



Some stuff about the wedding

The wedding is going to be pretty informal. We're being married by the mayor of Neptune Township, of which Ocean Grove is part. It will probably be a short ceremony. The wedding takes place at a pavillion on the boardwalk. We love living near the ocean, so this seemed fitting. Kids are welcome to join us.

The reception takes place about a block and a half from the wedding site. It's at The Manchester Inn, which is also a hotel/B&B with about 40 rooms, so it should be able to accomodate as many of you as wish to stay there. Their phone number is (732) 775-0616, and their web site is www.themanchesterinn.com.

We'll have a web site you can check at www.brandi.org/wedding for details (username *wedding*, password *boardwalk*) on anything we've forgotten to mention here. If you need to reach us the day before the wedding, you can call Ralph on his cell phone that Saturday at (908) 433-2031.

Some stuff about Ocean Grove

Ocean Grove was founded in the 19th century by Methodists as a summer retreat. The town still functions as a retreat, and retains a quaint Victorian feel. Until the early 1980s, Ocean Grove was closed on Sundays. The two gateways through which you enter the town were chained shut and all cars had to be off the streets. You will see many references to this history as you walk through town. There is a lovely boardwalk if you're interested in walking. Walk south, though; the Asbury Park boardwalk to the north is best avoided.

Some stuff about the invitations

The drawing of us on the front of the invitation was done by Claire Robertson; you can see more of her work at www.loobyly.com. The sewn stationery is the work of Andrea Ummel of Unique Artistry at www.uniqueartistry.com. The unreadable text on the inside was done with rubber stamps. In case it's totally indecipherable, here it is again:

Laura Janine Lombardo & Ralph Arthur Brandi IV request the honor of your presence as they get hitched (finally!) ¶ 11:30 AM, Sunday, April 27, 2003 ¶ The Pavillion on the The Boardwalk ¶ Ocean Grove, New Jersey. ¶ Reception to follow immediately at ¶ The Manchester Inn ¶ 25 Ocean Pathway, Ocean Grove, New Jersey ¶ www.themanchesterinn.com

Directions to Laura and Ralph's Wedding

FROM THE AIRPORT AND NORTH:

Exit Newark Airport. Get on the New Jersey Turnpike South at either exit 14 or 13A. Travel south to exit 11, the Garden State Parkway. Travel south about 30 miles on the GSP to exit 100B, Route 33. Travel east about 5 miles on 33 until it ends at Route 71 (Main St). Turn left on Route 71. The next traffic light is Main Ave., Ocean Grove; turn right. Take Main Ave. through town to the end and turn left on Ocean Ave. The Boardwalk Pavillion is a few short blocks down on the right.

FROM THE SOUTH AND WEST:

Take I-195 east until it turns into Route 138 at the Garden State Parkway. Continue on Route 138 until it ends at Route 35. Go north on Route 35 about 1 mile. As you see a large bridge under construction in Belmar, you will see a traffic light for 10th Ave. Turn right on 10th Ave. and go one block. Turn left on Main St. in Belmar. Travel about 2½ miles until you reach Route 33. The next traffic light is Main Ave., Ocean Grove; turn right. Take Main Ave. through town to the end and turn left on Ocean Ave. The Boardwalk Pavillion is a few short blocks down on the right.

FROM THE EAST:

Swim.

