

THE ULTIMATE GUIDE

To Living In

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COMMUNITY
AND I KNOW
YOU WILL TOO

WHITING *New Jersey*

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WHITING, NJ

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Whiting, New Jersey is a quiet, relaxed community in Manchester Township, known primarily for its large selection of 55+ and retirement communities, peaceful neighborhoods, and easy access to nature within the New Jersey Pine Barrens. It offers a slower pace of life with convenient local services, affordable living for Ocean County, and a friendly small-town atmosphere. Whiting appeals most to retirees, downsizers, and anyone seeking a calm, low-traffic lifestyle surrounded by woods, open space, and a strong sense of community.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Understanding the demographics of Whiting can provide valuable insights into the community and its characteristics.



POPULATION

Approximately ~ 34,290 residents



MEDIAN AGE

46.5 years



GENDER BREAKDOWN



45%



55%



HOUSEHOLDS 19,640 households



9,485

NON-FAMILY

10,155



MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

~ \$55,000



EDUCATION LEVELS

HIGH-SCHOOL GRADUATE

93%

BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER

23%



RACE AND ETHNICITY

90%

WHITE

4%

HISPANIC OR LATINO

2%

ASIAN

3%

AFRICAN AMERICAN

1%

OTHER

Local **AUTHORITIES**

Whiting is part of Manchester Township, which is governed by a Mayor and a Township Council. Key contacts include:

▶ **MAYOR**



Joseph T. Hankins

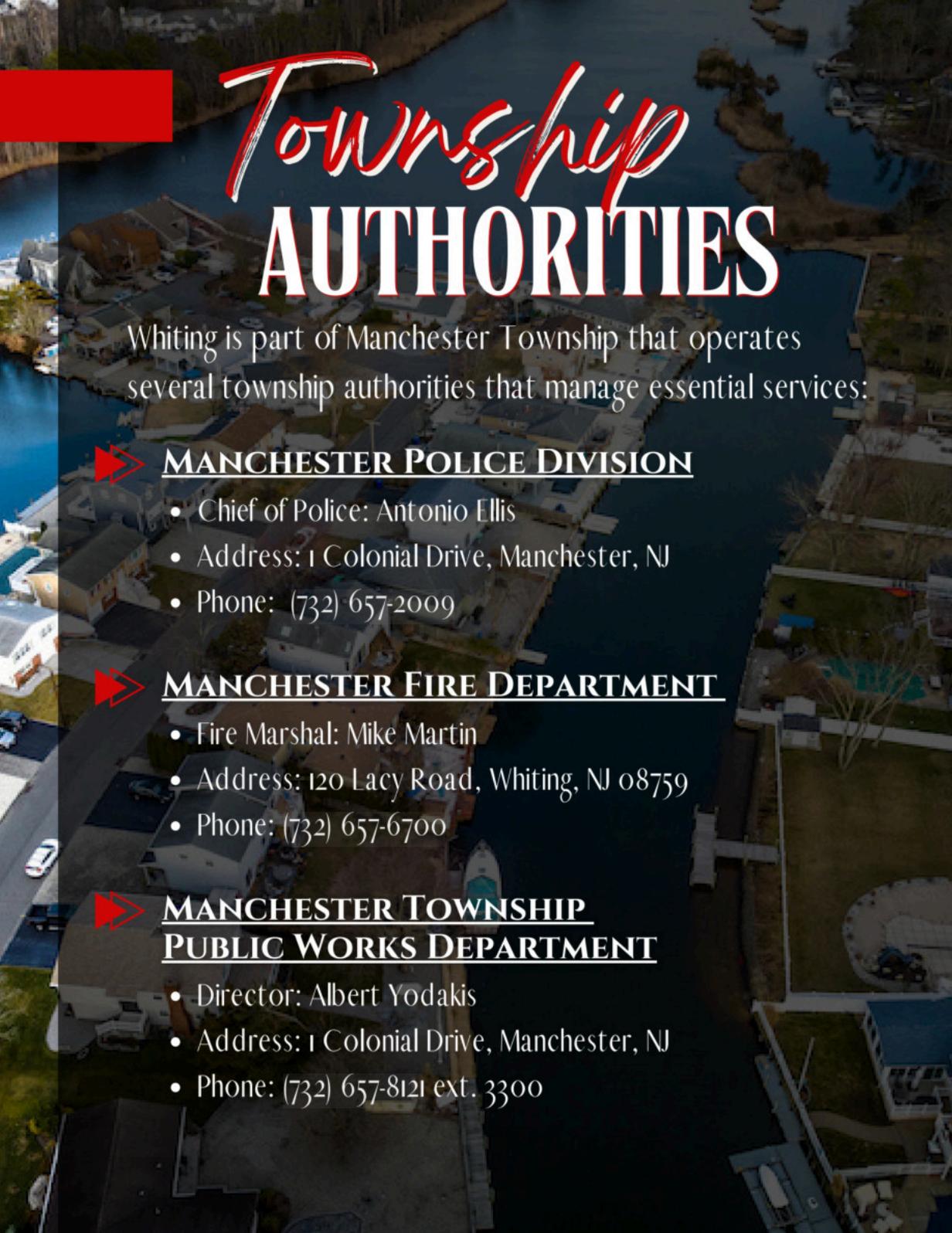
- Office Hours - Monday to Friday: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
- Location : 2Town Hall Address: 1 Colonial Drive, Manchester, NJ 08759
- Appointments: (732) 657-8121 ext. 3105
- Website: www.ManchesterTwp.com

▶ **TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEMBERS**

- Roxanne Conniff, James A. Vaccaro Sr., Sandy Gravatt-Drake, Craig Wallis, & Michele Zolezi
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▶ **MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

- Address: Address: 1 Colonial Drive, Manchester, NJ 08759
- Phone: (732) 657-8121
- Website: www.ManchesterTwp.com



Township AUTHORITIES

Whiting is part of Manchester Township that operates several township authorities that manage essential services:

▶ MANCHESTER POLICE DIVISION

- Chief of Police: Antonio Ellis
- Address: 1 Colonial Drive, Manchester, NJ
- Phone: (732) 657-2009

▶ MANCHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Fire Marshal: Mike Martin
- Address: 120 Lacy Road, Whiting, NJ 08759
- Phone: (732) 657-6700

▶ MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- Director: Albert Yodakis
- Address: 1 Colonial Drive, Manchester, NJ
- Phone: (732) 657-8121 ext. 3300

Local UTILITIES

▶ GAS & ELECTRIC

JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT (JCP&L)

- Website: www.firstenergycorp.com
- Phone: 1-800-662-3115

NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS (NJNG)

- Website: www.njng.com
- Phone: 1-800-221-0051

▶ WATER & SEWER

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP'S UTILITIES PLANT /
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

- Website: <https://manchestertwp.com/departments/public-works-and-utilities/>
- Phone: (732)-914-1200

▶ CABLE/ INTERNET

OPTIMUM

- Website: www.optimum.com
- Phone: 1-866-347-4784

VERIZON FIOS

- Website: www.verizon.com/fios
- Phone: 1-800-837-4966

Schools in MANCHESTER, NJ

Whiting served by the Township Public Schools, which includes several elementary, middle, and high schools.



MANCHESTER REGIONAL DAY SCHOOL

Address: 890 Toms River Road, Jackson, NJ

Phone: (732) 928-1500

Grades: PreK– Grade 12

Known for: Serves students with special education needs across grades.

Smaller enrollment, low student-teacher ratios. Specialized instruction.

Rating:

Rating: ★★★★★☆☆☆☆☆





RIDGEWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Address: 2861 Ridgeway Rd, Manchester Township, NJ

Phone: (732) 323-0800

Grades: Prek - Grade 5

Known for: Emphasis on community involvement and student well-being.

Rating: ★★★★★★★☆☆☆



MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Address: 101 North Colonial Drive, Lakehurst, NJ

Phone: (732) 323-9600

Grades: Pre-K- Grade 5

Known for: Focus on early childhood education with a variety of enrichment programs.

Rating: ★★★★★★★☆☆☆



MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP MIDDLE SCHOOL

Address: 2759 Ridgeway Rd, Manchester, NJ 08759

Phone: (732) 657-1717

Grades: Grade 5 - Grade 8

Known for: Offers a range of extracurricular activities and has a student-teacher ratio conducive to personalized learning..

Rating: ★★★★★★★☆☆☆



MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

Address: 101 Hawks Way, Manchester, NJ 08759

Phone: (732) 657-2121

Grades: Grade 9 - Grade 12

Known for: Strong athletics, particularly girls' bowling and boys' track, with multiple state championships

Rating: ★★★★★★★☆☆☆



55+ Communities

MARLBORO, NJ



CEDAR GLEN LAKES

- Rating: 8.5/10
- Homes: ~ 1,200+ homes
- Style: Duplex co-op ranches + some stand-alone models, 1-2BR, garages; 1970s builds..
- HOA: Monthly co-op fee typically covers water/sewer, lawn/snow, many exterior items; cash-only purchase policy.
- Amenities: Two clubhouses, strong clubs list, bocce/shuffleboard, trips; adjacent to CVS/Stop&Shop/Wawa strip for easy errands.
- Vibe: The most “all-in-one village” in Whiting — very social and convenient.



WHITING STATION

- Rating: 8.5/10
- Homes: ~ 332 single-family homes.
- Style: Single-family ranches and attached single-family models; 2-bed/2-bath typical, many with attached garages, decks.
- HOA: With monthly fee that includes grounds, snow removal, clubhouse access, shuttle service
- Amenities: Large clubhouse with fitness center, multi-purpose rooms, billiards, banquet room; resort-style pool, tennis and shuffleboard courts, community bus
- Vibe: Resort-style 55+ living — newer homes (1988-1995) and one of the more upscale, active choices in Whiting. Great for buyers wanting single-family feel and strong onsite amenities.



CRESTWOOD VILLAGE 7

- Rating: 8.5/10
- Homes: ~1,048 free-standing homes
- Style: Detached one-story ranchers with attached garages; multiple models.
- HOA: Monthly fee-simple HOA (you own the house/land).
- Amenities: Clubhouse with exercise/billiards/library/activities; very active events calendar.
- Vibe: “Suburban 55+ neighborhood feel,” a bit more space/privacy than co-op villages.



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- Rating: 8/10
- Homes: ~ 1,141 homes
- Style: Attached one-story co-op units, easy-upkeep, smaller footprints.
- HOA: Yes. Low HOA by shore standards; commonly reported around \$120/month (covers community/amenity maintenance).
- Amenities: Clubhouse, outdoor pool, shuffleboard, walking paths,
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- Vibe: Friendly, Indoor/outdoor amenities, fitness clubs (yoga/bowling/bocce), social groups.



CRESTWOOD VILLAGE 3

- Rating: 8.5/10
- Homes: ~ 1,010 homes
- Style: Mix of attached units + some stand-alone 1–2BR models; all one-story.
- HOA: Co-op monthly charges; cash-only purchases / no rentals are standard for CV3.
- Amenities: Large clubhouse/ballroom, gym, game rooms, heavy club/activity schedule.
- Vibe: One of the more active Crestwoods; “something going on every day.”



CRESTWOOD VILLAGE 1

- Rating: 8.5/10
- Homes: ~1,000+ (estimate; official count not consistently published)
- Style: Mostly single-story attached duplex/ranch co-ops, a few stand-alone models; small footprints, easy living.
- HOA: Co-op monthly maintenance/common charges typically include taxes + many exterior/grounds items; cash purchase rules common in Crestwood co-ops.
- Amenities: Clubhouse, clubs, buses/shuttles, social calendar; CV1 is known for having a golf component compared with other Crestwoods.
- Vibe: Classic Whiting retirement village,” quiet streets, long-time residents, very budget-friendly.

Outdoor Recreation

MANCHESTER, NJ

Public Parks & Fields



HARRY WRIGHT LAKE PARK

Features: Picnic areas, playground, walking paths, seasonal lifeguards.



WHITING WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

- Best For: Families with kids, outdoor play, and local history lovers.





PINE LAKE PARK

Features: Baseball and soccer fields, playgrounds, picnic areas.



6TH AVENUE PARK

Best For: Neighborhood families, casual sports, and picnics.



Golf Courses



MANCHESTER FAMILY GOLF CENTER

Best For: Families, beginners casual golfers, & practice sessions



RENAISSANCE COUNTRY CLUB

Known For: A well-groomed 18-hole executive golf course integrated



EAGLE RIDGE GOLF CLUB (~8 MI)

Best For: Serious golfers, tournaments, and events.



Lakes, Rivers & Beaches

HARRY WRIGHT LAKE

- A popular local lake with a sandy swimming beach, lifeguards in summer, playgrounds, and picnic areas. Known for hosting concerts and family events, it's a central spot for recreation in town.

PINE LAKE

- A scenic community lake offering a playground, picnic spaces, and walking paths along the shoreline. It's best for casual family outings and kids' activities.

BARNEGAT BAY (~15 MI)

- A large bay with access to boating, fishing, crabbing, and water sports. Popular marinas and waterfront parks make it a hub for local recreation.

ASSUNPINK CREEK (~6 MI)

- A historic creek that runs through Hamilton and into Trenton. Offers spots for fishing and nature watching. It played a role in the Revolutionary War.

Annual Festivals

WHITING, NJ



MANCHESTER DAY

- Known For: The town's biggest summer festival with live music, food vendors, rides, and fireworks at Harry Wright Lake.



SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AT HARRY WRIGHT LAKE

- Known For: Free live music performances on the lakefront throughout the summer.





MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & CEREMONY

- Known For: Honoring veterans and service members with a local parade and remembrance ceremonies.



TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

- Known For: icking off the holiday season with music, cocoa, Santa visits, and the community Christmas tree lighting.



ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

- Known For: A family tradition where kids enjoy egg hunts, games, and spring fun in local parks.



Best Places to

EAT, DRINK & ENTERTAIN

Restaurants



NONNA'S PLACE RISTORANTE ITALIANO



- Address: 108 Lacey Rd #17, Whiting, NJ
- Phone: (732) 716-0002
- Rating: 9/10
- Best for: huge portions, old-school red-sauce Italian, one of the town's most-ordered pizza spots.
- Signature Dish: Pizza Margherita, Chicken Marsala, Eggplant Parm, Lasagna



HERITAGE RESTAURANT



- Address: 108 Lacey Rd #8, Whiting, NJ
- Phone: (732) 350-9700
- Rating: 8.5/10
- Best For: all-day breakfast, "classic Jersey diner comfort," senior-friendly menu.
- Signature Dish: Country-fried steak & eggs, Heritage Benedict, chopped steak, stuffed chicken breast specials.



MARTUCCI'S FLASHBACK DINER



- Address: 400 Lacey Rd Suite 9A, Whiting, NJ
- Phone: (732) 716-1122
- Rating: 8.4/10
- Best for: retro 50s décor, fast breakfast/lunch, big sandwich menu.
- Signature Dish: Italian hot dog, Reuben on rye, chipped beef w/ home fries, pancakes/waffles.

Cafés



TOAST CAFÉ



- Address: 1900 NJ-70, Manchester Township, NJ
- Phone: (732) 941-9124
- Rating: 8.5/10
- Known For: Casual sit-down breakfast & lunch, bagels & pastries, modern café vibe; good spot for quiet morning meals or brunch.



CAFÉ NAPOLI



- Address: 1027 NJ-70, Manchester Township, NJ
- Phone: (732) 657-4200
- Rating: 9/10
- Known For: family-run Italian restaurant with a relaxed, friendly atmosphere; generous portions and consistent service; good pizza, pasta, and full Italian menu.

Bars & Pub



WHITING BAR & SPIRITS



- Address: 108 Lacey Rd, Whiting, NJ
- Phone: (732) 350-1885
- Rating: 7.5/10
- Known for: Relaxed neighborhood bar + karaoke nights; solid “meet-your-neighbors” spot. [Restaurant Guru](#)



THE BARN



- Address: 1330 NJ-70, Cedar Glen Lakes, Manchester Township, NJ
- Rating: 8.3/10
- Known for: Cozy bar with good selection of craft beers, wines and signature cocktails; often live music or karaoke; casual place to hang with friends.

Sweet treats



REBECCA'S CUPBOARD



- Address: 108 Lacey Rd Unit 7, Whiting, NJ
- Phone: (848) 227-5454
- Rating: 9.5/10
- Best for: "small hometown bagel + bake shop," super friendly counter crew.



RALPH'S FAMOUS ITALIAN ICES



- Address: 197 US-9, Marlboro, NJ
- Phone: (732) 617-7414
- Rating: 9/10
- Best for: Italian ices (flavored frozen ices), soft serve, and gelato-style frozen desserts — cool, refreshing treat especially in warm weather.

Sights & Attractions

WHITING, NJ

Whiting is rich in natural beauty and offers a variety of sights and attractions that highlight the town's peaceful charm and inviting atmosphere.

Harry Wright Lake



Rating: ★★★★★★☆☆

Known for: A recreational lake with sandy beaches, playgrounds, picnic areas, a band shell/stage, concessions. Hosts the township's "Summer Concert Series."

County Road 539 scenic corridor



Rating: ★★★★★★★★☆☆

Known for: The classic Pines drive locals point to as “the Whiting view.”



Henry Hudson Trail



Rating: ★★★★★ ★★★★★☆

Known for: Easy-grade, stroller- and bike-friendly, with changing scenery from fields to woods; trail access ties right into Big Brook Park.

Top Places to Bring

CHILDREN FOR ENTERTAINMENT



PINE LAKE PARK & PLAYGROUND

- Address: Lake Drive, Pine Lake Section, Manchester Township, NJ
- Known for: Family-friendly lakefront park with splash pad, climbing structures, and picnic shelters.

Rating: ★★★★★★★★☆☆



HARRY WRIGHT LAKE PARK & BEACH

- Address: 1499 Lake Road, Whiting, NJ 08759
- Known for: Sandy beach, lake swimming, band shell for concerts, and playgrounds.

Rating: ★★★★★★★★☆☆





TUSKEGEE AIRMEN PARK

- Address: End of Richard Drive Manchester Township, NJ 08759
- Known for: Aviation-themed playground with spring-mounted airplanes, basketball courts, picnic area, and memorial monument.

Rating: ★★★★★★☆☆



BOWKER PARK

- Address: Downtown Whiting, Manchester Township, NJ 08759
- Known for: Open sports fields, basketball, bocce, tennis courts, plus renovated playground.

Rating: ★★★★★★☆☆



MANCHESTER FAMILY GOLF CENTER

- Address : 1255 Route 70, Manchester Township, NJ 08759
- Known for: Driving range plus mini-golf course that's very popular with families.

Rating: ★★★★★★★★★★



Best Places for Date Night & Adult Beverages



JOEY'S PLACE RESTAURANT & BAR



- Classic red-sauce Italian, seafood specials, and an easy “sit-for-two-hours” vibe that makes it a Whiting date-night staple.



NONNA'S PLACE PIZZERIA RISTORANTE



- High-energy seafood spot that's perfect for a fun, festive date night—especially if you like sharing apps and raw-bar plates.

Best-Rated Small Businesses

WHITING, NJ



A WHITING FLOWER SHOPPE

Category: Florist / Gift shop | Rating: 4.7 ★ (Google)

- Phone: (732) 941-4513
- Address: 550 Route 530 Whiting / Manchester Twp, NJ 08759
- Website: <https://www.whitingnjflorist.com/>
- Overview: This is the go-to florist in Whiting for arrangements that range from everyday bouquets to wedding and sympathy designs. Locals praise the shop for its personal touch, quick delivery, and flowers that last longer than supermarket options.



TC & SONS AUTO REPAIR & TOWING

Category: Full-service local auto shop | Rating: 4.5 ★ (Yelp)

- Phone: (732) 332-9766
- Address: 100 Lacey Rd, Whiting / Manchester Twp, NJ 08759
- Website: <https://tcandsonsautorepair.com/>
- Overview: Trusted mechanics are hard to come by, and these shops are well-regarded by locals for honest pricing and dependable service. Whether it's brakes, tires, or routine inspections, residents say they feel confident bringing their cars here year after year.



BELLA SALON

Category: Salon / Spa | Rating: 4 ★ Phone: (732) 323-8999

- Phone: (732) 323-8999
- Address: 1051 Rt. 70 Manchester, NJ 08759
- Website: <https://www.bellasalon-manchester.com/>
- Overview: a full-service AVEDA concept salon offering everything from haircuts to coloring, scalp treatments, and extensions. It stands out for its professional-level stylists, modern services, and a spa-like environment — giving Manchester residents an upscale option without traveling far.



JIMMY C'S BARBER SHOP

Category: Haircuts & Grooming | Rating: 4.8 ★ (Yelp) |

- Phone: (732) 657-9229
- Address: 2128 NJ-70, Manchester Township, NJ, 08759
- Website: <https://reviews.birdseye.com/jimmy-cs-barber-shop-167843355943999>
- Overview: Long-standing local favorite with family-friendly service, great basic & classic cuts (men, women, kids), minimal wait times despite being busy. Highly trusted by residents, including seniors and families.



What's So Great About

WHITING, NJ

 *Small-town rhythm with real community anchors*

Places like Harry Wright Lake—the town’s iconic summer hub—plus local parks, the library, and long-running neighborhood businesses give Whiting a stable, familiar feel. Seasonal events and lake concerts keep the calendar lively without turning the town into a tourist zone. Neighbors tend to know one another, and the pace is steady rather than rushed. For many movers, that “settle-in and breathe” lifestyle is the whole point.

 *You're close to “bigger fun” whenever you want it*

Whiting is roughly 25–40 minutes from boardwalks, beaches, and shore nightlife, so day trips to Point Pleasant or Seaside are easy. It’s also within reasonable reach of Atlantic City and even NYC/Philly for occasional weekends. This lets residents live quietly most days, then plug into major entertainment on demand. People like that they don’t have to live in the chaos to enjoy it.

 *Housing stays relatively affordable for Central/Coastal NJ*

Compared with many shore-adjacent towns, Whiting offers lower buy-in prices, especially in its co-op villages and manufactured-home 55+ communities. Even non-age-restricted single-family pockets tend to price below the more coastal parts of Ocean County. That makes it appealing to retirees on fixed incomes and buyers who want space

 *It's one of NJ's strongest 55+ hubs*

Whiting is known statewide for its active-adult communities like Crestwood Villages, Cedar Glen Lakes, and Whiting Station. These places create built-in social life, clubs, and amenities that make retirement feel easy and connected. The town's very high median age reflects how successfully it serves seniors. If you're 55+ and want community without resort pricing, Whiting is a magnet.

 *You get Pine Barrens peace without being isolated.*

Whiting sits right in the New Jersey Pinelands, so daily life is pine forests, quiet roads, and real dark skies. You can walk trails or take scenic drives like County Road 539 and feel "away" without leaving town. Yet you're still a short drive to shopping, hospitals, and shore towns. That balance of nature + convenience is a big reason people choose Whiting.

I HOPE YOU ENJOYED YOUR TOUR OF *Whiting, NJ*

I hope you enjoyed this guide to Whiting, NJ — and more importantly, I hope it gave you a real feel for what life here is like beyond a map pin or a listing photo. Whiting is a quiet Pine Barrens community with a strong retirement backbone, surprising everyday convenience, and easy access to the Jersey Shore whenever you want a change of pace. If you're looking for a place where nature is part of your daily routine, neighbors feel familiar, and life moves at a calmer, more comfortable speed, Whiting makes a compelling case.

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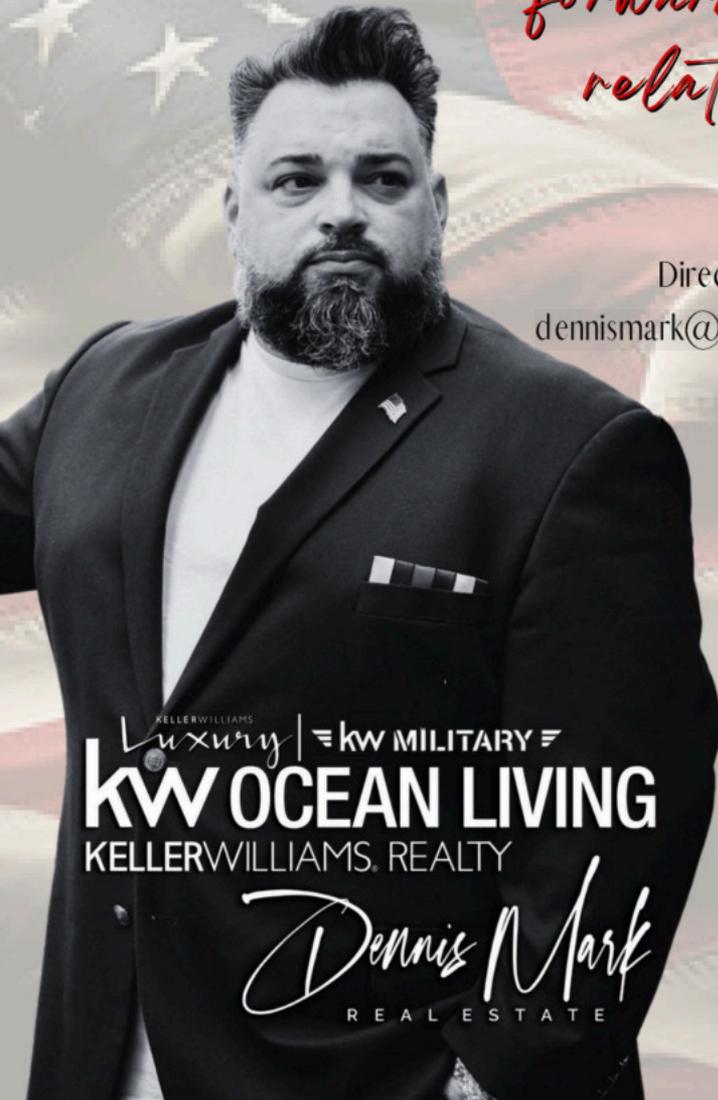
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THANK YOU!

I would love the opportunity to work with you, and I truly look forward to building our relationship together



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