

## Berlin wraps major holiday deal

Mayor and council take first step with down payment on massive Tyson property

By Josh Davis  
Staff Writer

(Dec. 25, 2014) The Berlin mayor and Town Council ended months of public speculation on Monday when they voted to buy the former Tyson chicken plant on Old Ocean City Boulevard an eventually turn it into a massive, multi-use public park.

The council voted 4-0 to make a \$25,000 down payment on the property, giving the town a six-month window, with an additional three-month option, to commission an appraisal and perform feasibility and environmental studies.

If all goes as town officials believe, Berlin will buy the entire property, which includes more than 70,000 square feet of office and warehouse space and 62 acres of land, for \$2.75 million from ownership group Berlin Properties North LLC.

District 1 Councilmember Troy Purnell, who owns a stake in the property, recused himself before the vote.

Mayor Gee Williams said the town was attempting to transform what he characterized as an eyesore into a signature attraction.

The plant "was a major environmental problem and concern in the community," Williams said. "There was a long period of time when I think most people wondered, 'Will we ever see the day when we're in a position to do this?'"

"This could be a real potential jewel in the community," Williams continued, "and it's going to be up to the community to make that happen."

While the mayor said a series of strategic planning sessions, beginning in January, would determine the exact use of the property, plenty of ideas have already been discussed.

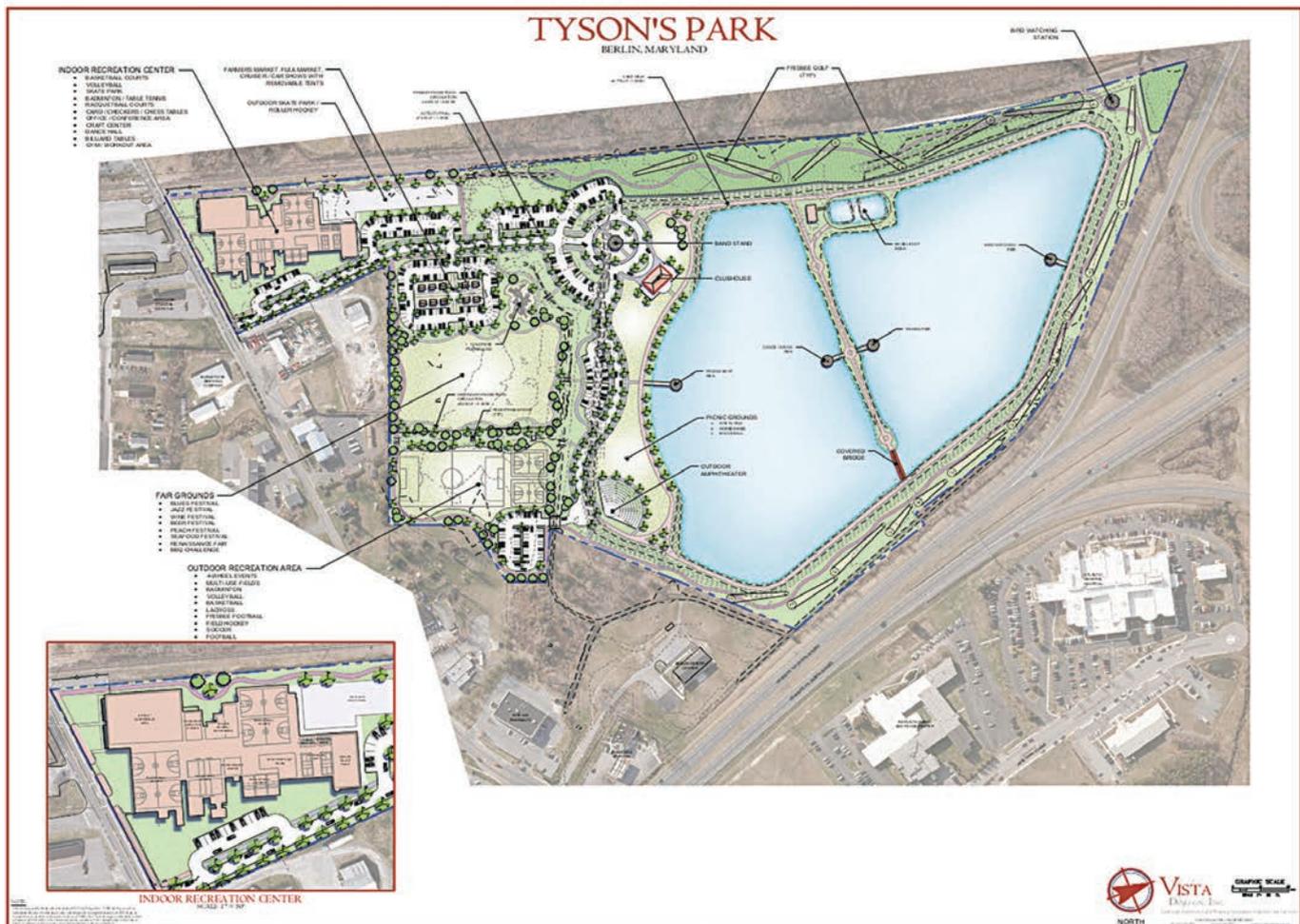
In October and November, requests a skateboard park dominated town meetings. Berlin resident Lisa Cherivtch, who attended several meetings and worked to organize a non-profit to raise money for such a park, called the Tyson deal "the best Christ-

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The Tyson's Park project took a mighty step this week, when town officials agreed to make a down payment on the property. Below is one concept of how the parcel could be developed, although studies and other considerations would precede any development.



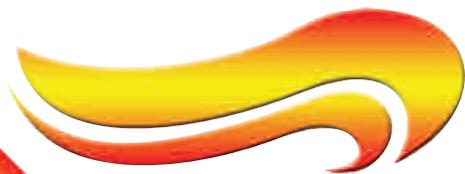
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# Berlin agrees to buy Tyson parcel

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mas present in the world.”

Under the agreement with Berlin Properties, the town can build a temporary skate park during the provisional period.

“I think the skateboard park has been talked about in a very serious way,” Williams said. “I was impressed by how young people have come up and spoken to me in groups and individually for at least three years – and it’s not just the same ones.”

A second provision in the deal grants Berlin the right to stage a “3rd of July” fireworks display at the site. This would build on the success of the 20-minute fireworks show in August at the Tyson property.

“It was very successful and people loved it,” Williams said. “It’s an ideal environment. There’s lots of water,

and it’s not in the heart of town.”

Williams said other possible uses for the property include outdoor concerts and theatrical performances, with the surrounding woods acting as “noise absorbers.”

Nonprofits could host large-scale fundraisers on the grounds, and existing paths could become hiking and biking trails with little investment.

The site could also become a major hub of the excursion train that is under consideration by the Worcester County Commissioners would run from Berlin to Snow Hill.

“If that moves forward, one of the options [is] they could put the trains right into the building,” Williams said. “It’s tall enough and it’s wide enough that they could service the engines and the passenger cars in a safe environment and not be exposed to weather.”

In that situation, the town would retain ownership of the land, while leasing a portion to a railroad company.

“If 50 years from now the railroad ceases to operate, the town still owns the land and we adopt the uses for the best benefit of the community,” Williams said.

The former Tyson plant could also address Berlin’s parking woes. The property is close enough to the downtown area to serve as a satellite lot for what Williams called “a very large, but very environmentally responsible parking area.”

“There’s potential parking galore,” he said. “You could take a short trolley downtown or, potentially down the road, take the train.”

The possibilities, Williams said, are endless.

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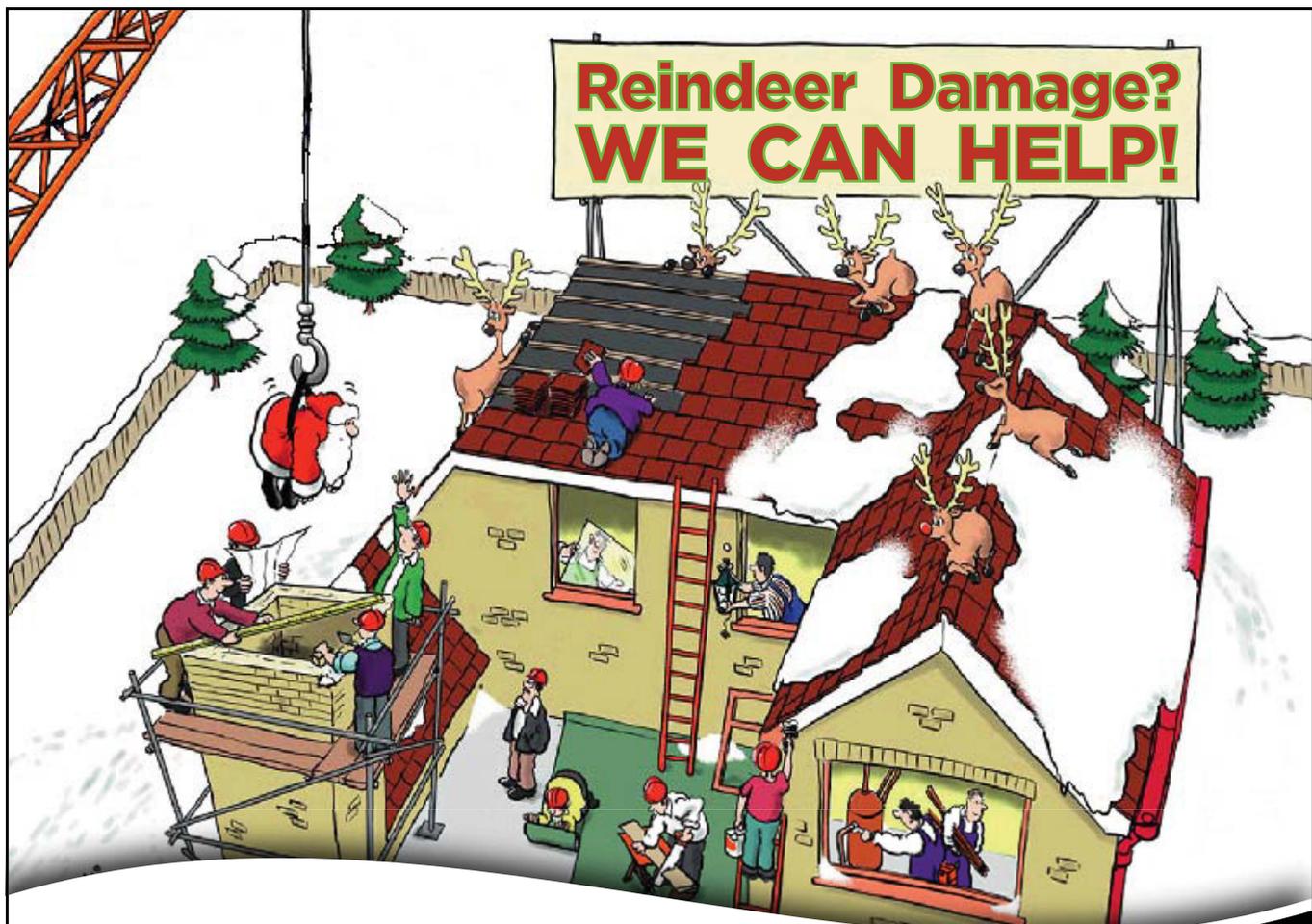
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Berlin Mayor Gee Williams characterized the property as an eyesore, but it could become a major attraction for the community.

# With so much property, it could have multiple uses

“Each area, you could have multiple things happening and nothing interfering with each other,” he said.

Current zoning laws restrict the property’s use to industrial purposes, meaning rezoning for public activity could carry new mandates from the state, including renovating the existing wastewater treatment lagoons and collecting new soil and groundwater samples.

Williams said the town made preliminary inquiries on rezoning requirements.

“Our efforts to be a sustainable community are sincere,” he said. “We believe we can work with the Maryland Department of the Environment and the Department of Natural Resources – remember, they’re in the recreation business – and find ways that can be beneficial without exposing anyone to anything harmful.”

If cleanup is necessary, Williams said the state would likely provide grants to assist in the effort.

“There would be a great deal on incentive to say, ‘Here we’re turning a chicken plant into a public area of multiple uses,’” he said.

In a parallel move, the town also introduced resolution 2014-06 during Monday’s council meeting, annexing 90.5 acres of property on the east side of Seahawk Road with the intent to allow developers to build a new affordable housing complex.

The town is required to publish notice of the introduction of the resolution in local newspapers for four consecutive weeks, and hold a public hearing on the matter at least 15 days after the last notice of publication.

District 2 Councilmember Lisa Hall, encouraged the public to attend the hearing and the planning strategic planning sessions.

“There are two things that are very important,” she said. “They’re going to be permanent fixtures to the town, and we want your input – and not in the grocery store. You do have an opportunity to come and speak ... and we want that.”

Both moves bring Berlin closer to

Williams’ ultimate vision for the town – in inclusive community rich with diversity, from its recreational catalogue, to its housing options, to the way people move around the town itself.

“I really believe that this Tyson property gives us the potential, if we look at this the right way and we really roll our sleeves up, to take us to a multi-modal transportation community,” he said. “The car dominated transportation and culture in America in the 20th century, but multi-modal communities are the 21st century. I believe that very deeply, and I’m willing to commit whatever time and effort and elicit as many good partners as we can find.”

That includes the state, federal government, nonprofits and private industry.

“If you’re a good partner, you’ve got a good reputation and you’re offering something the town needs we’ll find a way to work together,” Williams said. “People with real money in their pockets are looking at the Town of Berlin.”

Anyone who has paid attention to the history of the town knows this kind of optimism is a stark contrast to the Berlin of the past, when, even a decade ago, most businesses struggled to keep their doors open.

Williams said the turnaround that allowed the Tyson purchase, among other things, to become a reality was “unexpected, but extraordinarily rewarding.”

“I think we’re developing our own Berlin culture, which is very friendly, inviting and tolerant,” Williams said. “We work hard, but everything we do here should always have an element of fun.

“When I became mayor, I thought it would be all work with maybe a little reward here and there,” Williams continued. “It’s ended up being a lot more work than I thought, but with many times more rewards than I ever could have imagined. That’s the way I feel about the job, and that’s the way I feel about where Berlin is. I just happen to be fortunate enough to be mayor when all this is happening.”

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# Push for Berlin skate park continues

## Trickle of suggestions grows into flood tide of pleas and requests

By Josh Davis  
Staff Writer

(Dec. 24, 2014) As Berlin begins holding strategic planning sessions next month and considers which public projects to fund, one persistent group may have a leg up.

Or, at least, an axle.

In October, scores of citizens began to crash town hall and parks commission meetings to ask officials to consider building a public skate park.

Beth Gourley, owner of Go Organic Grocer, appealed to the council on behalf of her two sons. Matt Dove, owner of Punk Rock Fish Studio and a former pro skater, pitched that the town to apply for grants from the Tony Hawk Foundation. Sixteen-year-old Chad Joines even asked the council to include a place for bicycles.

Another resident, Benjamin Smith, stopped by a Parks Commission meeting the following week with nearly a dozen kids carrying skateboards.

Now it appears Berlin resident Lisa Cherivtch is galvanizing all the disparate factions.

Cherivtch credited Gourley with igniting the spark, approaching her in

September and asking her to join the burgeoning cause.

"I have a son that just turned 8 years old," she said. "We just moved from a farm in Pittsville where we lived for 10 years and I needed some kids for him to play with, and some community and parks and places for him to go.

"He wants to be involved in sports, and one of the sports he's really interested in is skateboarding," Cherivtch said.

Without a dedicated place to skate, Cherivtch said her son and his friends often take to the streets.

"Right now there could be, at any given time, 10 kids in front of my house on my street skating in the road," she said. "We have a fairly safe road. I live on Jefferson Street where the speed limit is about 10 miles an hour, but I see kids on Main Street and some of the other streets where the speed limit is a lot higher. They need a place to go where they can actually skate."

Thus far, Cherivtch has attended two mayor and council meetings, as well as one parks meeting, trying to learn more about the process.

"I'm not real familiar with the way government works," she said. "I'm learning as I go. I've done a lot of fundraising through the school that I work at, but that's completely differ-

ent. There's a lot of paperwork and tax stuff here."

Although she admitted things are just beginning, Cherivtch said, "We have a really good team that's forming." That list apparently includes Dove, Gourley and Smith, along with Ocean City business owners David Leverton of Get Gnarly skateboard shop and Jim Solomon of Swirled World. Veteran skater Pat Truitt and Blacksmith restaurant owner Justine Zegna have also joined the cause.

Town officials, Cherivtch said, told her things were "in the planning stages."

"They have not secured a property yet," she said. "Specifications on a property have been somewhat vague at this point. Right now they're looking for a temporary location, and I guess Henry Park is being considered for that temporary location until something can be planned for a larger, more permanent location, which hopefully will be in the works soon."

In the meantime, Cherivtch plans on being active, creating a nonprofit

group to raise funds and help in the planning process.

"Planning and fundraising need to be the highest priority at this moment," she said. "We have a good number of people involved, so it is time to get organized and get some concrete plans laid.

"I'd like to really push for a permanent location at this point, because without a permanent location people probably aren't really going to be willing to give," Cherivtch continued. "We have to be able to show them a plan and say, 'this is what you're going to get for donating.'"

The popularity of events like the Dew Tour, Cherivtch said, are proof of the economic potential skateboarding culture can bring to a community.

"Skateboarding is a hugely popular sport in this area and is continuing to attract more interest," she said. "In communities with a large and growing population of skaters, skate parks should be just as natural an addition to a community as a basketball court or a tennis court."

## AGH offers help on how to manage chronic pain

(Dec. 25, 2014) Atlantic General Hospital will be conducting a chronic disease self-management class for six weeks at North Worcester Senior Center in Berlin beginning Jan. 5.

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The workshop is six classes of 2.5 hours each and will meet each Monday (except Jan. 19 and Feb. 16), Jan. 5 through Feb. 23, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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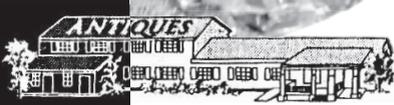
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# Sandpiper exec explains cost variations

By Josh Davis  
Staff Writer

(Dec. 24, 2014) As negotiations between Ocean Pines and Sandpiper Energy have more or less halted, information about the utility remains hazy, and pricing, not surprisingly, has become a particular concern.

Last week Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors Vice President Marty Clarke alleged that the community could buy propane cheaper from Sharp Energy, a subsidiary, like Sandpiper, of parent company Chesapeake Utilities Corporation.

"Sharp, the same people who own Sandpiper, will sell us gas for \$1.27 a gallon," he said.

Currently, according to Clarke, Ocean Pines is paying \$2.96 a gallon to heat their aquatics amenity.

Jim Moore, vice president of Chesapeake, attempted to clear up the confusion, specifically addressing consumer pricing concerns.

"It is possible that Sharp could provide a quote for an individual customer – likely not Ocean Pines in general – that would be lower than our regulated rate,"

he said. "Sharp, as with any unregulated propane provider, has the ability to look at the economics associated with a particular individual customer and make an assessment as to a rate that they may be willing to quote for that load."

As an example, Moore said the company would evaluate a large-usage account "based on their investment in the tanks and their delivery costs."

"If you have a very large user, it may be that the price calculated for that one customer, as opposed to a customer class, may be lower," he said.

Other considerations include load factor – whether the customers use a ratable amount of propane during the course of a year – as well as the time of year a customer's usage peaks.

A ratable load, Moore said, is more attractive to an energy company than a customer whose usage peaks in winter.

"This can go the other way too," Moore said. "The calculated rate for a smaller-usage customer could be higher when they take into account the cost of delivery on a per-unit basis. It takes just as long to back a truck into a driveway and connect and disconnect a hose for an account that takes 20 gallons as it does for one that takes 1,000 gallons."

Moore admitted he was oversimplifying, "but generally speaking that will give you some idea of what may be transpiring on a case-by-case basis," he said.

Unlike Sharp, Sandpiper's rates are regulated through the Public Service Commission. Moore said the company decided to pursue regulation in order to provide consistent rates to similar customer classes with the expectation that, as they introduce more natural gas into the "blended rate" system, prices would inevitably drop.

"We do have some flexibility but not nearly as much as an unregulated provider would have," he said. "By the same token, it's definitely buyer beware."

"Sometimes there are some details in a contract with a tank provider that need to be fully evaluated, such as, for example, duration of the commitment and other non-commodity fees."

Ocean Pines residents are free to purchase their own propane tanks and choose their own fuel suppliers provided they follow community regulations and either screen in or bury their tanks.

Moore categorized negotiations with Ocean Pines as "ongoing and confidential," but said the company will continue to pursue a new contract with the community, similar to the one it has with Worcester County, allowing it to convert existing propane lines to natural gas.

## County worker recovering after fall down shaft

By Josh Davis  
Staff Writer

(Dec. 24) It took more than an hour, working in the cramped confines of a 30-foot deep pump shaft, for rescue crews to pull Worcester County Wastewater Department employee James Bailey to safety on Dec. 17.

Bailey fell down the shaft at the wastewater station near Harbor Village in Ocean Pines at approximately 8:30 a.m.

One of the three crewmembers working alongside Bailey called for help, and a team including Ocean Pines and Showell fire departments, Worcester County Risk Management and Worcester County Emergency Services, arrived on the scene.

Steve Grunewald, 1st assistant chief of the Ocean Pines Fire Department, said three emergency responders made their way down the shaft, roughly two-to-three feet wide, fixed a full-body harness to Bailey, and used an aerial tow truck to lift him to safety.

Bailey, fully conscious during the rescue, was treated on the scene and airlifted to University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore.

Pump stations in Ocean Pines feed wastewater from individual sources to the treatment plant. At this particular station, one of the largest in the community, one of the pumps had gone bad and Bailey was working to replace it.

Deputy Public Works Direct John Ross said Bailey was half down the ladder when he fell onto his left side, breaking his left leg and ankle, cracking a rib

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## Chamber's new director running right out of gate

Membership building to get attention equal to its special events

By Josh Davis  
Staff Writer

(Dec. 24, 2014) New Berlin Chamber of Commerce Administrator Jim Volk barely has had time to set up his desk, yet he already is reinvigorating the organization and setting the table for a busy 2015.

A former Realtor, Volk took over day-to-day operations at the chamber in late October. Activity had been at a virtual standstill since August, when Executive Director Joya Mattie stepped down.

"We're terming 2015 a 'fresh start,'" Volk said. "It's a fresh start for the chamber because there have been certain things that have not been taken care of, only because of naivety – not because of the person. Things like invoicing had fallen off and we're getting back on track."

The chamber sponsors six major events in Berlin. While not downplaying his duties as a host, Volk said both he and the chamber's board of directors agreed events are secondary to membership.

"The membership is the most important part, and the membership extends beyond Main Street too," he said. "You have people as far as Salisbury all the way up into Delaware that are members of our chamber."

"There's been such a keen focus on all our events," Volk continued. "What I want to do – and what everybody is in agreement – is that the focus needs to either share or shift so that so much more of the focus is on the members themselves and what are we offering them and how can we give them value for their membership."

That includes retooling the chamber's website, where Volk said businesses that ceased operations years ago still have listings.

"We're just cleaning up and reor-

ganizing so that we can focus on the benefits to the members more than anything else," Volk said.

Volk's pitch to lapsed or potential new members, aside from the chamber's change in focus, includes selling the town of Berlin itself to area businesses.

"I've only been here for two months, but there are some statistics already that are proving people are very interested in learning more about Berlin and their affiliation with the chamber," he said.

Visibility is also an issue and social media seems to be a 21st century solution. As proof, Volk said the chamber's Facebook reach has grown 300 percent since he took over.

"The reach is incredible and the sharing is incredible compared to what we were," Volk said. "It's something we can share with the community as well too, because we do special postings, like for the fire department when they're having an all-you-can-eat breakfast. We want to promote those types of events in the city along with new businesses like Bleached Butterfly, Freeman Properties [The Freeman Stage] and Diakonia. All of those were spotlighted on the Facebook page recently."

Volk also restarted business after hours meetings, held on the third Thursday of each month.

"We had it early in December because of the holiday schedule, and it was a great turnout," Volk said. "Mayor Williams was here and his wife was here. We had a great time."

Volk has a sit-down meeting with the mayor scheduled on New Year's Eve, and is excited for his new office-mate, Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells, who will take over operations of Berlin's Main Street program.

All in all, things are looking up for a chamber that, as recently as summer, appeared to be considering closing its doors or merging with another chamber.

"We're headed in the right direction," Volk said. "It's just going to take time. I've enjoyed it so far."

## Worker recovering after fall

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and suffering some internal bruising

"You go down the ladder and it opens into a big room, and that's where all the pumps are," Ross said. "Of course, the whole thing is ventilated and there's air that goes into it to make it safe."

"He was going down this tube, got part way down, and slipped and fell to the bottom."

Ross said the wastewater crew called for help, realizing they "did not have the equipment to hoist [Bailey] out."

"Once that happened, you try and let the professionals do it," he said. "They stabilized his leg and put a splint on so it wouldn't cause any more problems, then hooked him onto

a rope and they hoisted him back up, because obviously he couldn't come up on the ladder anymore."

Bailey's son has provided regular updates to the wastewater staff.

"They operated on his ankle and that went fine," Ross said. "I'm sure he's going to be a long way back though. You never know how bad [a broken leg and ankle] can be."

"The last email I got, on Friday, said he was sitting up in a chair, talking to doctors," Ross continued. "They're still using [breathing] tubes. He was a smoker, so they probably have a breathing tube to help him out, but they say he's in good spirits."

As of press time, Bailey remained at Shock Trauma.



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# Berlin will have a ball once again

## A New Year, another party for downtown

**By Josh Davis**  
Staff Writer

(Dec. 25, 2014) The reigning Coolest Small Town in America is set to ring in the new year in typical, Berlin fashion – a large outdoor gathering with a few drinks in the historic downtown district.

Following along the heels of a yearlong cavalcade of events, including bathtub races and fiddler's conventions, the town will again suspend open beverage container laws and offer entertainment in anticipation of thousands of guests on Main Street.

Outgoing Economic and Community Development Director Michael Day said the New Year's Eve party was an "overnight success" when it debuted four years ago – although he initially balked at the idea.

"When they came and said they wanted to do this I said, 'I don't,' I wanted to be at home in bed with the clicker watching Dick Clark or whoever would be on at that time and not fool with this," he said. "After the first one, it was such a huge success. It's been a lot of fun."

Town staff worked feverishly in a daylong effort to remove the previous night's snowfall during that inaugural year, and everything else fell into place.

"It shocked us," Day said. "We thought 300-500 people maximum and 1,200 showed up. We had no port-a-potty's outside and we hardly had anything going on."

"Big Al Reno" from Ocean 98 Irie Radio will emcee this year's event, highlighted by the requisite "ball-drop" at midnight opposite the Atlantic Hotel, which will also dispense beer and wine.

"The first year [the ball] was pretty simple," Day said. "The second year we put hula hoops around it, and on the third year we put steel bands around it. So the outside has gotten bigger each year."

Incoming Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said she is excited for her first Berlin New Year's Eve party.

"I've spent New Year's in Times Square before, so I'm interested to see how this compares," she said. "I'm interested to see how it pans out and what I can add and work on for next year."

Day called the event "a local's thing."

"The stores aren't open. There's no big economic impact," he said. "It's more of the town celebrating the end of the year – it's kind of our gift back to the community."

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Close to 800 people get ready to plunge into the Atlantic Ocean at 2014's Penguin Swim on New Year's Day. They raised more than \$93,000 for Atlantic General Hospital.

## Penguin Swim: freezing funds for Atlantic Gen.

### New Year's Day dip will draw hundreds to annual fundraiser

By Kara Hallissey  
Staff Writer

(Dec. 25, 2014) The 21st annual Penguin Swim will take place on New Year's Day, when hundreds of people will plunge into the ocean off 91st Street to benefit Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin.

"It is a great family event that pulls the community together and raises awareness for the hospital," AGH Development Assistant Heather Trader said. "The Penguin Swim is not your typical Ocean City event and everyone comes out to celebrate the new year with the ones they love."

In addition to jumping into a 40-something-degree ocean, participants also will have the opportunity for some picture taking with a huge, ice carving of a penguin with a surfboard, completed by ice carver Eric Cantine. In addition, miniature pony, Frankie, is scheduled to make another appearance at this year's event.

In 2014, close to 800 people plunged into the surf for the swim and raised more than \$93,000 for the hospital.

Besides knowing that it's all for a good cause, swimmers will have other incentives. Participants who raise \$25 will receive a pint glass or a scarf and swimmers who raise \$50 can choose between a baseball hat and a penguin novelty hat.

Those topping \$75 will take home a long-sleeve T-shirt or retro duffel bag. Swimmers who raise \$150 will have the option of a sweatshirt, Outback hat or a robe. A surfboard-shaped towel will be given to participants reaching \$250 and anyone raising \$500 or more will be able to choose one prize from each level, Trader said.

The top three earning teams from each category, which includes individuals and adults, businesses, community groups and under 18, will be awarded trophies and prizes. There will be a best costume contest and special

recognition will be given to the oldest and youngest penguins.

Event organizers encourage participants to wear costumes, the more unique they are, the better, Trader said.

For the second year, participants who will be out of town on New Year's Day can engage in a "virtual swim." These penguins still raise money and register online, but must take a photo of their ice cold dip wherever they are and post it to social media sites. The photos will be shared at the event through a live feed. To show out-of-town photos on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, use the hashtag #OCPenguinSwim.

"We are thankful for the community support. Bull on the Beach raises tens of thousands each year. There are individuals who participate, where it is clear they have been raising money all year round and it was not a last minute effort. It's amazing," Trader said.

Registration for the 2015 Penguin Swim starts at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 1, at the Princess Royale Hotel on 91st Street, with the swim taking place at 1 p.m.

Early registration, advance check-in and prize pick-up will be available on Wednesday, Dec. 31, from 2-4 p.m. at the hotel.

An award ceremony will follow the swim inside Princess Royale and it will last until about 2 p.m.

To sign up for the 2015 Penguin Swim or to make a donation, visit [agh-penguinswim.org](http://agh-penguinswim.org). The event can be found on Facebook at [facebook.com/penguinswim](http://facebook.com/penguinswim) or call the hospital foundation office with questions at 410-641-9671.

The event is always looking for sponsors and there are five different money levels from which to choose. Make checks payable to AGH Foundation and mail to 9733 Healthway Drive Berlin, Md. 21811.

Proceeds from the event support strategic plans started by Atlantic General Hospital and back its mission to improve individual and community health.

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Case No. 9361

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Pursuant to Order No. 86622, the Public Service Commission of Maryland ("Commission") has scheduled the following evening hearings for the purpose of receiving public comments on the merger of Exelon and Pepco Holdings, Inc., parent company to Delmarva Power & Light Company ("Delmarva Power"), at the dates, times, and locations as indicated:

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Written comments also may be filed by February 17, 2015. Original signed paper comments<sup>1</sup> shall be submitted to David J. Collins, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, and reference "Case No. 9361 – Public Comment."

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# Dog boarding business opens in W. Ocean City

## All Paws builds client list based on what's best for its pooches

By Josh Davis  
Staff Writer

(Dec. 24, 2014) All Paws Doggy Daycare opened in West Ocean City earlier this month, but don't expect the pet boarding business to prey on the summer influx of tourists.

Owner Rose Stivers built the business from the ground up, carefully selecting her customers to ensure all the animals in her care have a happy, healthy stay.

Stivers was bitten by the dog bug seven years ago, when her husband gave her a yellow lab named "Brook."

"She changed my life," she said. "She brings so much joy and happiness to our family."

Hungry for knowledge, Stivers enrolled in a dog-care program at WorWic Community College.

"It was a three-month program for a vet assistant certificate and I was able to work as an intern at Ocean City Animal Hospital," Stivers said. "Between that and my friends who own the Paws and Claws pet store, they started referring customers to me to walk their dogs. It evolved into a dog daycare and a very small dog boarding business."

As the business grew, Stivers looked to expand.

The new location includes 2,200 square feet of indoor space with two in-

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All Paws Doggy Daycare owner Rose Stivers sits with one of her clients, Marley, inside the comfortable 2,200 square foot West Ocean City facility.

# Penguin swim

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The hospital has been providing health care to residents of Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties as well as Sussex County, Del., since May 1993. Since its inception, the Penguin Swim has raised more than \$800,000 for the hospital.

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# All Paws plans to pamper its pooches

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door playrooms, as well as a large fenced-in backyard that can be subdivided into three sections.

All Paws can hold up to 14 dogs at any given time. Each pet gets a private room with its own child-size bed, whether they stay for the day or board for an extended period.

"That way they have a place to go to if they need a time out or they need some quiet time," Stivers said.

A gated door, giving the animals plenty of visibility, encloses each room.

"Dogs really do better if they are around another dog and they are not confined," Stivers said. "It's all open so you don't feel closed in, and you get to see what's going on. I don't crate the dogs unless the owner crates the dogs."

Stivers employs a mobile veterinarian to trim nails, clean ears and care for

minor scrapes and bruises during their stay. The facility also includes provisions for elderly and handicapped dogs.

That level of attention to detail to the needs of the dogs she cares for created an extremely loyal customer base.

"Most of my customers I've been dealing with for three to four years," Stivers said. "I know the dog's personalities really well, so I know who plays well with who, who needs time out because they get too stressed or over stimulated."

Stivers hopes to continue building close relationships with a core group of consumers.

"I prefer the year-round costumers," she said. "I get to know them, I get to know their dogs. I like the community play setting. It's not your typical kennel where each dog is assigned to a separate run and they don't have any interaction

with other dogs. Here, I encourage group play and socialization. That's why I'm particular on the dogs that I take."

Stivers does not take on dogs that show any aggression and avoids those that display heavy signs of separation anxiety.

Size, however, is not a factor.

"I take chihuahuas all the way up to great danes," Stivers said.

Looking forward, Stivers hopes to include indoor agility classes and other types of training sessions.

"That's something I would like to get into in the future, just basic training," Stivers said. "A lot of the owners of the dogs don't have time to invest in training a dog to walk on a leash properly. Because I'm here and the dog's here, I can help them by working on that."

For more information, call 410-390-3118.

# Assateague beach walk a tradition

## New Year's Day trek a decades-old gathering

By Kara Hallissey  
Staff Writer

(Dec. 25, 2014) Get some fresh air and be surrounded by nature during Assateague Coastal Trust's 35th annual Ilia Fehrer/Judy Johnson New Year's Day Beach Walk at Assateague State Park on Thursday, Jan. 1.

Former National State Park Service Ranger, Chris Seymour will be leading the group north, up the beach to scenic and pristine views, with Ocean City's strip in the distance. Everyone will meet on the deck of the concession stand next to the beach, said Assateague Coastkeeper Kathy Phillips.

"[Seymour] loves to guide the annual beach walk for ACT," she said.

The retired Park Ranger has led the New Year's Day Beach Walk for more than 25 years and only missed two years during that time due to a government shutdown and retirement.

Seymour likes to choose a theme for the annual walk and this year he will focus on "finding your own island." The event will concentrate on revealing the other habitats and zones of Assateague Island. He will shy away from the familiar sunny beaches and wild ponies' aspect of the National Park.

The route will begin with the wild and remote areas from the ocean surf zone, back past the primary dune to the island's interior. He will pause in the inner dune and highlight the difference shelter makes behind the protective dune.

Next, Seymour will lead the group inland to see the shrub or thicket zone where animals and plants get their first shelter, while following sand grains back to a unique, maritime forest, which is being swallowed by the moving island. The tour will end on the bayside marsh where Assateague is rolling on itself and making new land in the coastal bay.

"We want to invite the folks attending to come back for a little solitude and absorb these different habitats by sitting still, listening, feeling and even smelling the subtle differences of each one. Their own "island within an island," Seymour said.

The walk has uncovered skeletons of sea life, clam shells from thousands of years ago, boat wrecks, dolphin carcasses and even a giant navigation buoy was spotted from Egg Harbor, N.J. throughout the last 34 years.

The length and time of the beach walk varies, depending on the weather, but make sure to dress accordingly. The average time is about 1.5 to 2 hours. If it's a nice day, Seymour can keep talking and walking. People can choose to walk as far as they want and turn back whenever, Phillips said.

The ACT office started a tradition years ago, when the beach walk first began. Everyone who participated would sign a clam shell to record the

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Former National Park Service Ranger, Chris Seymour, has been guiding the Assateague Beach Walk for more than 25 years.

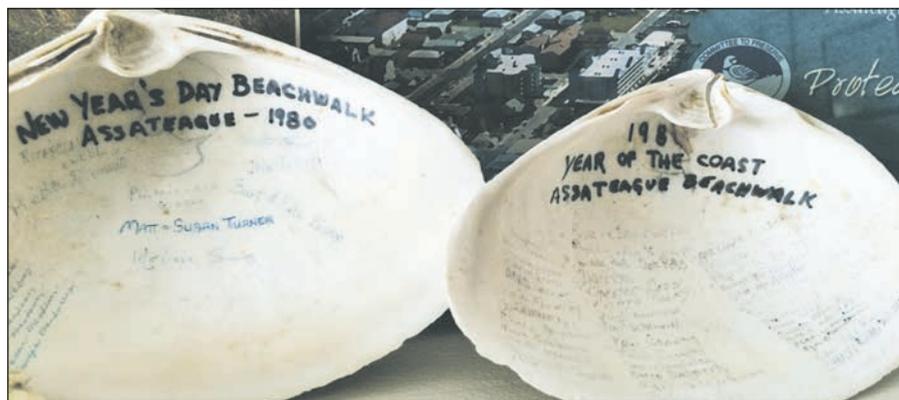


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The Assateague Coastal Trust office started a tradition years ago, when the New Year's Day Beach Walk first began. Everyone who participated would sign a clam shell to record the memories, like the ones shown here.

# Assateague Beach Walk a decades-old tradition

memories. This started when only 20 people were participating and these days the crowds the walk sees would fill up a few clam shells. The shells are displayed in their office to remind everyone how special the New Year's Beach Walk is to everyone involved.

Anywhere from 100 to 400 people come out every year and the numbers fluctuate depending on the weather. Last year, the frigid weather did not deter more than 100 people in participating.

"Some years everyone is bundled up like Eskimos and other years its T-shirt weather," Phillips said.

The history of the beach walk is as rich as Assateague Island itself.

In the early 1970s, Judy Johnson formed the Committee to Preserve Assateague Island to draw attention to its beauty.

Around the same time, Ilia Fehrer, of Snow Hill, came down to Assateague on New Year's Day wanting to reconnect with the wilderness and shake off New Year's Eve. She was an avid voice in preserving the wetlands and shorelines on Assateague Island. Her family continued to join every year, even coming down from Baltimore. The invite went out to Assateague Coastal Trust, formally the Committee to Preserve Assateague Island to join and members started participating. It became bigger and bigger every year, Phillips said.

"It's a family tradition that turned into an organization's tradition. We just keep it going," Phillips said.

The first beach walk was organized by Ilia Fehrer and Judy Johnson on Jan. 1, 1980, the same year former President Jimmy Carter declared "Year of the Coast."

The New Year's Day tradition is now named in their honor.

"Part of what this walk is about is to remember our founders and their efforts to preserve Assateague Island," Phillips said. "The continued goal of keeping the island undeveloped and natural."

Entry to the park is free for the New Year's walk and volunteers will be present to help distribute hot chocolate and cookies on the meeting deck.

"What better way to get out in the weather and onto the beach. We are reminded how special it is to have Assateague Island in our backyards, Phillips said. "It's a great way to clear your head and make promises for the new year. Get outside and enjoy nature. It's the best way to enjoy the new year."

Meet ACT staff and Seymour at the Assateague State Park concession stand at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 1 to join the walk. From Route 50, follow Route 611 south across the Verrazano Bridge, then drive to the end of the road and turn right into the State Park's parking lot.

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Berlin Police S.O. Chris Bireley pets his police dog Luke, who won third place in a narcotics sniffing competition in October.

## Berlin's newest K-9 just member of family, but...

### Highly trained canine can sniff out drugs, as well as protect handler

By Josh Davis  
Staff Writer

(Dec. 24) He might be the youngest, shortest – and hairiest – member on the Berlin police staff, but would-be criminals in the area wouldn't want to cross Officer Luke.

Luke, who came to Berlin in July 2012, is the second police dog owned by S.O. Chris Bireley. The first, Titus, retired after nine years of service.

Bireley said the animal, a massive German shepherd who cost approximately \$12,000, was paid for mostly using money seized from drug busts.

Titus was a "green dog," while Luke came with training from a specialized K-9 version of the police academy.

"With Luke, we got him from a place in Pennsylvania on the Ohio border, and I just went up there for two weeks," he said. "I did some training there and they came down here and we had monthly training here. We had a whole group of K-9 officers all over the Eastern Shore come, and we had about 20 dogs, and a trainer in Wicomico County trained us two days a month."

Luke's primary role on the force is to sniff out narcotics, usually during traffic stops. In October, the dog took home third place during the narcotics search competition at the fourth annual K-9 Trials in Salisbury, Pa.

Bireley said the dog also comes in handy when dealing with potential burglars.

"If we get a burglary or an alarm and the door's open and it looks like someone might be in there we can send him in to search the building, which takes half the time even if you had four or five officers," he said. "He can search the whole building and, if someone is hiding behind a door, he can smell him and scratch and let us know someone is in there."

Luke is also an expert tracker.

"If someone runs from the police, he can track them down," Bireley said, adding police dogs also come in handy in cases involving lost children or missing senior citizens. "It's not always bad guys that we're tracking," he said.

Bireley said having Luke around makes the job "so much better."

"If I'm working by myself I got him – I got backup right there," he said. If I'm in a fight outside the car I just push a button and the door pops open and he comes right out."

In one instance, Luke's presence may have even saved Bireley from serious trouble.

"We had an area in town where I arrested three people for drugs and they came quietly," he said. "I got them back [to the station] and said, 'There was three of you and only one of me. I can't believe you didn't run or fight me.' One of them said, 'we heard that dog barking and talked about it, and we said no way. We're not going to do it.' That makes you feel good that you've got that. Just the barking alone keeps you safe."

Despite his menacing appearance and seemingly endless amount of energy, Bireley said when Luke is off

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## COUNTY BRIEFS

(Dec. 25, 2014) The Worcester County Commissioners discussed the following item during their meeting Dec. 16.

### Crabs To Go

Crabs To Go on Route 50 at Route 589, has been added into the Ocean Downs sanitary service area and will tie into the lines that feed the racetrack's sewer service using 21 EDUs worth of capacity but mitigating it with 10 retired septic EDUs.

The proposal passed the collective muster of the comprehensive plan, zoning and planning commission. An easement will be required, the particulars of which were still being worked out. The commissioners voted to allow the process to continue.

### NASA facility to stay

A NASA facility in Newark has been operating as a temporary special exception to current zoning laws.

NASA likes its facility and wishes to remain, and so proposed an amendment to the zoning code, which would allow them to stay indefinitely. The proposal was accepted unanimously.

### Surplus property auction

When publicly owned materials and equipment have been marked as surplus, the public has the right to object to the county's disposal of those items.

Which doesn't mean they will. After being listed and advertised as surplus gear for the past month, the county moved to auction a number of vehicles and equipment without any objections raised by the public.

### Bids awarded

A number of bids were awarded during the board's meeting.

Cooks property — Allstate Renovation \$29,700

Purnell property — J&G Maintenance and Repair \$48,260

Brittingham property (well) — Bundick Well & Pump \$4,665

Brittingham property (septic) — Clark Disposal \$10,006

Ocean Pines polybutelene line replacement — WM Water and Sewer \$34,250

### Waiver request

The commissioners, as part of Community Development Block Grant pro-

## New k-9 joins Berlin police

Continued from Page 14 duty, "he's just a pet at home."

"People think he's mean because they see the mean side, but at home he's just a part of my family," he said. "My son, who is 8, pulls his tail and wrestles with him and everything else."

grams, are required to spend five percent of grant funds before Dec. 27 to qualify for reimbursement or to avoid fund reclamation.

Due to backlog and other factors, the county will not be able to meet this deadline. They had sought approval to start spending grant funds before they had been dispersed, but the approval and bid processes didn't allow enough time, according to county officials.

Board President M. Jim bunting will sign a letter requesting more time to begin spending the grant money before penalties begin to incur.

### Highway user revenue

Pursuant to House Bill 1059, local governments are required to submit a detailed report on how they used state highway user revenues, due Jan. 1.

The report will reflect that Worcester County used \$472,202 in fiscal 2014 and \$491,535 in fiscal 2015 to pave county roads.

### Bid specifications

Two bid specifications were approved for distribution, including portable restroom services at four county locations and a replacement chiller.

The chiller will replace the one currently at the Berlin Health Service, and has been budgeted to cost \$75,000 or less, depending on the bids.

The restroom services are for the boat landings, parks, solid waste transfer stations and the sheriff's firing range and are estimated to total about \$18,000.

## Pickleball clinic for beginners

(Dec. 25, 2014) The Ocean Pines Recreation Department in conjunction with the Ocean Pines Pickleball Club instructors Frank Creamer and Julie Woulfe will be offering a January pickleball clinic.

This clinic begins on Sunday, Jan. 4 and runs for four consecutive Sundays, ending on Jan. 25. Clinic times are 4:30-5:30 p.m.

This clinic is a family-friendly beginner's course. All equipment is provided at no additional charge. This clinic will held at the Ocean Pines Recreation Department gymnasium.

This increasingly popular sport is a cross between ping-pong, badminton and tennis. The cost is \$15 per clinic residents as well as nonresidents.

For more information or to register, call the Ocean Pines Recreation & Parks Department at 410-641-7052.

Information regarding this clinic as well as additional recreational programs, can be found in the Ocean Pines Fall 2014 Activity Guide. The guide can also be found on www.OceanPines.org under the Recreation tab.

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## Legislators facing old issues

### Environmental matters remain to be debated

By Bryan P. Sears

The Daily Record Newswire (Dec. 25, 2014) Something old, something new, something borrowed, something green.

The fresh crop of legislators — more than a third of the 188 senators and delegates will be new to their positions — will debate environmental issues that preceded many of them, in addition to incoming Republican Gov. Larry Hogan.

Hogan, who has made economic links to many popular environmental initiatives, has announced that he differs from the Democratic-controlled legislature and his predecessor, Gov. Martin J. O'Malley, on issues such as the so-called rain tax, the regulation of chicken manure on Eastern Shore farms, and fracking.

Washing away the 'rain tax'?

One area where there might be the most room for an agreement could be the controversial stormwater management fee imposed by the legislature two years ago. It's the same issue that Hogan successfully used as an example of what he said was a government so revenue thirsty that it had found a

way to tax the rain.

During the campaign, Hogan vowed to repeal the tax. In an interview earlier this month, Hogan said that while he doubted that the law — based on a federal mandate to control nutrient and sediment runoff from flowing into the Chesapeake Bay — could be fully repealed, he would seek to eliminate the mandate requiring nine of the state's largest jurisdictions to impose a fee to cover its costs.

"We're going to repeal that mandated fee," Hogan said. "Let local governments decide what to pay for and how to pay for it and let them be responsible to their own residents if they want to impose a tax."

The 2012 law required the state's nine largest counties and Baltimore City to impose a fee to cover the costs of the federal mandate. Most imposed fees on residential, commercial and non-profit properties; Frederick County imposed a fee of 1 cent per property, and Carroll County opted to pay for the program from its existing budget.

State environmental officials initially accused Carroll County of violating the law and threatened a \$10,000 per day fine for non-compliance. That fine was ultimately rescinded after the county agreed to a dedicated fund for the programs.

But as with last year, there

will be some attempt by legislators to eliminate the program.

Sen. Jim Brochin, D-Baltimore County, said last month that the 2014 election was a referendum on taxes in the state, including the stormwater management fee. Brochin, who voted for the 2012 legislation, said he would sponsor a bill to eliminate the law.

"The people have spoken," Brochin said at the time. "It would be a major mistake not to respect the will of the voters."

But such efforts appear to have little chance of success as leaders in the Senate and House say they are willing to consider allowing changes for how counties pay for stormwater-related projects.

"I don't believe it will be eliminated," Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr. said earlier this month.

Instead, the longest-serving Senate president in the country said he believed changes such as the one favored by Hogan would be successful.

The Senate is seen as more moderate than the House of Delegates.

But Friday, Del. Maggie McIntosh, who championed the bill in 2012 in her position as chairwoman of the House Environmental Matters Committee, said she would consider

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# Environmental issues pre-date many members

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changes to the two-year-old law.

"I'm always open to conversation," McIntosh said, adding that she would be willing to consider allowing counties to go their own way and decide whether to impose a fee as long as they set aside funding in a dedicated account that can be tracked by the public and state officials.

"I do think that could be something that all of us could agree on," McIntosh said. "What I don't want to see is a lifting of the mandate and counties with incredible stormwater management needs that stop paying for their projects and then come knocking on the state's door asking for money."

The trouble with chickens

Legislators could also find themselves once again having to deal with another controversial set of water quality regulations known as the phosphorous management tool — PMT to farmers on the Eastern Shore.

The controversial regulations proposed by O'Malley are meant to control the amount of phosphorous that seeps into the bay by imposing limits on the use of manure, primarily chicken litter, which is rich with the nutrient.

Alison Prost, Maryland director of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, said the proposed nutrient management regulations work hand-in-hand with stormwater management requirements.

"Both of these issues are all about pollution from run-off," Prost said. "It's estimated that 80 percent of the load on the

Eastern Shore comes from agriculture, and we need a solution for agriculture."

The regulations have been proposed three times in the last two years, but they have been delayed from implementation because of opposition.

O'Malley decided to move forward with the regulations in the final two months of his tenure. If a legislative committee fails to delay them, the new rules could take effect on Jan. 16 — five days before Hogan takes the oath of office.

The incoming Republican governor has vowed to fight the new regulations.

"We won't allow them to put you out of business, destroy your way of life, or decimate your entire industry," the Republican said.

Supporters and opponents of the new regulations both say they stand ready to press for a legislative solution depending on whether or not the regulations take effect next month.

"If we delay it any more, we may see further declines in the bay and beach closures and the quality of water in our local streams and rivers," Prost said.

Del. Adelaide C. "Addie" Eckardt, R-Eastern Shore, who will be sworn in as a senator in January, was one of three legislators who successfully passed legislation requiring an economic analysis.

Eckardt said she would like time for a more complete study of the financial impacts of the regulations than was released last month, which she said did not meet the requirements of the bill passed earlier this year.

"I think we're putting the cart before the horse, here," she said. "Eastern Shore farm families have been good stewards of the land and the bay. There's this complaint that farmers shouldn't be putting manure in the water. It's the image that is out there, but farmers aren't doing that. This is about nutrients that are in the ground and how they move in the groundwater."

That study by Salisbury University released last month found that compliance with the regulations could cost chicken growers, farmers and businesses between \$22 million and \$53 million over six years.

"In my mind, as I reviewed the cost analysis, I did not think it met the letter of the law," Eckardt said.

Eckardt has sent a letter requesting a hearing to legislators in charge of the committee responsible for approving the published regulations.

"Because of the changes in the legislature, we need to have another hearing on it," she said.

Fracking regulations or a ban

Also on the agenda will be a set of regulations for hydraulic fracturing considered to be the strictest in the country by supporters and opponents alike.

The regulations were forwarded for potential approval by O'Malley, again in the last days of his tenure. Hogan wants an opportunity to review and possibly put his own stamp on the rules that could ultimately open up portions of western Maryland to the controversial natural gas extraction process.

The Republican governor-elect said he favors fracking, as long as it's done safely, because of its potential economic

benefit to the poor rural counties. Hogan has not outlined what he would consider to be a safe process.

Meanwhile, fracking opponents appear to be gearing up to head to Annapolis to fight for an outright ban.

"But for Maryland ... the safest strategy for drilling for gas in the Marcellus Shale is to not drill for that gas at all," Mike Tidwell, director of the Chesapeake Climate Action Network, said in a statement. "With sea-level rise and other impacts of climate change now directly harming Maryland and much of the world, climate scientists say 80 percent of the world's known reserves of fossil fuels must stay in the ground if we are to have any hope of stabilizing the world's atmosphere. This includes the Marcellus Shale gas reserve in America's central Appalachian Mountains."

The Chesapeake Climate Action Network is one of a number of organizations that has supported legislation that would have imposed a ban on fracking in Maryland. Those bills have failed in recent years, primarily because Sen. Joan Carter Conway, chairwoman of the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee, has wanted to wait for the commission to complete its work on possible recommendations for regulations.

Sen. Robert A. "Bobby" Zirkin, D-Baltimore County and the incoming chairman of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, sponsored a fracking ban bill last year.

Zirkin said he still supports a ban but would not be the primary sponsor.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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# OBITUARIES

## Wilsie Mae Foskey

Powellville—Wilsie Mae Foskey, age 88, went to be with the Lord on Dec. 15, 2014 at Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.



Wilsie Foskey

Born in Powellville, she was the daughter of the late Walter and Olivia Bradford Lewis. She was preceded in death by her husband, George Vincent Foskey in 2010. Surviving, are her children, Gary Wayne Foskey and his wife, Hilda of Pittsville, and Alice Marie Scott and her husband, Denny of Salisbury. There are two granddaughters, Julie Owens and Donna Foxwell, and three great-grandchildren; Mason Foxwell, Chase Owens and Olivia Owens. Also preceding her in death was her brother, William "Bill" Lewis, and her sister, Edith Phillips.

Mrs. Foskey had been a seamstress with the Powellville Pant Factory. She was a member of Powellville United Methodist Church. In her spare time, Wilsie loved to cook.

A graveside service was held at Powellville Cemetery on Dec. 20, 2014. Pastor Joseph LeCates officiated.

A donation in her memory may be made to Powellville Volunteer Fire Company, 5085 Powellville Rd. Pittsville, Md. 21860. Letters of condolence may be sent via: [www.burbagefuneralhome.com](http://www.burbagefuneralhome.com).

## Dr. Donald Anthony Fleger

Ocean Pines— Dr. Donald Anthony Fleger, age 85, passed into eternal rest at Atlantic General Hospital on Dec. 14, 2014.



Dr. Donald Fleger

Born Nov. 21, 1929, in Cleveland, Ohio, he was the son of the late Anthony A. and Mary Nemeč Fleger. He is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Mary K. Fleger and children, Kathleen Mary Tracy and her husband, Patrick of Pittsburgh, Pa., Dwayne Edward Fleger and his wife, Marti of Reston, Va. and Stephen Anthony Fleger and his wife, Melanie of Herndon, Va.

There are nine grandchildren, Patrick Tracy, Christopher Tracy, Timothy Tracy, Cassie Jackson, Kirstie Fleger, Kalla Fleger, Katherine Fleger, Andrew Fleger and Jordan Fleger, and four great-grandchildren, Madison Fleger, Lilliane Fleger, Andrew Fleger, Jr. and Evelyn Fleger.

His family moved to Washington, D.C. in 1940 when his father was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. During that tenure, Don attended Capital Page School where he served two years as a page in the U.S. House. He attended University of Virginia and was a 1955 graduate

of the Georgetown University School of Dentistry. He then served as a dentist in the U.S. Army for two years as a captain while stationed at Fort Meade, Md.

Following his discharge, he moved his family to Virginia and opened a dental practice. After 30 years, he retired to Ocean Pines in 1988. There he served as an active member of the Environmental Control Committee for approximately 20 years.

Donald was an affectionate husband and caring father who adored his grandchildren and great grandchildren. In his spare time he enjoyed boating, wood working, model building and watching the Washington Redskins. Above all, he will be remembered for his love of family, optimistic outlook and tenacious drive to never give up.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Dec. 19, 2014 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

A donation in his memory may be made to: St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis Tenn. 38105. Letters of condolence may be sent via: [www.burbagefuneralhome.com](http://www.burbagefuneralhome.com).

## Eleanor "Midge" B. Powell

Berlin—Eleanor "Midge" B. Powell, age 81, passed away on Dec. 16, 2014 at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin.



Midge Powell

Born in Dayville, Conn., she was the daughter of the late Armand and Margaret Mullen Fortier. She is survived by her husband, Jerome E. Powell, and children, Felecia Blaine and her husband, Wes of Fairfax, Va., Wayne Barker Jr. and his wife, Joanne of Grandview, Tenn., Sheila LaDue and her husband, Steve of Odessa, Fla., Angie Burke and her husband, Terry of Bethesda, Md., and her stepchildren, Jerome Powell and his wife Mary, of Pasadena, Md., Chris Powell and his wife, Theresa of Ellicott City, Md., and Kate Korb of Ellicott City, Md.

There are 22 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren (and counting.) Also surviving is her sister Marilyn Canjar, Denver, Colo., and sister-in-law Phyllis Fortier, Marlboro, Ma. and host of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her first husband Lt Col. (Ret) Wayne Barker in 1975, and her brother Frank Fortier.

Midge and Jerry were married in March 1981 and shared many years of camping, traveling and visiting with their well-blended family.

In 2000 Midge and Jerry moved to Ocean Pines. Midge became a very active member of the Pine'eer Craft Club. She enjoyed many years of friendship and crafting with her fellow club members.

By her family she will always be remembered as "Grandma Midge" with memories of their favorite foods

being on the table as they came in the house. The annual trips will never be forgotten with her children and the hours of laughter and the millions of times Jerry went to Wal-Mart.

Midge will live on through all of us and we will smile each time we look at her namesake Eleanor Jane, her great-granddaughter.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday Jan. 17, 2015 at 1 p.m. at St. John Neumann Catholic Church near Ocean Pines.

In lieu of flowers, donation in her memory may be sent to the charity of your choice. Letters of condolence may be sent via: [www.burbagefuneralhome.com](http://www.burbagefuneralhome.com).

## Susan Bell Waters

Washington, D.C.—Susan Bell Waters died peacefully at her home on Dec. 16, 2014.



Susan Waters

A nationally recognized association executive, Susan was born in Denton, Md., on Feb. 21, 1951, and grew up in Public Landing, Md., on the Chincoteague Bay. She is remembered by her many friends and colleagues for her warmth, compassion and for going out of her way for others.

Susan was appointed CEO of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA) in 2010, after serving as deputy CEO beginning in 2007. Her leadership experience is deep and wide ranging, including serving as president of an organizational consulting firm, and as CEO of the California Society of Certified Public Accountants, the Massachusetts Bar Association, the San Francisco Medical Society, and the Prince George's County (MD) Medical Society.

Susan's skills as a leader were recognized repeatedly. Among many other recognitions, she was the first woman to serve as president of the American Association of Medical Society Executives and the Board of Directors and as an officer of the American Society of Association Executives. She was also a trustee and treasurer for the Foundation of the Business and Professional Women's Federation/USA.

In 2013, she was the recipient of the American Society of Association Executives' Key Award, which recognizes the association CEO who demonstrates exceptional qualities of leadership and displays a deep commitment to voluntary membership organizations.

Susan earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland, a master's degree in Organization Development from the University of San Francisco, and a doctorate of management from the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University.

Susan is survived by a twin sister,

Marty Pusey; two brothers, Bill Waters, and his wife, Marilyn and Donald Waters and his wife, Linda; nephew, Ryan Waters; nieces Katie Keith and husband, Jon and Sarah Dryden and her husband, Michael.

A funeral service was held Dec. 22, 2014 at Makemie Memorial Presbyterian Church in Snow Hill, Md. Arrangements are being handled by the Burbage Funeral Home in Snow Hill. Rev. Debra Latture officiated. Interment followed in the Makemia Presbyterian Churchyard.

A celebration of Susan's life will also be held at the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) headquarters in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015.

The family asks that donations be made in Susan's name to two organizations she strongly supported: "So Others Might Eat," an interfaith, community-based organization that helps the poor and homeless in Washington, D.C., 71 O Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001, [www.some.org](http://www.some.org); and "Smile Train," an international charity dedicated to addressing children's cleft lip and palate — [www.smiletrain.org](http://www.smiletrain.org).

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via [Burbage@Burbage-FuneralHome.com](mailto:Burbage@Burbage-FuneralHome.com).

## Barbara Lee Mumford

Georgetown, Del.—Mrs. Barbara Lee Mumford of Georgetown, Del. passed away on Dec. 17, 2014 at the Delaware Hospice Center. She was 69 years old.

Barbara was born on July 4, 1945 in Georgetown to the late Ollie D. and Helen A. McCabe Mitchell. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded by her feline friend, "Fluffy."

She worked as a nurse's aide in home health care. She was an angel and always did for other people. She loved watching the soap operas, scary movies and spending time with her children. She was deeply loved by all of her family and will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her husband of 21 years, Faron C. Mumford of Georgetown; three children, Debbie Lynn Elliott of Ocean Pines, Harry Dale Elliott and his wife, Kimberly of Georgetown and Crystal Lynn Elliott of Laurel, Del.; a step-daughter, Jessica Lynn Auger of Berlin; two sisters, Pauline Esham and Doris Calvanessi; six grandchildren, Brittany Lynn Childress, Logan Richardson, Ryan Neal Benson, Ashlyn Elliott, Brooke Elliott and Gianni Auger as well as one great-grandchild, Jordan Robinson.

A funeral service was held Dec. 22, 2014 at the Watson Funeral Home, 211 S. Washington Street, Millsboro, Del. 19966. Burial was private.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, Del. 19963 or to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

# CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

## Easy holiday treat: chocolate-dipped Oreos

Forget fancy for now and go for something quick and incredible

The 1st Annual Suplee Christmas Cookie Party is in the books. Overall, it was a successful event, but next year we're going to encourage people to bring hors d'oeuvres and maybe a

cordial or two. With kids making cookies and a couple parents talking about old Gary Larson cartoons and the Gashlycrumb Tinies, it was just another evening at Chez Suplee.

Perhaps the latter was not too appropriate for the festive mood of the evening, but the Ed Gorey conversation was between dads and no children were privy to that portion of the entertainment.

The spritz cookies didn't last too long and a mere few days later, it was time to make some more cookie baskets for friends and coworkers. So, we put the kids to work again.

This time, it was Hannah, our oldest daughter, who was making Chocolate Crackle cookies and peanut butter cookies with the ubiquitous Hershey's kiss on top. If you've never had Chocolate Crackle cookies, aka Chocolate Crack, you need to stop what you're doing and knock out a batch.

Not one for eating raw cookie dough, I still go out of my way to eat this once it cools down a little bit. It's like the richest, softest fudge you've ever had, and it's one of the very few foods that tastes just as good cooked. As for the Kiss-adorned PB cookie, it doesn't seem to be realistic that we'll ever make it through Christmas without making or receiving a Hershey's Kiss smashed into a cookie top.

While Hannah worked on her cookies, I took the easy route and a quick second to put together some chocolate covered Oreos and we were off and running. Yes, these are overly



simple, but after inundating you with liquid nitrogen recently, I figured I'd give you something that can be accomplished with a short trip to Food Lion.

As we sat at the table putting together the baskets, my wife surprised us with an Elf puzzle. Puzzles are one of those holiday traditions that I absolutely love, until we get about 50 pieces into them. Once the frustration sets in, deep breaths are drawn in an effort to calm down the spirit. Then, the outer edge is finished, and a huge weight is off of your shoulders.

Then it's time to break the remaining pieces in their respective color groups and hope that you will get the blasted thing done before the first buds of spring arrive. It typically happens that everyone will walk away from the puzzle after the first night only to come back in small doses until the puzzle finally starts coming together.

Piece by piece the puzzle comes into one, and cookie by cookie the plate becomes emptier. It's an annual event. The likelihood that the dining room table will be empty for Christmas dinner is optimistic at best and it thus becomes my job to stay up late

with our daughter Gabbie and get the blasted puzzle done. After all, we can't put it away half-done, can we?

And so as you read this, we will be well into Christmas and just past Hanukkah, the time of year in which so many people grace their neighbors with love, happy thoughts and the gift of friendship. I hope that everyone has a Merry Christmas, a Happy Holiday and a safe and prosperous New Year.

### Chocolate covered Oreos

1 pack Double Stuff Oreos  
3 c. Dark chocolate  
2 c. White chocolate  
2 c. Milk chocolate  
Vegetable oil, as needed  
Sprinkles and mini chips, as needed  
Coarse Sea Salt

The secret to this recipe is to melt the chocolate slowly. There's no reason to be in a hurry.

Melt the chocolates separately (obviously) and add just enough oil to thin out the chocolate. For good dark chocolate, I would add 1 tbsp. of oil. Play with it and you will figure out a good ratio for you.

Set up a wire cookie rack over a cookie pan to catch the dripping

chocolate and start dipping the cookies. Make sure that you only dip one cookie at a time, or two maximum! If you do more than that and your chocolate is warm, you will start to melt the stuffing and you will end up with a bunch of junk in your coating.

Set the cookies on a wire rack and let sit for about one minute.

Sprinkle the cookies with your mini chips and sprinkles and remove from the wire rack before they become permanently attached, placing them on wax paper.

For an extra surprise, sprinkle some cookies with the coarse sea salt. This adds such a nice pop to the chocolate, since the salt offsets the overly sweet chocolate and cookie to perfection.

Once they have set up, you can store them in an airtight container for up to two weeks, but I would use them within a few days. After all, they're chocolate covered Oreos. I can't understand why they would last any longer than that.

— Paul G. Suplee is a certified executive chef and ProChef certified Level-3. He is a writer and culinary instructor. Find his ePortfolio at [www.heartofakitchen.com](http://www.heartofakitchen.com).



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# CALENDAR

Please send calendar items to [editor@baysidegazette.com](mailto:editor@baysidegazette.com) by 5 p.m. Monday to make sure your events are printed. All community-related activities will be published at no charge.

## BAYSIDE GAZETTE

### SAT. Dec. 27

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** — VFW, Post 8296, 104 66th St., bayside in Ocean City, 8-11 a.m. A \$5 donation for all-you-can-eat pancakes or 2-2-2, two eggs, two pancakes and two bacon slices, includes coffee and juice. Bloody Marys cost \$3. Info: 410-524-8196.

**FARMERS MARKET** — White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Locally grown vegetables and fruits, eggs, honey, kettle corn, flowers, artisan breads, seafood, meats and more. New vendors welcome. Info: 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006.

### SUN. Dec. 28

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** - Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 2, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, noon to 1 p.m. Group shares experience, strength and hope to help others. Open to the community and to AGH patients. Info: Rob, 443-783-3529.

**PASTOR ALEX AYERS RETIREMENT CELEBRATION** - First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City, 1301 Philadelphia Ave. Luncheon held at 12:30 p.m., after the 11 a.m. service. At 1:30 p.m. a time of remembering, gifting and fellowship will be held in the sanctuary. All are invited. Info: Lou Spock, 443-856-8640 or [slspock@hotmail.com](mailto:slspock@hotmail.com).

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS #169** — Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Group is a 12-step program for anyone struggling with a compulsive eating problem. No initial meeting charge. Meeting contribution is \$1 weekly. Info: Bett, 410-202-9078.

**SUNDAY NIGHT SERENITY AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP MEETING** — Woodlands in Ocean Pines, Independent Living Apartment Building, 1135 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 7:30 p.m.

### MON. Dec. 29

**TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING** — Berlin group No. 169, Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Info: Edna Berkey, 410-251-2083.

**DELMARVA SWEET ADELIN CHORUS MEETS WEEKLY** — The Delmarva Chorus, Sweet Adeline's, meets each Monday from 7-9 p.m., at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway. Women interested in learning the craft of a cappella singing welcome. Info: 410-641-6876.

### TUES. Dec. 30

**TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING** - Berlin group 331, Worcester County Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5:30-7 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Info: [jeanduck47@gmail.com](mailto:jeanduck47@gmail.com).

**WEIGHT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP - WOC Fitness**, 12319 Ocean Gateway, Suite 203, Ocean City, 5 p.m. Cost is \$5 per meeting. Talk nutrition, exercise, health, tips for weight loss and more. Info: 410-213-7000.

### WED. Dec. 31

**NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS** — Northside Park, 200 125th St. in Ocean City. The fireworks display, beginning at midnight, will be accompanied by live entertainment, warm hot chocolate and rides through the Winterfest of Lights til midnight. Info: 410-250-0125.

### THURS. Jan. 1

**19TH ANNUAL MAYOR'S OPEN HOUSE** — Performing Arts Center, Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 1-3 p.m. The theme will feature the evolution of the convention center, highlighting the building's new attraction, the Performing Arts Center. Meet the Mayor and City Council members, view the pictorial history of the convention center and enjoy a first-look of the Performing Arts Center. Entertainment by Bryan Russo with several special guest performances. Also participating are the Ocean City Beautification Committee, the Ocean City Development Corporation, the Art League of Ocean City, the Beach Patrol and the Community Response Team. Outside will be the Ocean City Fire Department with equipment on display as well as the mounted police and canine units. Light refreshments. Free and open to all. Info: Jessica Walters, 410-289-8967.

**21ST ANNUAL PENGUIN SWIM** — Princess Royale Oceanfront Resort & Condominiums, 9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Registration at 11:30 a.m., swim at 1 p.m. Annual dip into the chilly Atlantic Ocean to benefit the Atlantic General Hospital. Best costume contest and recognition of oldest and youngest penguins. Info: [www.aghpenguinswim.org](http://www.aghpenguinswim.org) or [hetrader@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:hetrader@atlanticgeneral.org).

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** — Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, West Ocean City, 8 a.m., followed by a worship service at 9 a.m. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children, 11 and younger. Proceeds go to charity. Info: 410-641-2186.

### ONGOING EVENTS

**WINTERFEST OF LIGHTS** — More than one million holiday lights throughout the resort and at Northside Park, 200 125th St. in Ocean City, through Jan. 4, 2015. The heated Winterfest Village pavilion features hot chocolate, Yukon Cornelius' gift shop and photos with Santa. Board the Winterfest Express to tour hundreds of animated, lighted displays. Admission. Hours are Sunday through Thursday, 5:30-9:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 5:30-10:30 p.m. Info: 800-OC-OCEAN, 410-250-0125 or [www.ococean.com](http://www.ococean.com).

**HORSE & CARRIAGE RIDES** — Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., through April 26, 2015. Passengers board near Thrasher's at the Ocean City Inlet and travel around the pier and down the Boardwalk to Fourth Street and back. Carriage is heated. Cost is \$10 for adults and free for children 3 and younger. Info: Randy Davis, 443-783-1409.

**FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN CITY LIBRARY** — Group meets the first Friday of each month at 1 p.m. in the library meeting room. Discussions on library and volunteer needs and often include interesting speakers. Followed by refreshments. New Friends always welcome.

**SINGING MESSAGES** — Members of the Delmarva Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, is available for singing songs locally for birthdays, anniversaries, Valentine's Day or any special occasion. Your special someone will be serenaded with two songs at the location of your choice. Cost is \$25. Available 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Call 410-641-5091.

**WOMEN SUPPORTING WOMEN FUNDRAISER** — Recycle old cell phones to benefit Women Supporting Women. Old phones will be dismantled and the parts recycled for 911 calls. Drop off at the Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road or at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway or contact Sheila Hodges, 301-775-1968.

**HELP WITH HOME HEATING BILLS** — SHORE UP! Inc. is accepting applications from persons who need help paying their home heating and electric bills. Residents of Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties who meet state income guidelines may qualify for assistance. To receive help, an individual must complete an Energy Assistance application and provide supporting documentation. Info: 410-341-9634 or 410-749-1142.

**HELP FOR VETERANS** — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, third Wednesday of each month, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Michelle Licata, a representative from the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, is on hand to help veterans (of any conflict) with whatever help they

need in navigating available VA programs, need special assistance, etc. Info: Licata, 410-713-3482.

**AUMC THRIFT SHOP** — Atlantic United Methodist Church, 105 Fourth St., in Ocean City. Now open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: 410-289-4458.

**OCVFC LADIES AUXILIARY** — The group meets monthly on the first Monday at 7 p.m. at the West Ocean City Fire Station, second floor, Keyser Point Road. New members welcome. Info: Denise, 443-359-2014 or any Ladies Auxiliary member.

**POSITIVE OUTLOOK THRIFT SHOP** — Positive Outlook Thrift Shop, 12637 Ocean Gateway, Trlr 2, West Ocean City, Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Located next to Seaside Christian Academy behind White Marlin Mall. Info: 410-251-6971. Sponsored by OC Baptist Church.

**THE SHEPHERD'S NOOK THRIFT SHOP** — Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road. Open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Accepting donations of gently worn clothes and small household items.

**SUICIDE GRIEVERS' SUPPORT GROUP** — Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin at 6 p.m., on the third Wednesday of each month. Open to anyone who has lost a friend or loved one to suicide. Free of charge. Info: 410-629-0164 or [www.jessespaddle.org](http://www.jessespaddle.org).

**DIAKONIA THRIFT SHOP** — Used to be Mine, Route 611 and Sunset Avenue, Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Newly expanded and redecorated. Furniture, clothing, toys and linens. Info: 410-213-0243.

**WIDOWS & WIDOWERS SOCIAL CLUB** — Luncheon meeting, third Tuesday, 1 p.m., Ocean Pines. Info: 410-208-1398.

**FIRST STATE DETACHMENT OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MONTHLY MEETINGS** — Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at VFW Post 8296, 104 66th St., Ocean City, 7 p.m. Open to all fellow Marines and FMF Corpsmen. Info: Rick Holmes, 302-988-1056.

**FIRST FRIDAY RECEPTIONS** — Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St. Exhibits kick off with an opening reception from 5-7 on the first Friday of each month. Held year round and open to the public. Info: 410-524-9433 or [www.artleagueofoceancity.org](http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org).

**WORCESTER COUNTY PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP** — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, second Tuesday of each month, 2:30-4 p.m. Info: 410-208-3132.

# SNAPSHOTS



SUBMITTED PHOTOS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

## PARADE ZUMBA

Zumba Gold Dancers from WOC Fitness and WOC Fitness classes at Ocean Pines Recreation Center pose for a photo during the Berlin Christmas parade, Dec. 4.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

## CHRISTMAS ELF

Fourth graders Cayden Wallace worked as Santa's helper during the Dec. 7 Worcester Prep Christmas Bazaar.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

## SDHS VIP

Stephen Decatur High School senior Jenna Leitgeb was honored as a VIP of the Game at halftime of the girls' basketball game against Mardela, Dec. 9. School VIPs are recognized for their outstanding contributions to the school and community and for exemplifying the principles of "The Decatur Way," which include pride, achievement, respect and responsibility. Leitgeb is a member of the National Honor Society, she plays soccer and lacrosse, and she was honored as the 2014 homecoming queen. She is pictured with Principal Tom Zimmer, left, and history teacher Todd Martinek.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

## QUILT DONATION

Members of Quilters By The Sea traveled to Diakonia in West Ocean City to donate 11 quilts to the young children living there on Dec. 10. Pictured, from left, are Claudia Nagle, executive director of Diakonia, quilters Norma Kessler, Marty Heeg and Shirley Schaefer, Susan Blaney, volunteer coordinator at Diakonia and quilter Martha Wheeler.



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## DONATION

The Assateague Questers donate \$600 to the Historic St. Martin's Foundation through its annual Card Party to raise funds for its selected historic preservation causes. Historic St. Martin's in Showell was the beneficiary of this year's event. Pictured, from left, are Vice President, Theresa Bruner; President, Sherrie Beckstead; Assateague Quester's President, Barb Coughlan and Second Vice President, Susan Mariner.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

## PILGRIMS

Pilgrims, Drew Ehlers, Zaida Johnson and Simon Fetters play with puzzles in Darlene Collins' class at Seaside Christian Academy.

# PUZZLES

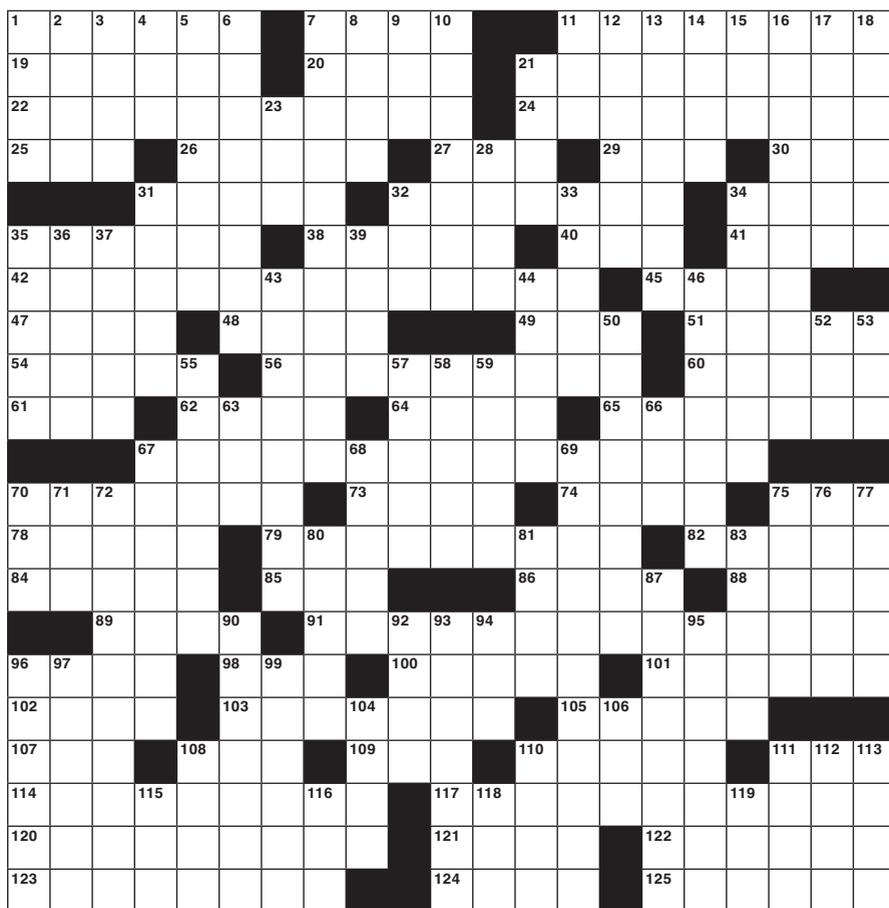
## SEASON'S GREETINGS

BY JOEL FAGLIANO / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 Something put on the spot?
- 7 Without a mixer
- 11 Likely feature of a college town
- 19 One may be removed
- 20 \_\_\_\_\_-American
- 21 Red or white sticker?
- 22 Homer that leaves people yawning?
- 24 "Shucks!" or "Pshaw!"?
- 25 Go astray
- 26 Father-son activity
- 27 They can be fertilized
- 29 Pale \_\_\_\_\_
- 30 Majors in acting
- 31 Domineering
- 32 Give rise to
- 34 "The less you wear, the more you need \_\_\_\_\_" (slogan)
- 35 "Pick me, pick me!"
- 38 Sauce with a name derived from the Italian for "pounded"
- 40 Risky chess move, informally
- 41 Some briefs
- 42 Southwest tribe after a fistfight?
- 45 Pad \_\_\_\_\_ (noodle dish)
- 47 Part of E.T.S.: Abbr.
- 48 Piano sonatas, e.g.
- 49 \_\_\_\_\_ generis
- 51 World of Warcraft creatures
- 54 Navratilova rival
- 56 Starts recycling, say
- 60 First lady from Texas
- 61 Nav. rank
- 62 War stat
- 64 Bleacher feature
- 65 Where a director directs
- 67 Backstabbing pal?
- 70 Soon gonna
- 73 "Dedicated to the \_\_\_\_\_ Love"
- 74 Siouan speaker
- 75 Filch
- 78 Around
- 79 Zion National Park material
- 82 Coast along, with "by"
- 84 Reader of the Deseret News
- 85 Break off
- 86 They're above abs
- 88 "It Came \_\_\_\_\_ a Midnight Clear"
- 89 \_\_\_\_\_ tide
- 91 Barn dance that's free to attend?
- 96 Seeks change?
- 98 Hematite, e.g.
- 100 Together
- 101 Actress Strahovski of 2000s TV
- 102 What vinegar has a lot of
- 103 Proctor's charge
- 105 Gawks at
- 107 Computer addresses: Abbr.
- 108 Believe it!
- 109 R.S.V.P., e.g.: Abbr.
- 110 Where the big buoys are?
- 111 Makeshift wig, maybe
- 114 Vagrant after getting kicked off a train, say?
- 117 Stuff your dad finds ridiculous?
- 120 Gentle treatment, metaphorically
- 121 Temple University's team
- 122 Saharan nomad
- 123 "The Shawshank Redemption" setting
- 124 Nursing need
- 125 Charles Schwab competitor
- 12 World capital once conquered by Augustus
- 13 Return to one's seat?
- 14 Roy Rogers's real last name
- 15 Raven's cry
- 16 Cause for a quarantine
- 17 Moon of Neptune
- 18 Church leaders
- 21 Sound of a fly swatter
- 23 "\_\_\_\_\_ no biggie"
- 28 Cognac bottle letters
- 31 Lawn game
- 32 "Or so"
- 33 Bone to pick
- 34 Celtic battle, say
- 35 Like President Taft
- 36 Bygone
- 37 Trucks, maybe
- 39 Sedgwick in Warhol films
- 43 Warrior or downward dog
- 44 Rhone tributary
- 46 Some Christmas decorations
- 50 Computerdom, informally
- 52 'Fore
- 53 Got the chair?
- 55 Composer whose name is an anagram of SANTA + ME
- 57 Bear
- 58 Put-downs
- 59 Like used cigars, maybe
- 63 Suffix with social

**DOWN**

- 1 Feel deep compassion
- 2 Way out
- 3 Germany's \_\_\_\_\_ Basin
- 4 Pac-12 team, for short
- 5 Steve Jobs's successor at Apple
- 6 Minuses, basically
- 7 House speaker after Dennis Hastert
- 8 I will follow it
- 9 "\_\_\_\_\_ we done?"
- 10 Hockey Hall of Fame locale
- 11 Playbill info



- 66 "Personally, I think ...," in texts
- 67 Kate Middleton, e.g.
- 68 Complex thing?
- 69 Tree whose pods have sweet pulp
- 70 Lead-in to pressure
- 71 Was gullible
- 72 Crush, e.g.
- 75 Fattened fowl
- 76 Nickname for Orlando
- 77 Pasta with a name derived from the Italian for "quills"
- 80 Auntie \_\_\_\_\_ (pretzel chain)
- 81 German auto
- 83 "Good job by you!"
- 87 Trendy coffee order
- 90 Joint business venture?
- 92 Look
- 93 Special newsstand offering
- 94 "Illmatic" rapper
- 95 Balance
- 96 Regal and Encore
- 97 Lively intelligence
- 99 Take off
- 104 Ski resort near Santa Fe
- 106 Beauty
- 108 \_\_\_\_\_ of Man
- 110 Stillwater's home: Abbr.
- 111 \_\_\_\_\_ Liasson, NPR political correspondent
- 112 & 113 It's full of opinions
- 115 Mil. rank
- 116 Son of, in Hebrew names
- 118 Get behind
- 119 It's hard to shoot



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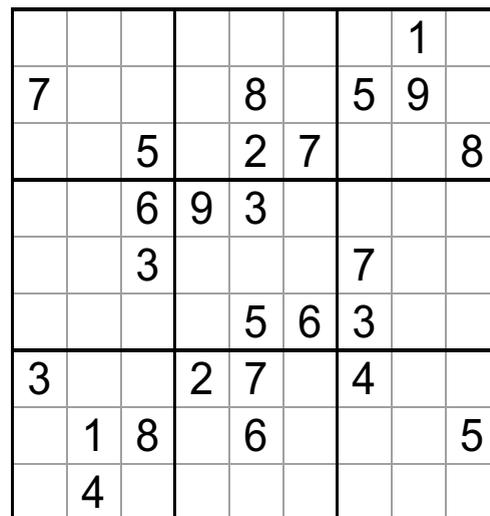
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**HARD - 28**

Fill in the blank spaces in the grid so that every vertical column, every horizontal row and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There is really only one solution to each puzzle.



### Answers to last week's puzzles

6	1	5	3	7	4	2	8	9
9	7	4	1	2	8	3	6	5
2	8	3	9	6	5	1	4	7
7	3	9	5	8	1	6	2	4
8	2	6	7	4	3	9	5	1
5	4	1	2	9	6	8	7	3
3	5	7	6	1	2	4	9	8
1	6	8	4	5	9	7	3	2
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# NOW PLAYING

## BJ'S ON THE WATER

75th Street and the bay  
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 Dec. 26: Pompous Pie, 9 p.m.  
 Dec. 27: Chest Pains, 9 p.m.  
 Dec. 31: New Year's Party w/DJ Fast Eddie, 10 p.m. to 4 a.m.

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## CASINO AT OCEAN DOWNS

10218 Racetrack Road  
 Berlin  
 410-641-0600  
 Dec. 26: Sol Knoph, 4-8 p.m.; New Dawn Duo, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
 Dec. 27: Everett Spells, 4-8 p.m.; Mon-kee Paw, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
 Dec. 31: Monkee Paw, 4:30-8:30 p.m.; New Dawn Duo, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

## FAGER'S ISLAND

60th Street and the bay  
 Ocean City  
 410-524-5500  
 Dec. 26: DJ RobCee  
 Dec. 27: DJ RobCee, Jumper  
 Dec. 28: Everett Spells  
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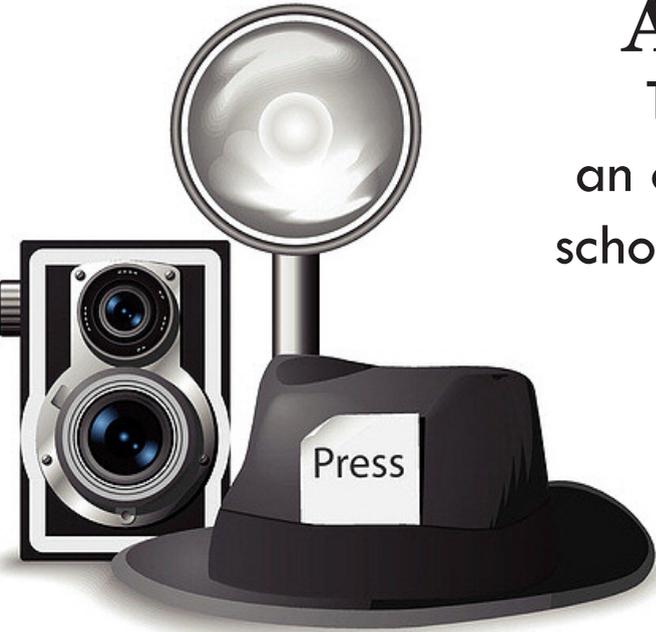
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