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# Waypoints

REAL ESTATE

LOCAL EVENTS

Wednesday, June 26, 2024



## Democratic Pride event on June 26

VILLAS — Local Democrats will celebrate Pride Month with a free showing of the movie “Kinky Boots” (Rated PG-13) Wednesday, June 26, at the Millman Center, 209 Bayshore Road.

The event is set to begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. All are invited and refreshments will be provided.

The movie tells the story of how overcoming prejudice and serving transvestite performers helps a failing footwear factory stay in business.

The Lower Township Democratic Club is sponsoring this party to help people who care about equality meet one another.

## NAMI Family Support Group

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE — NAMI Family Support Group is a peer-led group for family members, caregivers and loved ones (18+) of individuals living with a mental illness.

Participants gain the support of peers who understand their experience and gain insight into others’ challenges and successes. Participants benefit through others’ experiences, discover inner strength and learn how to identify local resources and use them.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for from 7 to 8:30 p.m. June 27 in the Cape May Court House branch library at 30 Mechanic St.

Visit [namiacm.org](http://namiacm.org) or call (609) 741-5125 for more information.

## Other Side on the air

CAPE MAY — Tune in to Cape May Radio 101.5 FM at 1 p.m. Fridays as Cape May Star and Wave columnist Mark Allen welcomes guests who are making a difference in the community.

Upcoming guests are:

— June 28: Bridget Martin, owner and operator of Aqua Trails Kayaking Adventures and Paddleboards, will discuss the many aquatic activities available on Cape May Harbor.

— July 5: Spiritualist Caitlain Haffter, whose parents survived the 1962 storm; will be in studio.

— July 12: John Ryan of Historic Cold Spring Village will share upcoming happenings and events at the village.

The Other Side radio hour airs at 1 p.m. Fridays on 101.5 FM and livestreams on [capemayradio.org](http://capemayradio.org). The Other Side radio hour is underwritten in part by the Cape May Star and Wave and the Nature Center of Cape May.

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Special to the CAPE MAY STAR AND WAVE

The home at 117 Hollywood Ave. has recently renovated and features five bedrooms, three bathrooms and a magnificent kitchen.

## Everything's new in spacious, renovated Lower Twp. home

By VICTORIA RECTOR  
Special to the Star and Wave

VILLAS — Villas is getting a glow up, and the results are fascinating for many reasons. While other communities start breaking out in mansions or, in contrast, cling to the old-fashioned charm that made their reputation in the first place, Villas seems to be upgrading without pretense or apology.

The seaside haven of the working class is still present in the bones of the luxurious new homes popping up in the tightly knit neighborhoods, but now those sturdy bones are dressed to the nines.

A perfect example of this process is the home at 117 Hollywood Ave., renovated just this year — although it's hard to square the transformation achieved with a word as bland as “renovated.”

Somehow, through some wizardry of its own, this home has gained in stature and interest while standing on the same footprint as the well-known

bungalows that still line the streets for miles around.

Porches, decks, a studio, five bedrooms and a tidy sense of calm and open space somehow all were achieved without seeming to break a sweat. If there was an award for most miraculous reimagining of a structure, this home might be the winner.

From the curb, the walkway and driveway are created from bold white rectangular steppingstones far larger than the ordinary variety and alternating with flower beds in the front walk to the door.

This is somehow symmetrical without being the least bit boring and matches the home's asymmetrical balance nicely. It also sets up expectations for all that is to come, because over and over again in this home one sees the simplest possible solution used in a way that has real visual appeal.

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## HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Address: 117 Hollywood Ave., Villas

Key features: Five bedrooms, three bathrooms

Other features: Third floor getaway could be used as a bedroom and sitting room with another deck.

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Left, a long white great room with plenty of natural light and laminate wood floors. Right, one of the home's bathrooms features a fully tiled shower with glass doors.

117 Hollywood Avenue • Villas

# HOUSE OF THE WEEK

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