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## GREETINGS FROM ASBURY PARK

THE WEEKLY UPDATES

### **Season's Greetings from Asbury Park:**

And another great holiday weekend! Saturday night Patti and I checked out Asbury Park's newest Bed & Breakfast: the Asbury Ocean Beach Inn located at 404 Asbury Avenue. WOW! This is the latest addition to our very cool B& B inventory. The Inn was decked out for the holidays so it was extra special. Innkeepers Betsy Old and Chip Burroughs have done an outstanding job in converting a wonderful Victorian into an inviting inn. This is the kind of stuff that keeps me excited! Also, took in Glen Brutnik's Xmas Extravaganza. Glen helped us with our musical heritage fundraiser in November and will be featured in a special "Asbury Park Where Music Lives" concert in 2011. Stay tuned! On Sunday, we had our first programming meeting for the Smithsonian's New Harmonies exhibit at Mark Fleming's (of Premiere Theatre fame) home. We are planning all the interesting workshops, lectures, concert and parties that will be associated with the exhibit when it opens March 12, 2011! HUGE! Stay tuned! Only in Asbury Park!

And speaking of HUGE, there is a HUGE selection of cool gifts at Asbury Park's great stores. I finally got my shopping started today and am proud to say that I was able to get most of it done in Asbury Park. Times are tough and we need to support our local stores. They have made an investment in our city and we need to invest in them. If somehow you can't find that perfect gift in AP, why not opt for a gift certificate for merchandise or dinner at one of our wonderful restaurants? If you need some last minute ideas, how about a gift certificate for an Asbury Park seasonal beach badge, or our 2011 Heroes of Asbury Park calendar? Truth be told, I did have to go outside city to get a Starbucks' gift certificate for brother-in-law-to-be Gary and the motorcycle that Patti asked for. No better place to shop for the holidays. Only in Asbury Park!

One of city's great traditions, the 47th Annual Asbury Park Polar Bear Race takes place this Sunday, Dec. 26th. 5-Mile run at 1 pm, 10-Mile

racewalk and 5-Mile Healthwalk at 10 am. For information go to [www.shoreac.org](http://www.shoreac.org) . Optional post-race Atlantic dip. Only in Asbury Park!

So, a little bit more about our musical heritage initiative. We are setting records for meetings and last night we staged the organizational meeting of the marketing committee. It's so exciting to watch this all come together. On January 12, 2011, we will be hosting a musical heritage community meeting in the City Council Chambers in City Hall to let city residents and businesses know all the great things to expect in 2011. We are redefining HUGE! ASBURY PARK Where Music Lives! Only in Asbury Park! Stay tuned!

I'm going to make this short cause I still have lots of decorating, baking, and wrapping to get started and of course tomorrow some more shopping. Looking forward to spending the next couple of days with family friends and our children.

Wishes for a Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, and a wonderful and safe holiday weekend,

Tom Gilmour  
Director of Commerce and Good Times

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### **Asbury Park Weekly Events:**

### **Gilmour's Picks for the Park:**

### **Wednesday, December 22nd**

Board of Education meets at Bradley Elementary School, 1100 Third Ave., 7 pm

Paul Dianno, Icarus Witch, Circle of Insanity, Kill Plot, Artic Flame at The Stone Pony, 7 pm, all ages  
Film: Christmas in Connecticut at the ShowRoom, 7:15 pm  
Green Tag Sale, Multiple Mono at The Saint, 7:30 pm  
Vision, Spanish Bombs, Communication Redlight, The Wait at Asbury Lanes, 8 pm

Dance Party with DJ Skills at Brickwall at 10 pm - no cover

**Thursday, December 23rd**

Asbury Park Public Schools half-day for students and staff

Film: Holiday Inn at the ShowRoom, 7:15 pm

Karmic Juggernaut, Knowmads, From the Ground, Miles From the Sun at The Stone Pony, 7:30 pm, all ages

Mike Montrey Band, Dub Proof at The Saint, 7:30 pm

Soul Project at Trinity and the Pope, 8 pm

Cashmere at Chico's House of Jazz, 8 pm

Sikamor Rooney, The Riverwinds, The Jack Moves at Asbury Lanes, 8 pm

Carolina Panthers vs. Pittsburgh Steelers on NFL network at Brickwall

**Friday, December 24th**

**City offices and library closed and I'm off!**

Trash will be collected

Asbury Park Public Schools winter recess begins

**Saturday, December 25th**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

Langosta Lounge annual Christmas Community Dinner from noon to 4 pm

AP Fire Dept & Giamano's Restaurant Christmas Dinner at Salvation Army, 605 Asbury Ave., 11 am to 3 pm

Ugly Sweater Christmas Sweater Party at Brickwall opens at 7 pm.

Drink specials and Christmas Caroling!

**Sunday, December 26th**

47th annual Asbury Park Polar Bear Races at the boardwalk, 10 am-2 pm

All Ages Matinee Benefit for DJ Blish (The Epilepsy Foundation) featuring Lost In Society, Blacktop Kids, A Clever Con, Gentleman Thieves (formerly Ecotone) at The Saint, 1 pm

Comedy with Miss Kissie, Baby Boy Has, Pretty Ricki, Nairobi Nelson, Taj Jones, Aminah Imani, Todd Brown, Amirah, Alfreda, Tymeane Watkins, Jamie Gates and Tara Samuels at Chico's House of Jazz, 4

pm

Bouncing Souls, Strike Anywhere, The Great Explainer, Adrenaline OD at The Stone Pony, 7 pm, all ages, SOLD OUT

Peal, Cascadence at The Saint, 7:30 pm

Karaoke at Paradise at 8 pm

Home for the Holidays Afterparty with Holy Mess, Banquets at Asbury Lanes, 11 pm, all ages

**Monday, December 27th**

Bouncing Souls Home for the Holidays Film Series: Suburbia at the Showroom, 4 pm, Q&A with the Bouncing Souls after the movie

Bouncing Souls, Fake Problems, Lemuria, The Swellers at The Stone Pony, 7 pm, all ages, SOLD OUT

**Tuesday, December 28th**

Bouncing Souls Home for the Holidays Film Series: Repoman at the Showroom, 3 pm, Q&A with the Bouncing Souls after the movie

Asbury Park Homeowners Association Holiday Meet & Greet Party at Synaxis, 7-9 pm

Bouncing Souls, Leftover Crack, The Menzingers, Top Soil at The Stone Pony, 7 pm, all ages, SOLD OUT

Venus Vegas at The Saint, 7:45 pm

Anders Osborne, Matt O'Ree at Chico's House of Jazz, 8 pm

Sonny Kenn's Swamp Revue at Trinity and the Pope, 8 pm

**Wednesday, December 29th**

Bouncing Souls Home for the Holidays Film Series: Another State of Mind at the Showroom, 4 pm, Q&A with the Bouncing Souls after the movie

Bouncing Souls, H2O, Yuppicide, Dirty Tactics at The Stone Pony, 7 pm, all ages, SOLD OUT

Loose Fit, Almost There, B.C., Colton Kayser, Garcia Lawrence at The Saint, 7:30 pm

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