

YOUR A/C SHOULDN'T TAKE THE SUMMER OFF.

If your home isn't cooling like it should, don't wait. The heat's not going away anytime soon—and neither are those sweaty nights!

UP TO

\$75 OFF OR **\$2000 OFF**

an A/C Repair* a new HVAC System*

*Offers cannot be combined with each other or with any other offers. Terms and conditions may apply. Offers expire on 9/15/2025.





FAST, SAME-DAY AVAILABILITY



5 STAR SERVICE EVERY TIME

WHY SHOULD YOU WORK WITH ARCTIC AIR?

New Jersey's Trusted Experts Since 1977



ARCTIC AIR
CONDITIONING

COOLING • HEATING • PLUMBING
ELECTRIC • GARAGE DOORS



GIVE US A CALL TODAY!
(732) 702-0521

Orthodox Jewish high school gets approval

It will be the first such facility in Toms River

Jean Mikle
Asbury Park Press
USA TODAY NETWORK – NEW JERSEY

TOMS RIVER – The township’s first Orthodox Jewish high school – which will serve boys, ages 14 to 17 – was approved unanimously Aug. 14 by the Board of Adjustment.

“It is a need in the area,” said Toms River lawyer Robert C. Shea, who represented the applicant, Shia Weber/NJ Home Care. The school will be located at 105 Sunset Ave., in an existing one-story, 9,500-square-foot building that was formerly the site of an adult day care center. “That facility is really going to service what our needs are for the non-public school we will put on the spot.”

The school, which will have seven classrooms, will be attended by no more than 153 children. It will operate from 7:15 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. Monday through

Thursday, and Sunday, and from 7:15 a.m. to about 1 or 2 p.m. on Fridays. There will be no classes on Saturdays.

Matthew Wilder, the applicant’s engineer, said the school had already been operating at the site for some time after receiving approval from the state Department of Education. It was shut down about six weeks ago, he said, when the applicant was informed it needed zoning board approval, as schools are not a permitted use in the rural residential zone in which the property is located.


Two buses will bring children to the school, along with parents who will drive them. Students are not allowed to drive their own cars to the site, Wilder said. About 50% of students will take the bus to the property and 50% will be driven by their parents, he added. Buses will not be parked on the site.

He said 15 to 18 staff members will work at the school.

The 8 1/2-acre site is heavily wooded and the building is set back from busy Sunset Avenue, which connects Route 9 and Whitesville Road. The Shore

See SCHOOL, Page 2A

MONDAY 08.18.25



ASBURY PARK PRESS

PART OF THE USA TODAY NETWORK

Are rides getting safer on Shore?



People ride the “Shark Escape” at Jenkinson’s Amusement Park in Point Pleasant Beach on July 26.
PHOTOS BY THOMAS P. COSTELLO/ASBURY PARK PRESS

Nearly 3 dozen incidents were reported since 2020

Olivia Liu
Asbury Park Press
USA TODAY NETWORK – NEW JERSEY

Since 2020, Jersey Shore amusement parks reported nearly three dozen incidents ranging from injuries to mechanical failures, according to reports obtained by the Asbury Park Press.

Dislocated shoulders, a visible bump on the head and a lap bar opening without setting off indicator lights were reported to the state Department of Community Affairs, which inspects amusement rides across the state.

The Press filed open records requests to obtain the data through the state’s Open Public Records Act.

See SHORE RIDES, Page 5A



People ride the “Pirate’s Plunge” at Jenkinson’s Amusement Park on July 26.

13-year-old girl drowns off Belmar

Authorities: She went into water after lifeguards were off duty

Erik Larsen
Asbury Park Press
USA TODAY NETWORK – NEW JERSEY

BELMAR – A 13-year-old girl is the latest drowning victim at the Shore, after authorities said she ventured into the water Friday evening after lifeguards had gone off duty for the day.

Belmar Beach Patrol Chief Harry Harsin said the victim was brought ashore about 50 to 100 yards north of the Eighth Avenue jetty by local water rescue team members and civilians who were on the scene to search for the missing teen sometime before 7 p.m.

Harsin said he understood that the girl, who was with family members, was reported to be visibly in distress just before she disappeared beneath the water.

Harsin, a longtime Belmar lifeguard and retired borough police officer, was emotional as he expressed his exasperation for why so many beachgoers this summer are ignoring the repeated warnings of authorities to stay out of the water after hours.

“Please, I’m begging people,” Harsin said.

“People, please do not swim when the lifeguards are not there.” Local officials have been on a campaign to keep swimmers out of the ocean after hours, when lifeguards and beach badge checkers have gone home for the day.

See DROWNING, Page 4A

New Jersey BPU expands credits as power costs surge

Katie Sobko
NorthJersey.com
USA TODAY NETWORK – NEW JERSEY

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities took action to help Garden State ratepayers deal with the rising cost of electricity. The board formally approved \$100 utility bill credits announced by Gov. Phil Murphy and other top state Democrats in June – just days after rate hikes sent utility bills soaring for residents throughout the state.

These credits will reduce bills for residents by \$50 in September and \$50 in October.

Murphy called the credits “direct economic relief” when he first announced them as part of a \$430 million initiative to relieve ratepayers across the state. He said at the time there would be additional assistance

See BPU CREDITS, Page 2A

