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FROM SANDY HOOK TO CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY'S 127 MILES OF COASTAL BEACHES, RIVERS, INLETS, BAYS, AND BOARDWALKS SPRING TO LIFE AFTER MEMORIAL DAY. HOW TO FIND THE IDEAL FUN FOR EVERY TASTE? LOOK NO FURTHER THAN OUR ANNUAL COMPILATION OF THE BEST OF THE BEST—WITH HANDY REFERENCE LINKS FOR DETAILS AND MORE INFORMATION

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ASBURY PARK

Asbury is evolving so fast that it's challenging to keep up with all that's new to see and do. On the boards this year are a new pavilion with an amphitheater and the Iron Whale restaurant, Maruca's Pizza, and Tower Dogs. The new Asbury Ocean Club & Residences on Ocean Avenue has public areas at ground level. Sadly, the Dunes Food Court and shops at the Asbury/Ocean Grove border burned down in April, but there are a plethora of places to eat, drink, shop, and be merry throughout downtown. Don't miss the free weekly bonfires and movies on the beach!

THE MAIN EVENT

Promenade of Mermaids Parade
A colorful, festive, picture-perfect boardwalk event that's as much fun for spectators as it is for its spectacularly costumed participants.

Vendors, musicians, and more. 2:00 p.m., Saturday, June 29, asburyparkchamber.com
apboardwalk.com
asburyparkchamber.com

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

Asbury Lanes
Reopened last year after extensive renovation, the retro bowling alley with diner-style dining, a bar, and lively music scene—attached to the trendy Asbury Hotel—shines again. 732.361.6659, 209 4th Ave., asburylan.es.com

Brando's Citi Cucina
Chef/owner Steven Botta elevates his family's traditional Italian recipes using the freshest ingredients to create exceptional cooked-to-order culinary experiences. 732.774.2222, 162 Main St., brandosnj.com

**Convention Hall
& The Paramount Theatre**
Recent renovations and upgrades

shored up these historic gems. Concerts, shopping, dining, and bars on each side that spill onto the beach featuring live and DJ music. apboardwalk.com

House of Independents
Shows and events rock the House downtown. 732.977.5284, 572 Cookman Ave., houseofindependents.com

Silverball Museum
Award-winning retro pinball, video/arcade games, food. Available for parties, 732.774.4994, 1000 Ocean Ave., silverballmuseum.com

The Stone Pony
Legendary rock venue with outdoor summer stage, 732.502.0600, 913 Ocean Ave., stoneponyonline.com

Wonder Bar
Live music, food, patio, canine Yappy Hours, 732.455.3767, 5th & Ocean Ave., wonderbarasburypark.com

Cubacan Restaurant & Bar
Elevated Cuban food, drinks, and authentic atmosphere on the boardwalk, 732.774.3007, 800 Ocean Ave., cubacanrestaurant.com

Stella Marina
Rustic classic Italian cuisine (homemade pasta!) overlooking the boardwalk and ocean. 732.775.7776, 800 Ocean Ave., stellamarinarestaurant.com

Taka
Acclaimed contemporary Japanese and artistic sushi, inspired décor, 732.775.1020, 660 Cookman Ave., takaasbury.com

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Nautical vistas, a bustling marina scene, and ferry service to Manhattan