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I'm too busy... I can't take off work... I can't go a full day without eating... The prep is terrible... I would be so embarrassed...

If these thoughts or others have you delaying getting a colonoscopy, we suggest a different way of thinking...

Colon Cancer Screening- One Day Can Save Your Life

According to data from the American Cancer Society, colon cancer is the 3rd most common cause of cancer-related death for both men and women. That is a disappointing statistic, because colon cancer is one of the most preventable cancers.

Unlike many other cancers, there is an easy and effective way to screen for colon cancer. Colonoscopy is readily available and effective. Large, national studies have shown that colonoscopy reduces an individual's risk of dying from colon cancer by nearly 70%.

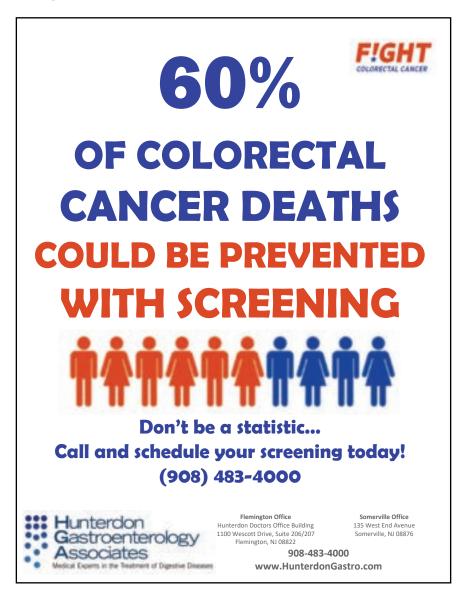
Why should I choose colonoscopy?

- 1. Colonoscopies help detect colon cancer. No other colon cancer screening is as thorough and comprehensive to detect cancer and remove precancerous lesions. It is the most effective means of prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.
- 2. Colon cancer is typically (but not always) caused by abnormal growths called polyps, or adenomas, that develop very gradually over time to become cancerous. During the colonoscopy, the physician will look for and remove these polyps. By removing polyps early, the risk of developing cancer is reduced. Without colonoscopy, the polyps continue to grow, abnormal cells continue to change, and cancer may develop.
- 3. Colonoscopies can be used to diagnose colitis, which is a chronic inflammation of the colon, and treatment can be prescribed immediately.
- 4. Colonoscopies can be used to diagnose diverticulosis, which are pockets in the intestinal wall.
- 5. Colonoscopies can detect bleeding lesions which can then be treated.
- 6. Colonoscopies are one of the best ways to help diagnose the cause of abdominal pain. Symptoms like anemia, weight loss, abdominal pain, and / or cramping could arise from many different causes. A colonoscopy can help determine if symptoms are related to a colon disease.

It's time to think about your risk of colorectal cancer... If you are:

- A man or woman 50 or older
- A smoker
- Have a personal or family history of inflammatory bowel disease
- Overweight
- Have a close family member with colorectal cancer Have a history of polyps or colon cancer
- Are a woman with a family history of breast, uterine, or ovarian cancer

Be proactive about your health and get screened today, NO MORE EXCUSES! 908-483-4000





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Is an Aspirin a day still a valuable tool to prevent cardiovascular events?

There has been a considerable amount of interest in recent months over the efficacy of using aspirin as a preventive measure in reducing cardiovascular events. In the fall of 2018, the publication of 3 major clinical studies offered strong evidence to the contrary. Here is the issue, however that has led to major confusion in a great segment of the general public: We are talking about "Primary Prevention" that is, avoidance of a first cardiovascular event such as a heart attack, stroke, or sudden cardiac death. For patients that have already survived any of those events, or have had cardiac surgery such as coronary bypass or intervention (angioplasty or stents), vascular surgery or intervention, mini strokes (transient ischemic attacks), or peripheral vascular disease, the use of aspirin remains very important, as "Secondary Prevention". In other words, to prevent yet another event or need for further surgery or other procedures.

The recent studies involved a variety of patients ranging from type 2 diabetics to non-diabetics and ages mid to late 50's to over 70 years of age. The use of aspirin to prevent cardiovascular events in patients that have not yet suffered from such a problem, even by the age of 70 years, showed to reduce the probabilities by 12% (in the best-case scenario) but at a significant cost of a 29 % increase risk of bleeding. Some of the bleedings were serious or even fatal in a small percentage of cases. It is important to note that the dose of aspirin utilized in these trials was 100 mgs against a placebo.

So, what have changed over the years to make the use of aspirin seemingly not that helpful or quite frankly, potentially dangerous? Several factors have been found to play a major role in this paradigm shift. First of all, the old primary prevention trials (late 80's-early 90") included a significantly higher number of smokers, poorly controlled hypertensive patients and diabetics likewise with less strict control of their blood sugar levels. Second, and perhaps more important, there was a relatively low use of cholesterol lowering drugs, particularly statins. In the recent trials, which were named ASPREE, ARRIVE and ASCEND, the use of statins among participants reached 34 %, 43% and 75 %, respectively. Other influential factors nowadays, are better dietary habits and more regular physical activity in the general population, as a whole.

To summarize the practical implications of the most current medical evidence about the use of aspirin for cardiovascular disease, here are the take home points:

1.-Aspirin remains a very important medication to be used in all cases (unless specific contraindications are present) for patients with a history of heart attack, stroke, or coronary surgery, stents/angioplasty, carotid artery disease/ surgery

or peripheral vascular disease, particularly in diabetics and/ or smokers. This is the Secondary Prevention scenario.

2.- For patients whom have not yet suffered any cardiovascular events, specifically heart attacks, angina, strokes or "ministrokes", or cardiac surgery or intervention (stents or angioplasty) or peripheral vascular disease, the use of aspirin to prevent a first event ("Primary Prevention"), is still beneficial but it comes at a considerable higher risk for bleeding, some of which could

be serious or even fatal.

It is important that, in all cases, before starting or stopping the use of aspirin patients consult with their cardiologists or health care provider responsible for their care. It needs to be done for the right reasons. Aspirin have been around for over 150 years in the medical field and have been a lifesaving drug for millions. Recent evidence brings to light the need for a more careful and thoughtful use of this old and trusted friend. Let's have that conversation!



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During these unprecedented times, we all find ourselves living a new "norm". With new work habits and new home responsibilities. This stress can have a direct effect on your digestive system. Stress can cause us to eat more or less than usual. Eating different foods and increased use of alcohol and/or tobacco can result in heartburn and acid reflux. Stress and exhaustion can also increase the frequency and intensity of heartburn pain. It is important to remember to pay careful attention to these symptoms and reach out to your physician if they persist or worsen.

Stress can also cause pain, inflammation, cramping, bloating and other stomach and bowel discomfort. Vomiting, diarrhea and even constipation can result when the stress is severe enough. To help alleviate

these symptoms, it is important to find ways to manage your stress and anxiety.

Get Regular Exercise.
Physical activity helps reduce tension.

Avoid, or at least reduce, consumption of Caffeine, Alcohol and Nicotine. Stimulants and depressant and increase your level of stress instead of reducing it. Swap caffeinated and alcoholic drinks for water and herbal teas. Keep yourself hydrated!

Get more sleep. Lack of sleep can add to your stress.

Try relaxation techniques. Incorporate yoga or mediation into your daily routine.

Work on time management. Prioritize your to do list and accept that everything might not get done right away. It is ok to ask for help when needed.

Talk. If you are feeling stressed and overwhelmed, reach

out to a family member, friend, or healthcare professional and talk about your feelings. Problem solve solutions and release the built-up tension.

Remember we are here too. If you are having any of these symptoms, reach out to our office to schedule an appointment today. We can help get to the root of the symptoms.

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Making Space

Anxiety, albeit a small word, has incredible impact on our lives. Anxiety has the power to alter the way you live. It stops you from trying new things or going to new places. It can even drive a wedge between you and the people you love because they don't understand. "Why don't you just do it!" they say or "stop worrying about it, everything's fine.". However, that's not what it's like for you, the problem *is a big deal to you*.

You worry that you'll embarrass yourself or that someone will see that you aren't as smart, funny, likeable or even loveable. Perhaps you worry that something dire will happen to you or your family, and the thoughts are intrusive, making it difficult to concentrate. Maybe you're irritable, feel as though you're on edge or can't sleep.

Anxiety is the most common of mental health disorders. Roughly 300+ million individuals, adults and children, struggle with some version of anxiety according to the World Health Organization (2019).

Treatment

The good news is that anxiety is treatable. Please note there isn't a "one size fits all" remedy to disrupting anxious cycles. Everyone is unique and may require different skill sets. It is important to get trusted information and support from your healthcare provider or a licensed psychotherapist. We have extensive knowledge and training and genuinely care about your well-being. You'll learn coping skills to make space for the anxiety, and as a result begin to understand the source of it, reduce its intensity and work toward resolving it.

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Charles D. Curry, M.D.

Following five years of private practice in Indiana, and years of Rehoboth Beach family vacations, Dr. Curry joined the Delaware Eye Institute in January 2007. Since that time he has established himself as a caring and skilled practitioner. His practice ranges from the surgical treatment of cataracts, to the medical treatment of such ailments as glaucoma and diabetic eye disease to ongoing and preventive care through routine eye exams.

Evolutions In Cataract Surgical Options

Technology and innovation are the key words of modem life. Without being open to new options, much of the joy of living can be lost. Cataract surgeons have, through the past 50 years or more, proven up to the task of changing with the times to offer new techniques and technologies that have taken a surgery done only as a last resort, with an expectation of prolonged and unpredictable recovery, to an option that people look forward to, knowing results are much more predictable and the techniques are much safer. That knowledge is what excites me about doing cataract surgery, striving to provide the unmatched results that modem surgical technique can help us attain.

I'm going to hit on a few of these advancements in cataract surgery in this article, hoping to get you as excited about the possibilities, when the time for cataract surgery comes for you, as I am excited to be able to offer them. However, in the midst of our excitement about the options open to us, we should never lose sight of two important issues:

1) Cataract surgery still involves risk. It is not to be undertaken lightly. While the vast majority of patients have excellent results, there can be complications. Even the best surgeons, with exceptional surgical skills can have poor outcomes. The human body is far too complex and amazing to be completely predictable. Make sure you have a good functional reason for undergoing surgery, so potential benefit outweighs the small, but real, risks involved.

2) The "best options" at the time of surgery are different for each patient. Those options should be discussed and a specific plan arrived at for each individual patient. Cost, the patient's work and leisure visual demands, and realistic expectations for each technology all must be considered.

With that disclaimer here are a few cataract surgery options we're excited about:

ORA Wavefront Aberrometry has been discussed in a previous article in this magazine, but in way of quick review, it offers another way to choose appropriate lens implant power at the time of surgery.

Without good measurements, even the best lens technologies are unable to provide good results in terms of minimizing glasses need after surgery. Following the old mantra of measure twice, cut once, the cataract surgeon's ability, with the ORA, to choose a lens for a specific patient is enhanced by both preoperative measurements of lens power, done through the cataract prior to surgery, and repeat measurement with the ORA at the time of surgery.

Toric intraocular lenses provide a way to predictably compensate for astigmatism at the time of cataract surgery. Traditionally lens implants at the time of surgery were able to correct nearsightedness and far-sightedness, but not astigmatism. Astigmatism is irregularity of the shape of the front of the eye - a football shaped eye instead of a baseball shaped eye. This irregularity distorts images and causes blurred images both close and far. In the past this was typically dealt with by the use of glasses after surgery that would correct the astigmatism by having more power in one direction of the lens than the other. Toric lenses incorporate that difference in power into the lens that is implanted inside the eye, so that the patient is less likely to have to wear glasses for the distance after surgery.

Finally, multi-focal intraocular lenses take glasses independence a step further. Not only do these lenses offer the ability to correct distance vision without glasses, but they provide hope for eliminating the need for distance, intermediate, and near vision correction no more cheaters! I have been especially excited with the results I am attaining with the most recently FDA-approved multi-focal lens, the SYMFONY by

Abbott Medical Optics. The SYMFONY works by extending our depth of focus of the eye. I think of this like the difference between an old-fashioned movie camera that would show a close-up with all the background being unclear (our old monofocal lens technology) vs. modem cameras that can perform close-ups while the background stays in focus (the SYMFONY). Not only does this lens seamlessly focus between various distances (near, far, and intermediate), but it also comes available in a toric form, meaning it can correct astigmatism at the same time.

Again it is important to remember that all of these options, as exciting as they are, are

not right for everyone. There are expenses to each of these options that are typically not covered by insurance. Even those who can afford to pay for the most expensive of these options cannot be guaranteed total glasses independence. We are dealing with technologies and measurements made by humans on other humans. I think we would all agree that humans are both fallible and unpredictable, so we do everything we can to compensate for our fallibility and improve our predictability. We are lightyears ahead of where we started, we are successful in the vast majority of patients, but I continue to look forward to several more years of advancements that I get to incorporate into my practice to continue to improve our results.

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Understanding Peanut Allergies



Presented by Alexandra Gallagher

Signs and Symptoms

There's a difference between peanut allergy and peanut intolerance. Sometimes it can be difficult to know whether you are allergic or intolerant to peanuts.

- Peanut intolerance. If you have peanut intolerance, you usually can eat small amounts of peanuts with only mild symptoms, such as indigestion or heartburn, or no reaction at all. A peanut intolerance doesn't involve your immune system.
- Peanut allergy. An allergy to peanuts involves an immune system response. Even a tiny amount of peanuts may trigger a serious allergic reaction. Tests can help determine whether you have true peanut allergy.

Peanut allergies trigger an immune system response. Your immune system reacts to proteins found in peanuts. Exposure to peanuts or traces of peanuts may cause immediate reactions, such as itching, redness, swelling, shortness of breath, wheezing, nausea, abdominal pain, lightheadedness or loss of consciousness (anaphylaxis). The chemicals in peanuts can cause hives to develop on the areas of your skin that have come in contact with peanuts or traces of peanuts. Hives may spread to the rest of your body.

Allergic reactions to peanuts usually occur within minutes after exposure, although reactions within an hour or so after ingestion are possible. Signs and symptoms can range in severity depending on which body systems are involved in a reaction and how much peanut protein you've been exposed to.

The most serious and potentially deadly allergic reaction to peanuts is an anaphylactic response. If you are highly sensitive, an anaphylactic reaction can develop immediately after peanut exposure, causing the airways (bronchi) to constrict, making breathing difficult. Blood pressure may drop to life threateningly low levels, making you feel dizzy or lose consciousness. Other serious signs and symptoms of an anaphylactic reaction include:

- Wheezing
- Rapid or weak pulse
- Blueness of your skin, including your lips and nail beds
- Diarrhea
- Nausea and vomiting
- Dizziness
- Loss of consciousness

Seek emergency medical care if you or someone else develops an anaphylactic reaction.

Causes

Peanut allergy is caused by an immune system malfunction. Your immune system identifies peanuts as harmful triggering the production of immunoglobulin E (IgE) antibodies to neutralize the peanut protein (allergen). The next time you come in contact with peanuts, these IgE antibodies recognize it and signal your immune system to release histamine and other chemicals into your bloodstream.

Histamine and other body chemicals cause a range of allergic signs and symptoms. Histamine is partly responsible for most allergic responses, including runny nose, itchy eyes, dry throat, rashes and hives, nausea, diarrhea, labored breathing and even anaphylactic shock.

Exposure to peanuts can occur in three ways:

- Direct contact. The most common cause of peanut allergy is direct contact with peanuts. This means exposure via all routes of contact usually through eating peanuts, but including kissing or touching someone who's been in direct contact with peanuts.
- Cross contact. This is the unintended introduction of peanuts into a product. It's generally the result of exposure to peanuts during processing or handling of a food product.
- Inhalation. An allergic reaction may occur if you inhale dust or aerosols containing peanuts, such as that of peanut flour or peanut oil cooking spray.

Common food products that can trigger peanut allergy symptoms if they contain peanut proteins include:

• Peanut butter

- Peanut flour
- Ground or mixed nuts
- Baked goods, such as cookies and pastries
- Ice cream and frozen desserts
- Energy bars
- Salad dressing
- Cereals and granola
- Grain breads
- Marzipan (a molding confection made of nuts, egg whites and sugar)
- Nougat

Peanuts may be present in not so obvious foods including:

- Arachis oil. This is another name for peanut oil. Pure peanut oil usually doesn't trigger allergic reactions because peanut proteins are usually removed during processing. However, peanut oil can become contaminated with peanut proteins.
- Artificial tree nuts. Peanuts can be flavored to taste like other nuts, such as walnuts or pecans.
- Chocolate candies. Some chocolate candies are produced on equipment that is also used for processing peanuts or peanut containing foods.
- Cultural foods. Some African, Chinese, Indonesian, Mexican, Thai and Vietnamese dishes often contain peanuts or are exposed to peanuts during restaurant preparation.
- Nut butters. Nut butters, such as cashew nut butter, are often processed by the same equipment used to make peanut butter.
- Specialty items. Foods sold in bakeries and ice cream shops may come in contact with peanuts.
- Sunflower seeds. Many brands of sunflower seeds are processed on equipment also used to produce peanuts.

Risk factors

It isn't clear why some people develop allergies while others don't. However, people with certain risk factors have a greater chance of developing peanut allergy:

- Family history of allergies. You're at increased risk of peanut allergy if other allergies, especially other types of food allergies, are common in your family. A child's first allergic reaction to peanuts usually occurs between ages 1 and 2.
- Personal history of peanut allergy. About 20 percent to 25 percent of children with peanut allergy outgrow it. However, even if you seem to have outgrown peanut allergy, there is still a small risk it will recur.
- Altered immune system. According to recent studies, the prevalence of peanut allergy has doubled in young American children in the last five years. Although reasons are unknown, some scientists believe that the destroying of many infectious diseases may have altered the immune system. Other experts suggest that improved hygiene is involved, proposing that higher standards of cleanliness in Western countries may have confused our immune systems, increasing the chances of developing allergies later in life, when the immune system is usually more prepared to prevent allergies from occurring.

Treatment

Medications, such as antihistamines, may reduce symptoms of peanut allergies. These drugs can be taken after exposure to peanuts to control your reaction and help relieve discomfort. However, the only way to prevent an allergic reaction is to avoid peanuts and peanut proteins altogether. Despite your best efforts, you may still come into contact with peanuts and have a severe reaction. In this case, you may need an emergency injection of adrenaline (epinephrine) and a trip to the emergency room. If you're at risk of having a severe reaction, you may need to carry injectable epinephrine with you at all times.

For more information call your pediatrician.

An advanced honors student, Alexandra has been a straight A student since kindergarten. Alexandra is a member of the National Honor Society, a Duke TIP Scholar, received honorable mention two years in a row at Canterbury School's Science Fair, Regional First Place at HOSA for Nutrition and a Science Olympian member.

Alexandra aspires to be a surgeon specializing in female cancer research and helping children with Treacher Collins Syndrome, a condition that affects the development of bones and other tissues of the face.

Alexandra was diagnosed by Dr. Robert Wood, of the John Hopkins, at the age of 4 with a most severe peanut allergy after she went anaphylaxis after eating a peanut product.

Alexandra feels the best way to prevent a severe reaction is education on food labeling, and fellow student education on this deadly condition. You or your child can correspond with Alexandra by email Alexandragallagher0@gmail.com, and she will help with any suggestions and experiences.



Dr. Andrea Goldstein

Dr. Goldstein is a board-certified specialist in gastroenterology/hepatology who received her medical degree from Georgetown University. She enjoys being on the leading edge of new treatments for diseases that in the past had no cure. Dr. Goldstein is one of the physicians who perform the CRH O'Regan System at Hunterdon Gastroenterology Associates, for internal hemorrhoids. In most cases if the CRH O'Regan system is deemed appropriate, it can be performed at your initial consultation.

Dr. Goldstein is an involved mother, helping her children with piano lessons and volunteering with Girl Scouts. She was trained in opera and sings in the community choir. She is also active with her synagogue, including delivering food to a local shelter through the Jewish Relief Agency.

"As a doctor, I strive to give my patients the best possible medical care they can receive, in an environment where they can feel comfortable. This starts with talking and listening closely to ensure that I get a complete picture of the patient's medical history and symptoms, and also that my patient understands what she needs to know to follow her treatment plan and return for the follow-up testing she needs to protect her health. Giving my time, compassion and full attention is as important as any test or procedure I perform."

HEMORRHOIDAL TREATMENT

Over half the population will experience some type of hemorrhoidal problem in their lifetime. You may be suffering in silence because you are too embarrassed to discuss the problem, or worry that the cure will be more painful than the problem itself. Now, advances in medicine have made hemorrhoid treatment fast and virtually painless. Your only challenge is finding a doctor who offers the right treatment and makes you feel comfortable receiving it.

How do hemorrhoids develop?

Hemorrhoids are simply swollen and engorged veins in the anal and rectal region. They are most commonly caused by changes in frequency of bowel movements, pressure of straining and hormonal changes or pressure during pregnancy. The veins swell and stretch and gradually lose the support of surrounding connective tissue.

Hemorrhoids can cause the following symptoms:

Itching/Burning
Bleeding
Protrusion during Bowel Movements
Pain
Hygiene Concerns

Are all hemorrhoids the same?

Hemorrhoids are actually classified into four stages based upon severity. This helps determine which treatment is most appropriate for you.

- 1) **Stage I:** The hemorrhoids remain inside at all times. They do not protrude from the anus.
- **2) Stage II:** The hemorrhoids protrude with a bowel movement, but reduce spontaneously.
- 3) **Stage III:** The hemorrhoids protrude with a bowel movement, but require manual insertion.
- **4) Stage IV:** Fourth degree hemorrhoids: The most severe hemorrhoids always protrude and cannot be pushed back inside.

What are the treatment options for removing hemorrhoids?

Effective hemorrhoid treatment depends on your specific medical condition. No doctor should recommend a solution without first doing an exam

to rule out other potential causes of rectal pain or bleeding.

Once you have been diagnosed with hemorrhoids, you will have different options to choose from, depending on the severity of your case. You may get adequate relief from increasing fiber in your diet, taking warm sitz baths and using topical creams. Treatment options include a variety of minimally invasive procedures that cut off blood flow to the hemorrhoid and cause it to shrink. In some cases your doctor may recommend a surgical procedure to remove excess tissue.

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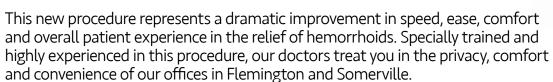
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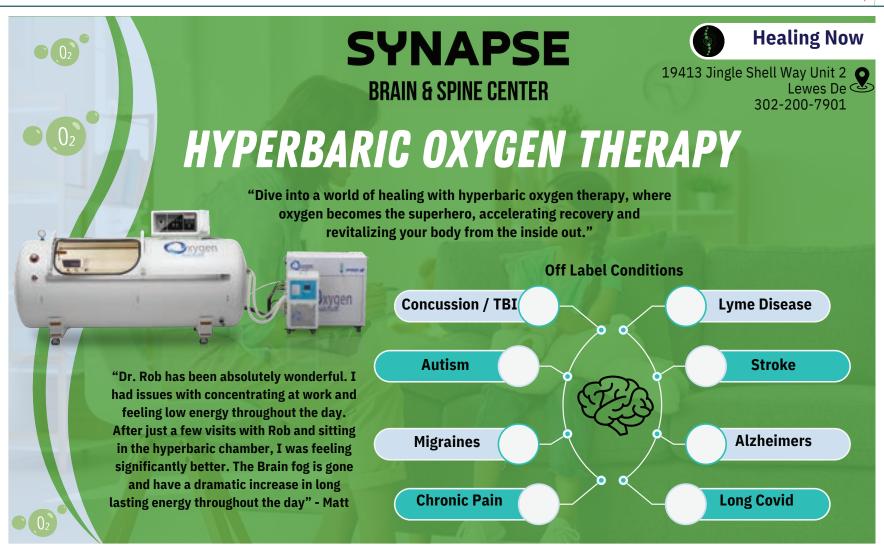
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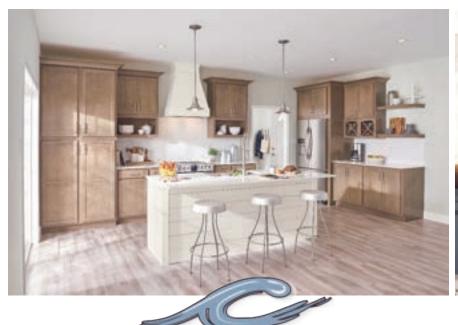
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Botox for TMJ and Migraines



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Many people grind their teeth at night and wake up with jaw pain and daily migraine headaches. Prescription mouth guards and pain medications don't always help. Also with prolonged grinding and clenching, the jaw muscles, or the masseter muscles, get thicker and thicker over the years, which can lead to a wider jaw and square facial appearance.

Treatment with injection of onabotulinumtoxinA (Botox) into the masseter muscles causes the jaw muscles to relax to prevent nighttime clenching and grinding. This relaxation in the muscle also leads to thinning of the muscle, which would result in thinning a square face and alleviating headaches.

The amount of Botox needed to treat the masseter muscles is typically small, 25 units total for both sides, though units may vary depending on the size of the muscles. Patients can expect headaches and clenching to go away

within a week and will see the full effects of jaw thinning about one month after treatment, when the muscle has had time to atrophy. There's no swelling or downtime and patients can go back to their normal activities that day. less experienced injector or non-physician who does not have training injecting this area. Dr. Parsons has been injecting Botox for masseters for the treatment of TMJ and other muscular trigger points for 15 years and local Rehoboth dentists refer to Dr. Parsons for masseter muscles Botox injections for the treatment of their TMJ patients.

Botox injections can also be effective to relieve the discomfort from chronic migraines. The injections of Botox for migraines are placed typically in the forehead area and may extend into the scalp.



Botox injection to the masseter muscle is very effective at relieving the symptoms of TMJ pain and headaches caused by TMJ. It is a medical procedure and must be done by a physician with experience injecting this area, to avoid any complications such as causing an uneven smile, which can happen by a

Relief from migraines after Botox injection can occur quickly, often the same day as treatment, but may take a few additional days for complete relief. Results of migraine relief from Botox injections can last 4 to 6 months and patients typically benefit from additional treatment at that time.



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Botox injections for migraines can be covered by medical insurance when treated by a neurologist after undergoing evaluation and documented treatment failure of other migraine treatment modalities. Dr. Parsons' office does not participate with medical insurance for migraine treatment but rather is fee for service, which is beneficial to those patients who need relief from migraines without having to wait for the evaluation period to qualify for medical insurance approval for migraine treatment with Botox.

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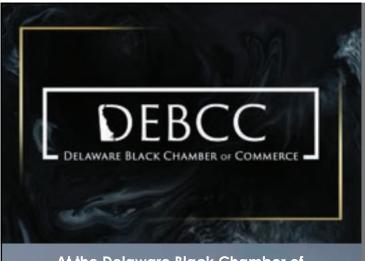
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Dr. Martinez's training, life and work experience has prepared him to confidently care for the dental health needs of children of all ages, as well as actively engaging and educating parents about children's dental health. Dr. Martinez seeks to improve the health of his patients by focusing on education and prevention.

My Tongue Tie Journey

By Dr. Gerardo Martinez

Many of us have heard of the term 'tongue tie' or the medical term, Ankyloglossia, which literally translates to: anker of the tongue. It is a condition that has existed in newborns for thousands of years. In the middle ages, Midwives used to cut the tissue restricting the tongue with a sharp fingernail. Over the centuries, the procedure has been performed to facilitate nursing which is usually the first sign of an issue. The term 'tongue tie' has become a controversial and oftentimes divisive topic among many healthcare professionals. Even among fellow pediatric dentist colleagues, the procedure can spark heated debates with others having strong opinions for and against it. The issue is so controversial that most of my dental training, including residency in pediatric dentistry, the topic was barely discussed let alone doing a full dive into proper evaluation and treatment.

I practiced as a Board Certified Pediatric Dentist for nearly a decade before the issue of tongue ties came knocking at my own door. My own two children were afflicted with the condition. I was not able to recognize all of the signs and symptoms until years after they were born. My son was born in 2015 and we couldn't have been happier as a family. The whole experience was incredible until it came time to nurse our baby. He would not latch on and would cry hysterically in hunger and desperation. The hospital staff recommended we use formula to help calm him down. My wife wanted to breastfeed our son, and having a bottle of formula within the first hours of life was not part of the plan. After the first couple of sleepless nights, we gave in and started to use formula before we had even left the hospital. We did not have a lactation consultant meeting with us until we were walking out of the room with our bags and a fussy newborn. It was a quick conversation that did not involve actually nursing our newborn. More theory than practice. On our follow up visits, my son was labeled as a "lazy baby" and my wife as a "new mom". After many continued attempts, my wife gave up on nursing. It became too difficult both physically and emotionally. She pumped for 1 year, 2 days, and 6 hours!

In 2016, we welcomed our 2nd child into the world. Our daughter looked more tongue and lip tied than our son yet she nursed without any issues. I vividly remember telling my wife.. Maybe the lazy baby/new mom diagnosis was right! But that was not the case. Difficulty with nursing is just one of the first signs of a problem, but it is not the only one. Many children like my daughter may nurse well but other issues will soon start to appear. Tongue ties can interfere with normal nasal breathing by narrowing the space available in the airway. This often results in tongue tied children developing into mouth breathers. Mouth breathing is associated with a host of negative outcomes such as a higher chance to develop frequent nasal congestion, asthma, eczema, and sleep disorder breathing. Our daughter



developed all of the above. Both of my children have been released and are doing better. Although, tongue tie problems are not solved but just cutting it. It is about a collaborative approach between primary healthcare providers, lactation consultants, speech therapists, and other medical specialists to help improve the quality of life of the children we serve. Their journey to a full recovery is still on it's way.

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The assessment questionnaire included was recently published by Dr. Richard Baxter, author of the best seller 'Tongue Tied', to help identify patients who may need a thorough evaluation by a trained provider. You can find the link to the full article on our website at www.DelPD.com.

By far, one of the most professional and kind pediatric dentists I have ever encountered. The entire staff went above and beyond to make sure my children were taken care of, and most of all, went out of their way to make my babies feel comfortable. Highly recommend Delaware Pediatric Dentistry. They are the absolute best!



- Gina R



Lift and Tighten Facial Skin with Ultherapy



Michelle Parsons, MD

is a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia and received her residency training from the State University of New York in General Surgery, and Christiana Medical Center in Emergency Medicine. She also served as a Flight Surgeon in the Air Force. Dr. Parsons specializes in Bio-Identical Hormone Therapy and treatment of Thyroid disorders as well as Aesthetic Medicine and Laser Medicine.

If only there were a way to tighten and lift loose, sagging facial skin without any downtime such as the typical recovery experienced from facelift surgery or with the swelling and redness from laser treatments. But wait, there is! And it's deep tissue skin tightening with the power of ultrasound, known as Ultherapy!

What Is Ultherapy?

Ultherapy uses the technology of ultrasound, to send focused waves of ultrasound directed at the deeper layers of skin tissue, into the skin fascia layer. This layer of skin fascia is the anchor that holds facial tissue in place. This is also the layer that surgeons will address when performing a surgical facelift procedure, lifting up this sheet of tissue to pull up the overlying skin

crows feet areas and underneath the eyes, to help diminish eye lines and to open up the eyes for a more youthful appearance. Also, the skin above the eyebrows can be treated to lift eyebrows. This is called the Brow Lift/Eye Opener procedure.

The whole lower face is most often treated, to treat heavy jowls along the jaw line, the tissue just below the chin and also, the heaviness along the sides of the nose, known as the nasolabial folds can all be treated. Utilizing Ultherapy in these areas, targets fatty tissue that can be diminished and softened, and the overlying skin is tightened.

What Can I Expect During the Ultherapy Treatment?

For you treatment, no prior preparation is required, there is

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layer with it. But with Ultherapy ultrasound, the sound energy is delivered through the skin, without the need for an invasive surgical procedure, or with the penetrating energy of laser. The ultrasound waves pass through the skin, leaving overlying skin completely unaffected and undamaged. The sound energy directly heats up the deep tissues in the skin, directly tightening them and stimulating more collagen for even more lifting and tightening.

What Areas Are Treated with Ultherapy?

Facial areas that are typically treated with Ultherapy include the skin around the eyes, which includes the no numbing needed. Prior to your treatment, Dr. Michelle Parsons, M.D. will apply a cooling gel to your facial skin, just as with any ultrasound treatment. This ultrasound gel allows the sound energy to better penetrate the skin and keeps the skin cool during the treatment.

To treat the whole face, including around the eyes, lower cheeks, jawline and under the chin area, takes about an hour. After the treatment there is typically no redness and no bruising. Many patients will already begin to see improvement around the eye area with a noticeable brow lift and opening of the eyes. But otherwise no one will know that you

had a procedure that day and you can go about your business as usual!

How Long Will My Results from Ultherapy Last?

After the initial skin tightening that day, further skin tightening will continue in a slow and gradual process, occurring over the next few weeks and even months. "It is around 8 weeks that most patients will begin to receive unsolicited compliments from their friends and family, telling them that they look well rested, or perhaps look as if they had just come back from a vacation. They will notice the subtle improvement, but will not know the cause!" - Dr. Michelle Parsons, M.D.

The improvement in facial skin firming and lifting will continue to evolve and improve over the next few months and sometimes even as long as a year after the one treatment. Results from Ultherapy are long lasting, as there has been stimulation of new natural collagen and tightening of the deeper fascial layer.





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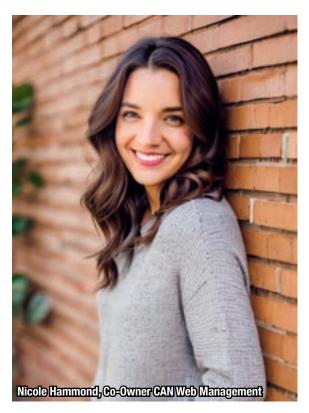






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Local SEO Essentials: Elevating Women-Owned Businesses



In the ever-evolving digital landscape, local search engine optimization (SEO) has become a crucial aspect of online success for businesses. For womenled enterprises aiming to thrive in their local communities, a well-crafted local SEO strategy can make all the difference. In this article, we'll explore the key components of effective local SEO and how it can empower women-led businesses to enhance their online visibility and attract local customers.

Understanding the Essence of Local SEO:

Local SEO is the practice of optimizing a website to increase its visibility in local search results. For women-led businesses, this means tailoring online strategies to resonate with the local community and reach potential customers in the vicinity. Here's a breakdown of essential local SEO tactics:

Local Keyword Research:

Begin by identifying relevant local keywords that align with your business and target audience. Incorporate location-specific terms that potential customers might use when searching for products or services in your area.

Google My Business (GMB) Optimization:

Claim and optimize your Google My Business listing. Ensure that all information, including business hours, contact details, and address, is accurate and up-to-date. Encourage satisfied customers to leave positive reviews to enhance your business's credibility.

Localized Content Creation:

Develop content that speaks directly to your local

audience. Share stories, events, and news that are relevant to your community. This not only engages your audience but also signals to search engines that your business is an integral part of the local scene.

On-Page SEO with Local Focus:

Optimize your website's meta tags, headings, and content with a local focus. Include your location in title tags and meta descriptions, and create unique landing pages for different services or locations if applicable.

Mobile Optimization:

Given the prevalence of mobile searches, ensure that your website is mobile-friendly. Google prioritizes mobile-friendly sites in search results, and a seamless mobile experience contributes to better local rankings.

The Impact of Local SEO on Women-Led Businesses:

For women-led businesses, the benefits of a strong local SEO strategy are manifold. It goes beyond just online visibility; it's about connecting with the local community and establishing a trustworthy online presence.

Building Community Trust:

A prominent online presence through local SEO signals to the community that your business is not just present but actively engaged. Trust is crucial for any business, and local SEO helps build credibility within your community.

Attracting Local Customers:

By optimizing for local search terms, your business becomes more discoverable to potential customers in the area. This is particularly important for womenled businesses seeking to connect with their local customer base.

Competing Effectively:

Local SEO levels the playing field for smaller





businesses. Women-led enterprises can compete more effectively with larger counterparts by targeting local keywords and leveraging their community ties.

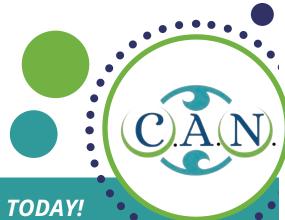
Enhancing Customer Experience:

Local SEO ensures that customers can easily find accurate information about your business, such as location, hours of operation, and contact details. This improves the overall customer experience and encourages local customers to choose your business.

Conclusion:

In the dynamic world of digital marketing, local SEO emerges as a powerful tool for women-led businesses looking to make an impact in their communities. By incorporating these strategies, businesses can not only enhance their online visibility but also foster stronger connections with local customers.

As you embark on the journey of optimizing your business for local success, remember that mastering local SEO can be a complex task. If you're looking to amplify your efforts or seek professional guidance in implementing these strategies, our expert team is here to help. Our SEO services help take your online presence to new heights and ensure that your business thrives in the local digital landscape. After all, success is not just about being seen—it's about being seen by the right audience at the right time. Partner with CAN to forge strong community connections through the power of SEO.



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ReStore Manager, Sussex County Habitat for Humanity

Sussex County Habitat for Humanity ReStore has been advertised in the Sussex County Woman's Journal for several years now. Advertising in the Journal has allowed us to reach a wider audience. One of the main reasons we chose the Journal is due to Barbara Steele. Barbara's knowledge and guidance has been instrumental to me personally here at the ReStore. She has been there year after year not only to help us meet our marketing needs but she has been very conscious to keep our budget in mind while allowing us to get the greatest possible impact. She has been one of our greatest cheerleaders. Her dedication and commitment to Sussex County Habitat for Humanity has been and continues to be unwavering. We feel very fortunate to be a part of this magazine.

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1. Ceiling Damage

When water first begins leaking through your roof, the ceiling is the first thing that's damaged. Drywall absorbs a lot of water, so you may notice a wet spot and discoloration on your ceiling. Over time, you may notice this spot begin to swell as water builds up in the drywall, and it will eventually burst.

2. Insulation Damage

There's insulation all throughout your home, so insulation damage is one of the most common consequences of leaks. Reinsulating your house costs a lot of money, so it's best to hire a roofing company before you let leaks damage your insulation and ceiling.

3. Stained Walls

As water from the leak works its way further into your home, it will eventually start to drip down the walls and cause staining. These stains typically appear in a dripping pattern, which gives you an idea of where the water is coming from. If you have stains on your walls as a result of a leak, there may be substantial water damage overhead.

4. Structural Damage

As wood beams and other building materials are constantly soaked with water, they start to lose some of their structural integrity. Eventually, wood can rot and fail altogether, which can cause parts of your roof to cave in. This isn't the most common problem, but it's something roofing companies see from time to time.

5. Flooring Damage

If you're letting water from a roof leak drip onto your floor, you're risking serious flooring damage. Water isn't good for building materials, and the water that drips on your floor isn't going to dry out on its own. Fixing leaks as soon as possible is a great way to protect your flooring from water damage.

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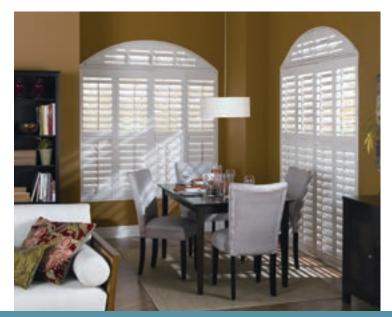


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Emily is a lifelong Delawarean and she is ready to do what it takes to get First State injury victims the compensation they deserve.

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Common Lawsuit Misconceptions Debunked



By Emily L. Raisis, Esq.

At Kimmel Carter, we consult with dozens of people injured in motor vehicle collisions every week. There are many misconceptions when it comes to personal injury cases in Delaware. Being well informed is important. Here are a few common misconceptions debunked:

I have full coverage, so I am covered

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My insurance company has my best interest in mind

Unfortunately, even though you pay a premium for coverage, your insurance company doesn't always have your best interest in mind. Insurance companies are businesses. They often try to get away with paying as little as possible on a claim. The attorneys at Kimmel Carter can

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being said, there is a timeline. If you are not in a position to accept a settlement within two years of the date of injury, you must file a lawsuit to preserve your right to bring a claim at a later date.

I'll have to go to court if I get a lawyer

Our job as your lawyer is to get the best outcome for your case. That doesn't always mean going to court. Many cases are resolved through negotiations of our skilled attorneys, making going to court unnecessary. However, if the insurance company is undervaluing your case, or not offering a fair resolution, court may be necessary. If that's the case, we

are skilled trial attorneys and will advocate zealously for you.

You don't need a lawyer for a personal injury case

While it is certainly possible to represent yourself if you are injured, there are many advantages in seeking representation. Retaining a good lawyer can result in higher settlements and ensure your rights are protected. At Kimmel Carter, we will advocate for you, navigate the law, and ensure you are getting maximum compensation for your injuries. Contact us today at 302-565-6100 for a free consultation and to learn how we can add value to your case.



Volunteers Are The Lifeblood Of CHEER Services





CHEER, Inc. in Sussex County, Delaware, is a team of caring and compassionate people dedicated to making a difference in the lives of others in their community. Since 1971, dedicated employees have provided services that help to keep seniors in their homes. However, volunteers are the service lifeblood of CHEER. Each volunteer is essential to the CHEER mission that many of Sussex County's elderly and disabled friends and neighbors depend on.

Mom needs someone to help her with the housework and bathing. A Direct Care Worker in CHEER's Personal Assistance Service can come to her home and help.

Dad needs supervision during the day that you can't give him because you must work. CHEER's Adult Day Program is available to help take care of Dad every day or just one or two times a week.

Next door neighbor Miss Sally loves to play cards and visit with others.

However, her husband died three months ago so now all she does is sit in the house watching television because she doesn't drive and can't go anywhere. CHEER's fleet of buses can pick her up at her house and take her to one of CHEER's seven activity centers where she can meet new friends and receive the socialization she craves.

Aunt Betsy can still take care of herself at home, but she doesn't drive. Taking her shopping and to medical appointments often conflicts with your schedule. CHEER's mobile mini market can bring groceries to her front door, and a CHEER volunteer can take her to her doctor's appointments. Another volunteer can deliver a nutritious meal to her every day to guarantee she receives the nourishment she needs and put your mind at ease that Aunt Betsy is okay and not exposed to a potential fire danger by trying to do the cooking herself.

CHEER has several volunteer opportunities available with only a two-

hour-a-month commitment asked of them. However, more time is always appreciated. Opportunities include:

Homebound Meal
Delivery Drivers for the
Meals On Wheels program
to deliver pre-packaged
nutritious meals to seniors.

Medical Transportation Drivers to transport seniors to and from non-emergency medical appointments.

Administrative Support to assist Center Directors or agency staff.

Kitchen Assistants to help prepare and/or serve meals to congregate seniors in all seven of the CHEER centers throughout Sussex County.

Phone-A-Friend

volunteers to make wellness calls to homebound seniors to check on their health and safety.

CHEER-A-Pet providers to share companionship with an approved pet to CHEER members.

Recreation/Arts Instructors to assist members with arts and crafts, exercise, fun games, as well as helping with activities and cleaning up afterwards. with an array of programs and services including nutrition, transportation, home health assistance, social and recreational activities. CHEER offers a variety of innovative programs designed to promote a healthy physical, mental, and emotional lifestyle that

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Special Events Assistants at special events for the membership or public.

Established in 1971 as a private, non-profit agency, today CHEER serves over half of Sussex County's 50+ population allows seniors to stay in their homes.

Volunteers donate their time to make a difference in the lives of others. For more information or to volunteer, call 302-515-3040.





Making the Most of Fall Harvest, Compliments of Chef Steph Autumn Vegetable Medley with Rosemary and Nutmeg



- 9 ounce(s) fennel bulb with stalks
- 2 cup(s) butternut squash cut into 1/2 cubes
- $1 \, 1/2 \, \text{cup(s)}$ parsnip cut into 1 inch thick slices $1 \ 1/2 \ \text{cup(s)}$ carrot cut into 1 inch thick slices
- 1 tablespoon(s) olive oil
- 1 1/2 teaspoon(s) rosemary, fresh chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon(s) salt
- 1/4 teaspoon(s) pepper
- 1 dash(es) nutmeg freshly grated 1/3 cup(s) Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 425°.

Trim tough outer leaves from fennel. Cut fennel bulb in half lengt wise; discard core. Cut each half into three wedges. Combine fennel, squash, and next 7 ingredients (through nutmeg) in a large shallow roasting pan coated with cooking spray. Bake at 425° for 35 minutes or until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally. Sprinkle vegetable mixture with cheese, if desired, just before serving.

Recipe by: Cutting Board Creations











Chris Rementer Budget Blinds

Chris and his brother, Tony, started Budget Blinds back in 2005 and now they and their highly experienced staff cover the southern half of Delaware from just south of Dover on down and three counties in Maryland. Both he and his brother are native Sussex Countians in fact their family has been here for many generations and self employment was a model presented to them early with one grandfather an area farmer and the other owning a shoe shop just off the circle in Georgetown. Growing up in a close family, they were taught the virtues of love, grace, loyalty, and hard work. They were always taught to be accountable to one another, to work first, play later and if it's worth doing, it is worth doing right. They carry those values into both their personal lives and in the business that they run.

After almost twenty years of Budget Blinds they have acquired a great deal of knowledge about window coverings and running a business in general but they feel that one of their best assets is the desire to learn more and improve along the way. With only 10 full time employees, including the two of them, and one part time, they have nearly 70 years of experience when combined. That is a particular point of pride because they feel it is an indicator of what really makes a good company, which is employees that love what they do. They know that a person who is enjoying their job, will do it better and with more care. That leads to what Chris and Tony feel is their most important skill and that is choosing employees. "If we make sure our employees and our clients are happy, our happiness will always fall right in line." says Chris.

Chris is Married to his wife Julie who is a speech pathologist for a local elementary school and they have 2 boys, Gavin and Parker. He loves just being around his family, reading, golfing and fishing.

Meghan Palazzo

Assistant Director, Georgetown Public Library

Meghan Palazzo is the Assistant Director of the Georgetown Public Library. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History in 2018. Meghan grew up going to her local library and her passion for reading was instilled in her by her mother, who is also an avid reader. Even so, she did not initially consider libraries as a career option, until her local librarian approached her about a position at the library. Now she has worked in libraries for six years and is a current member of the Delaware Libraries Association. Before coming to Georgetown as the Assistant Director, she was the Circulation Supervisor of the Frankford Public Library.

As Assistant Director, she has learned a lot and can wear many hats in a day. Each day holds a new challenge and she looks forward to each one. She loves talking with patrons about the book they just finished or the next book they are looking forward to reading. She loves sharing her passion for libraries and books with anyone that will listen. Libraries are so much more than just books. Library patrons can check out Wi-Fi hotspots, Chromebooks, blood pressure cuffs, and even litter clean up kits. Businesses and organizations can rent the library's meeting room. This year, the Georgetown Library will host the Sussex County Children's Book Festival.

Outside of the library, Meghan enjoys traveling with her husband, Sergio and spending time with family.





Director of Development and Advocacy at Sussex County Habitat for Humanity

Katie Millard started as a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity 15 years ago and currently serves as the Director of Development and Advocacy at Sussex County Habitat for Humanity. At Sussex County Habitat, Katie oversees all grants, fundraising, communications, and marketing, and advocates to increase access to safe, decent, and affordable housing in Sussex County and throughout the State of Delaware.

Katie received a Master's in Public Policy and Management from Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz College and her Bachelor's in Political Science from Rutgers University. Over her career, Katie has made it her personal and professional mission to work for organizations that promote fair housing and access to affordable homes. Katie has secured nearly \$20 million dollars to build affordable housing in Sussex County and has advocated to increase funding for affordable housing production on the local, state, and federal She has previously worked at the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh, Urban Redevelopment

levels. She has previously worked at the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh, Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh, and Morris Habitat for Humanity. She currently serves as the Chair of the Sussex Housing Group's Advocacy Committee, sits on the Delaware Community Foundation's Grant Review Committee, is a member of the Delaware Affordable Housing Coalition, and is President Elect of the Rotary Club of Lewes-Rehoboth Beach. Katie was honored to be part of Delaware Business Times' list of top 40 under 40 young professionals in 2021 and a Spur Impact 2022 Impact Award awardee in 2022.



Ali has been with Chesapeake Cabinetry for almost 2 years. She has a background in scheduling, office coordination and customer service. Her prior management experience helps to maintain efficiency in Chesapeake through her tasks of ordering and receiving products and scheduling delivery to customers, builders and vendors. She also maintains and organizes the warehouse with materials received. Ali loves to learn and take on new challenges with her team. She is forklift certified and proud of it!

Danielle Lucas
Sales Coordinator/Assistant

Danielle has been with Chesapeake Cabinetry for a year. She has a background in graphic design, customer service and management positions. Her passion for the construction/remodeling industry shows in her dedication to the details with each job from design to install. She enjoys working and coordinating with the team to help with daily tasks. Her hope is to continue her education in design skills to further grow the company and future opportunities.



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One way to start is with Walgreens Digital Health Advisor. Just create a tobacco quit plan and receive balanced reward points for achieving your goal of a tobacco free life. Chart your progress being tobacco free for 1 day, 1 week, 1 month and 6 months. Your quit plan can be customized with different quit methods, help in identifying your triggers, a selection of coping strategies, offers of social support and other helpful ways to prevent relapse. Articles are available to give further insight to the journey of becoming tobacco free.

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Pineapple Princess **Testimonials**

"My sister took me to this wonderful shop on 6/21. If you can't find a bathing suit in there then there's something wrong. What a great bathing suit shopping experience. Everyone was so friendly and helpful and we laughed about the Southern Charm TV show. I could have easily bought more than one suit, there were so many to choose from. My sister and I ended up buying the same pattern but in different styles. Can't wait to wear mine to the water park here at home. I will make sure I stop in the next time I'm down there. Thanks for all of your help!!!"

"The owner and her daughter worked with me to find the perfect suit! They were so helpful and friendly.... There is so much to choose from I definitely needed help!! I will definitely to go back and shop there again!"

"My daughter and I stopped in Pineapple Princess to shop for a bathing suit. The owner was so friendly, knowledgeable & helpful. She took the time to show us many different styles and colors of different bathing suits until we found the perfect one. I would highly suggest you stop in sometime soon." Kim Lytle Hastings

"Service was amazing- I walked out with THREE swimsuits I love and coverup! I spent hours and hours in malls and other shops last week without success... I'll be back!" - Kim, Bethany Beach

"The owner and daughter worked with me to find the perfect suit! They were so helpful and friendly!"

- Stephanie, Maryland

"I will never buy another swimsuit from anywhere else but the Pineapple Princess."

- Angelica, upstate New York

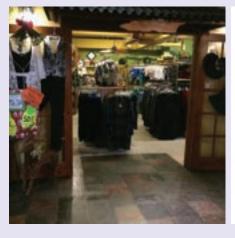
"I found my bathing suit mecca!!" - Nancy, Towson, MD

"The ladies in Pineapple Princess are very knowledgeable and take their time working with your body type. I highly recommend using this business." - Jen, Lancaster, PA

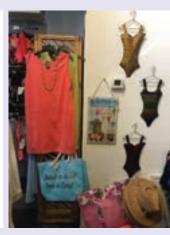
"Awesome customer service and the best selection of suits around. Fell in love With this shop!"

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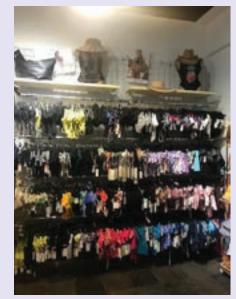
New Spring Collection for 2024

Vacation time is just around the corner and soon everyone will start planning their summer getaways. The Pineapple Princess swimwear is the one stop shop for all your travel needs thru out the spring and summer. We are located on Rehoboth Avenue in Rehoboth Beach, DE and have our racks full and restocked with our sales. Brands such as Tommy Bahama, Seafolly, Captiva, Jvaldi, Kate Spade, Sunsets, Becca and Seawaves are just a few that fill our store. The staff is trained and very knowledgeable when it comes to fitting the customer. Now, we all know that daunting task of bathing suit shopping and how it isn't the "highlight" of every lady's day, but at the Pineapple Princess we take this task with pride and try and make it as enjoyable and pleasant for every gal. Our selection

of over 50 brands including coverups, apparel and accessories give our gals plenty of options and we help guide you in finding the perfect fit.

We carry a wide variety of sizes in junior, missy and plus (xs-3x) and cup sizes A-H in one pieces, tankini separates and bikini separates. To make for an even better fit we have an in house

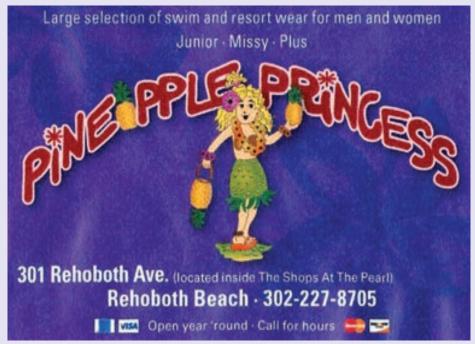
seamstress to alter and adjust any swimsuit. The owner has 30 years of sewing experience on swimwear and can work wonders for any body type. The options are fun and endless! We are open daily 10a-5p with amazing sales! Hope to see everyone at the beach this summer... oh and no parking meters, which is a bonus! A big thank you to all of our amazing customers for making these last 13 years beyond what we could've imagine and cheers to many more!













LOVE IS IN the hair

Spring Edition: Women's Journal

As the winter chill slowly starts to fade away and the vibrant hues of spring begin to bloom, it's the perfect time to refresh not only our surroundings but also our personal style. At Love is in the Hair, we believe that a new season brings with it a fresh opportunity to embrace change and celebrate individuality. Looking forward to the arrival of spring, let's explore some of the upcoming hair trends that will inspire us to step into the season with confidence and flair.

Color Trends:

1. Vanilla Chai Highlights:

• Indulge in the warmth and richness of our Vanilla Chai Highlights, a sophisticated blend of grown-out rooted blonde with sandy/beige hues and natural undertones. This subtle yet striking color palette adds depth and dimension to your locks, creating a look that's as comforting as it is chic.

2. Latte Hair Color:

• Experience the creamy decadence of our Latte Hair Color trend, featuring light to medium brunette shades enhanced with warm baby lights or light brown balayage. Reminiscent of your favorite coffeehouse beverage, this multidimensional color creates a luscious, sun-kissed glow that's perfect for the spring season.

Style Trends:

1. Scandinavian Hairline (aka lift-lights):

 Elevate your look with our Scandinavian Hairline technique, where our expert colorists strategically highlight baby hairs and the hairline to a lighter shade than the base color. Say goodbye to harsh roots and hello to a radiant, luminous glow that captures the sun kissed look before summer rolls around.

2. Classic Cuts with a Twist:

• Longer Layers and Curtain Bangs: Timeless cuts that add movement and versatility to any look, longer layers and curtain bangs are perfect for the modern woman looking for a classic style.

- Bobs: From sleek chin-length bobs to playful textured lobs, the bob is a continuous favorite that never fails to make a statement.
- Short Cropped Layered Cuts: Bold and daring, short cropped and layered cuts offer an edgy yet feminine appeal for those seeking a dramatic change.

In reflection of our commitment to the community, we're thrilled to share the tremendous success of our 2023 year-end food drive. Thanks to the generosity of our clients and the support of our community members, our small business was able to make the largest donation ever received by St. Vincent de Paul's Food Drive. This achievement fills us with gratitude and reinforces our belief in the power of collective action to create positive change.

Serving the community in which we live and work is a privilege we hold dear, and we're humbled by the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. The success of the food drive reaffirms our dedication to giving back and inspires us to continue seeking out ways to support and uplift those in need.

As we look ahead to the future, we're excited to announce some big news: Love is in the Hair is expanding! In our ongoing commitment to providing the best possible service and fostering continued growth, we'll be making some exciting changes within the salon. We can't wait to share more details with you in the coming months, and we're grateful for your continued support as we embark on this new chapter together.

Thank you for joining us on this journey of community, compassion, and growth. Your support makes all the difference, and we're honored to have you by our side as we continue to make a positive impact, both inside and outside the salon.









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I am trying to search for certain images but going through more work than I realized it would be. And I am just beginning. I have come across a few more memories that I hope some people will recognize. Gary "U.S." Bonds, which I had to research. I totally remembered after listening to his music. Some of these people were very nice. One entertainer that I met that surprised me was Lou Rawls. He walked over to me and started talking to me and gave me the feeling that I had known him for years. A real gentleman. I also included Captain and Tenille, which many older people will remember. Everyone will remember Billy Ray Cyrus with his huge hit, Achy Breaky Heart. I caught Charleton Heston making a stop at "Where Pigs Fly Restaurant" while doing some campaigning for a US Senator. That was due to a call from the owners to let me know he would be there. With the Delaware State Fair having shows every summer giving everyone a chance to catch some entertainment. It gave me a chance to meet Allen Jackson. He was my wife's favorite country musician at the time. I was able to take her on his bus and do a meet and greet. She was surprised. Very quiet talking person. Regis Philbin was at Dover Downs one evening as I got a few images

Keep in mind that many of these pictures were taken with no flash. The stage lights were all the light we could get. Before the digital cameras came around, it was not easy. At one of the races I shot, we were fortunate to have actress Catherine Bell visit us as the Grand Marshall. I used to watch her in the show J.A.G. and Army Wives. It rained and the race was canceled to run the following day, which gave us time to enjoy her presence with her and her husband. I also included an image of marching in the Inaugural Parade

just as we were walking by the Presidents box(1997?)

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Blooming Opportunities: Navigating the Spring Real Estate Market in Sussex County, Delaware

By Julie Gritton, CRS®, ABR®, SRS® Broker / REALTOR®

As the vibrant hues of spring start to paint the landscape, the real estate market in Sussex County, Delaware, is also blossoming with opportunities for both buyers and sellers. Whether you're looking for a resort getaway or a permanent residence, the coastal charm and diverse offerings of Sussex County make it a highly sought-after destination. In this article, we'll guide you through the key aspects of the spring real estate market, providing expert advice to help you make informed decisions.

Buying in Sussex County: Finding Your Coastal Haven

For those eager to embrace the coastal lifestyle, Sussex County offers a plethora of options, from tranquil beachfront properties to charming inland residences. As you embark on your home-buying journey, consider these essential tips:

Location Matters: Whether you're eyeing a resort property or a primary home, the location is paramount. Coastal communities like Rehoboth Beach, Bethany Beach, and Lewes offer unique atmospheres, so explore each area to find the one that aligns with your lifestyle. Looking more inland communities like Millsboro, Milford, and Seaford offer larger lots while maintaining the convenience of stores, restaurants, and more just a short drive to the beaches.

Timing Is Key: The spring market in Sussex County is vibrant, so be prepared to act swiftly. Consult with one of our trusted agents at the Julie Gritton Team who understands the nuances of the market and can help you navigate the sometimes fast-paced transactions.

Beach and Beyond: While proximity to the beach is undoubtedly appealing, don't overlook other amenities. Consider factors like accessibility to restaurants, entertainment, and medical facilities to ensure your chosen property caters to your needs.

Selling Your Slice of Sussex: Attracting the Right Buyer

If you find yourself on the selling side this spring, make the most of the season's buoyant market with these strategies:

Curb Appeal Sells: The charm of Sussex County extends beyond the beaches, and buyers are drawn to well-maintained properties. Enhance your home's curb appeal by tidying up the landscaping and giving your exterior a fresh coat of paint and/ or power washing.

Capture the Season: Showcase your property in its springtime glory. Open curtains to let in natural light, add fresh flowers, and consider a thorough spring cleaning. Highlighting your home's potential for outdoor enjoyment can be a significant selling point.

Set the Right Price: Consult with a member of the Julie Gritton Team to determine a competitive yet realistic listing price. In a market like Sussex County, finding the sweet spot can attract motivated buyers and facilitate a smoother selling process.

Expert Advice for a Seamless Experience

To ensure a successful real estate transaction, we are here dedicated to you as a trusted real estate resource in our community. Specializing in Sussex County we can provide valuable insights into the local market trends, help you navigate the intricacies of contracts, and guide you through the closing process.

As you embark on your real estate journey in Sussex County this spring, embrace the season's opportunities with a blend of enthusiasm and prudence. Whether buying or selling, the coastal charm and diverse offerings make Sussex County a destination with something for everyone. Happy house hunting! Call The Julie Gritton Team today for a real estate market update 302-645-1111.

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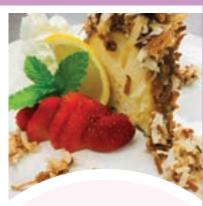
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Anita and Ludovic met and got married in France. After many years of pondering about having their own store front to provide fine French breads and pastries for all to enjoy, their dream came true in February of 2017 when they opened the award-winning La Baguette in Dover!

Chef Ludovic Bezy graduated from Culinary Arts School in St.Dizier, France in 1986. He has worked in many different restaurants, catering services, and has training in breads, pastries and more from his time in France. He was Chef De Cuisine at Michele's Restaurant and was at Dover Downs for 12 years. Ludovic is also a local artist and does oil on canvas, sketching, and water colors. He is also passionate about photography.

Anita Wheeler-Bezy has a degree in Hospitality Management and is Marketing Director for Chef Ludovic and all of his projects. She is French/ American and went to school in both countries. Anita is retired from the ophthalmology field after 21 years. She loves music and ballroom dancing.

Together, Anita and Ludovic make a winning team! They are working owners for both Dover and Lewes locations.





















Anita and Ludovic Bezy in their hometown of Chaumont, France.
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JAMES FINE JEWELRY



When Shirley O'Neal set out to sell jewelry in 1989, she didn't anticipate her great-nephew that was born that year would one day succeed her in the trade. Over the last 35 years, she has built a reputation as an outstanding businesswoman and pillar in the community of Laurel, DE.

That great-nephew, Steven James, will be applying the same principles through a new name, James Fine Jewelry. With the same committment to Quality and Integrity, Steven will carry on the legacy of treating others the way he would want to be treated.

Although his Aunt Shirley has entrusted him with a huge set of shoes to fill, Steven is exctied for the future.

"I'm so blessed to have a mentor like Aunt and ethics. Integrity must be a part of the Shirley, both in the trade and in life. I'm coupling her real-world expertise with my formal education through GIA, which is the foremost education in the gem world. I'm following in my Uncle Louis O'Neal's footsteps to make sure my education is worth the trust customers place in me."

Steven feels like James Fine Jewelry is a culmination of his professional expereience so far: "I've been blessed to learn from leaders that prioritized people and honesty in all that they did. Jewelry is a relationship based business and you need to be able to trust your jeweler. With so many imitations and synthetics in the market, it all comes down to knowledge

relationship. I understand trust takes time, and I'm looking forward to the opportunity to prove myself."

O'Neal's Antiques built a reputation for unique estate and high quality pieces. "Aunt Shirley has been known to say 'we sell high quality jewelry at affordable prices' and I couldn't agree more. Showing inventory that I know I can stand behind and believe in makes the whole process much more enjoyable. I'm blessed to be able to show such a fine collection of pieces my aunt has built over the years."

Steven offers showings by appointment at O'Neal's Antiques in Laurel, DE

