowalski





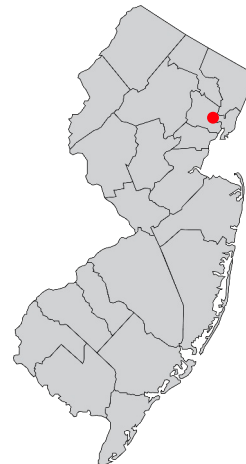
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Touchdown at Newark Airport. Built in 1928 on 68 acres of marshland, the airport today is the 13th busiest in the United States serving 45 million passengers a year.

Photographer:

Joel Ives





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In the late-night boredom of Newark Airport, teenagers find ways to keep themselves entertained while diners kill time waiting for their departure.

Photographer:

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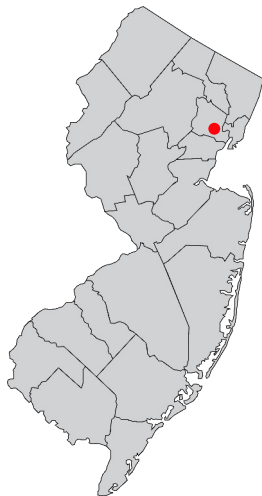
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Passengers at Newark Airport are about to descend into the most populous city in New Jersey, a city with over 300,000 residents. Most will only pass through to other destinations.

Photographer:

Joel Ives

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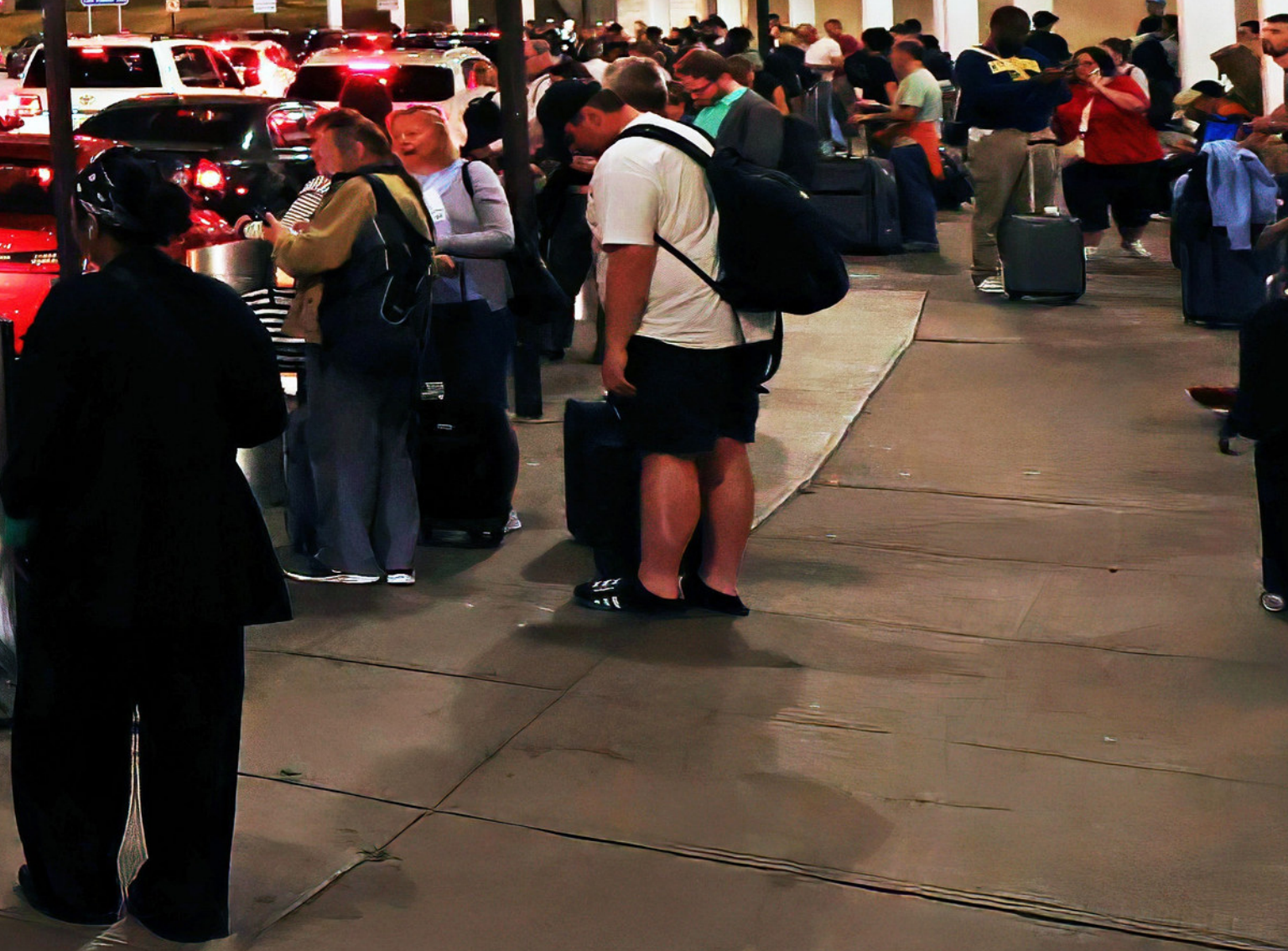
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Midnight



- Right

Midnight at the Jon Bon Jovi rest stop, Exit 124 on the Garden State Parkway in Perth Amboy. The Parkway is the gateway to the shore points of New Jersey's beaches, stretching 172 miles from its southern tip in Cape May County to its northern terminus at the border of New York State. There are eleven rest stops along the route, nine of which have recently been renamed to honor native New Jerseyans. For tourists and families vacationing "down the shore" at NJ's beaches, Parkway rest stops may serve as both the first and last stop on their Jersey Shore experience.

This rest stop barista smiled just as the clock ticked midnight. It was this photographer's last click of the night, just before ordering a large cup of coffee for the ride home after a long day's shoot.

Photographer:

Robert Matthews

STARBUCKS COFFEE



Afterword

In September 1974, Life Magazine issued a special-edition magazine titled "One Day in the Life of America". One of the contributing photographers in that issue was a then unknown college student by the name of Rick Smolen. Rick would go on to become a successful photographer for National Geographic and other respected publications. In 1981, he organized 100 of the world's best photographers to recreate the "Day in the Life" concept into book form, with a chosen venue of Australia. Riding the success of that book – A Day in the Life of Australia – a series of similarly themed "Day in the Life" books would follow, covering America, Japan, Canada, and a host of other locations including California and Hawaii.

Inspired by the work of those great photographers, the members of the Ridgewood Camera Club challenged themselves to publish their own Day in the Life book to honor their home state of New Jersey. It was a bold challenge for a group of amateur photographers to embrace. They would be matching their skills against the world's best photographers and a team of professional book publishers. Undeterred, and with limited resources, 16 members of this local NJ camera club set out to do for New Jersey what the professionals had done for the states of California and Hawaii: capture, in pictures, one day in the life of their home state. This book is the product of that challenge. We, as members of the club, would like to think we made a worthy companion to all those wonderful books in the Day in the Life series.

Participating Ridgewood Camera Club photographers and their assigned locations (some did double-duty)

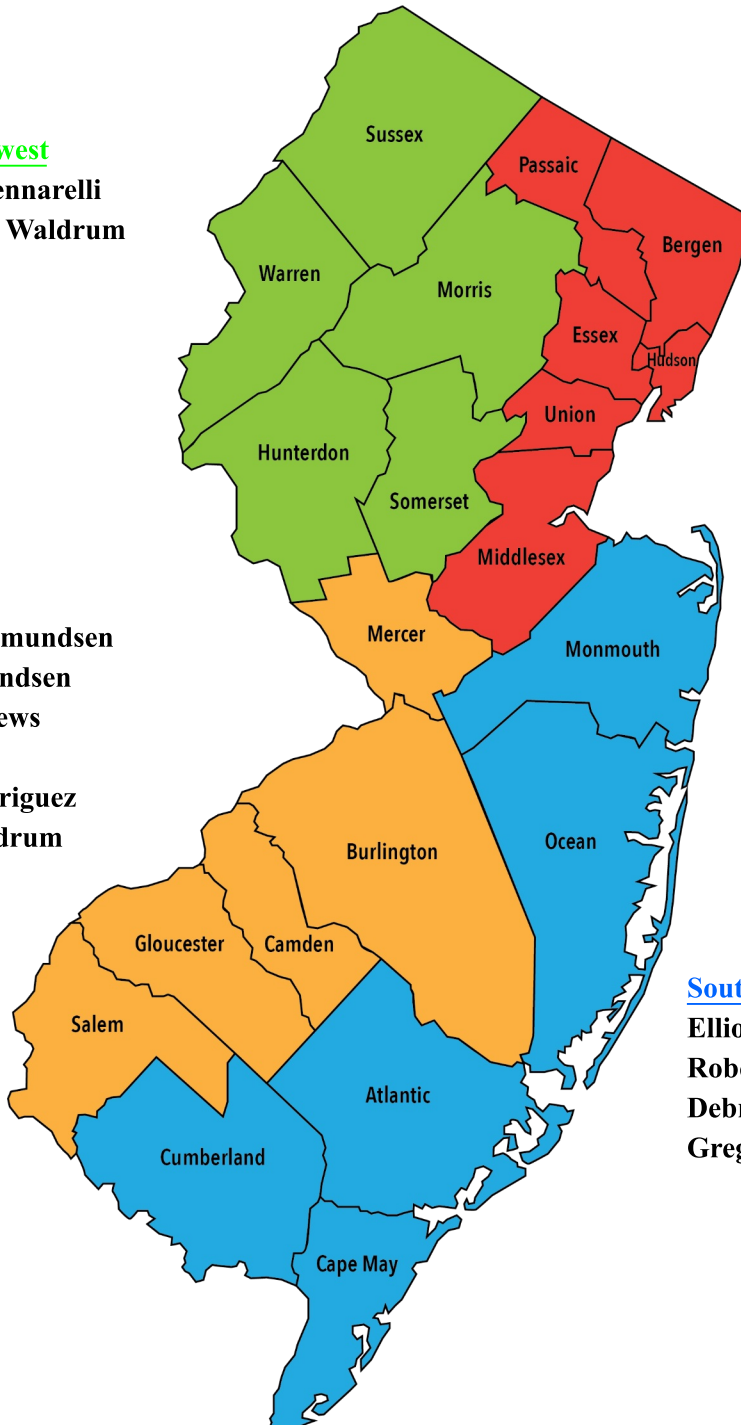
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**Participating project team members shown here at the
Ridgewood Train Station**

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On June 10, 2023, sixteen members of the Ridgewood Camera Club of New Jersey woke up at dawn to begin their day's odyssey of photographing one full day in the life of their home state. Spread out at different locations across the state, they would continue shooting until day's end at the stroke of midnight. During the course of that day they would attempt to capture, in pictures, the vast diversity of people, cultures, and geography that New Jersey has to offer. Thousands of pictures would be taken that day, but no amount of pictures could possibly capture the full richness of the state. Instead, this book is a time capsule of authentic moments of real life as the people who live here experienced it on that single day. All the pictures in this book were taken within the same 24-hour period and provide a glimpse of a typical day in the "Garden State" of New Jersey.

