



Berlin Fire Company contract talks go cold

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 23, 2018) Talks between the Town of Berlin and Berlin Fire Company on a funding agreement for fiscal 2019 stalled earlier this week, with the

town asking for more information and the fire company not responding until later.

A major point of contention appears to be the fire company's apparent work on its new Station 3 on Route

50 near Stephen Decatur High School, despite a recommendation from an independent consultant to renovate the existing Station 1 on Main Street instead. The Town Council was apparently also under the impression

Station 1 was to be renovated, while Station 3 remained on the back burner.

A "Fire and Emergency Medical Services Funding Study" by Matrix Consulting Group dated April 5, describes the Station 3 structure as "located at 10823 Ocean Gateway" and as "a single bay building that is leased ... a block building with no facilities to house personnel."

Matrix recommended converting the second floor of Station 1 on Main Street to "house company offices and appropriate living quarters for station personnel."

"The second-floor area has plenty of space to create office space for the fire company, appropriate living quarters for station personnel and an area for meetings and trainings," the report said.

However, a recent Berlin Fire Company fundraising letter indicates the company is proceeding with its Station 3 plans.

According to the letter, "Our newest donation drive is for our Station 3 building fund. Our goal is to raise \$2.0 million." See TAXPAYERS Page 4



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OVER THE RAINBOW

Student musicians and acclaimed professional players from the Chamber Music by the Sea series last Thursday at Zenna Wellness Studio in Berlin tune up for a collaboration on the following night, when they performed together at Buckingham Presbyterian Church in Berlin. The third annual Chamber Music by the Sea series concluded last week and included performances in Berlin and Snow Hill.

Ocean Pines elects new officers

By Josh Davis
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(Aug. 23, 2018) Doug Parks will remain president of the Ocean Pines Association, following a 5-2 vote Sunday during the board of directors' organizational meeting held annually after each election.

It is the first time since 2013 an association president was elected during two consecutive organizational meetings.

"Just wanted to share a thank-you to my board colleagues for their consideration and support," Parks said in an emailed statement Monday. "The makeup of this board has the potential for accomplishing a number of things this year both in addressing and delivering projects currently in progress as well as planning for future enhance-

ments to better the Association for its members. I take the trust my fellow directors placed in me very seriously and will fully support the goals we develop as a team for the coming year."

Parks was unanimously voted into the office last August after being the leading vote getter in the election that year, although his journey onto board did not officially begin there.

First running for elec- See PINES Page 2



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Members of the Ocean Pines Board come together for the first time after the August election for an organizational meeting, last Sunday. Pictured, from left, are Slobodan Trendic, Vice President Steve Tuttle, Ted Moroney, President Doug Parks, Secretary Colette Horn, Esther Diller and Frank Daly.

Statement from BFC President David Fitzgerald

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(Aug. 23, 2018) Berlin Fire Company President David Fitzgerald on Tuesday evening emailed a statement to the press on behalf of the organization.

Fitzgerald was responding to an earlier statement from Mayor Gee Williams, which said talks on a new contract had stalled because the town was waiting for specific financial information involving the new Station 3 on U.S. Route 50.

"On Monday, August 13, Berlin Fire Company officers met with the Mayor and Council in executive session to continue contract

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Pines President Parks, Vice President Tuttle

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tion in 2016, Parks finished ninth in a crowded field of 11, but was appointed to the board that September when Pat Renaud left office. Parks had served as chairman of the Ocean Pines Bylaws and Resolutions Committee.

On Sunday, newly elected Director Steve Tuttle nominated Parks to continue as president. Tuttle was the leading vote getting this year. Director Slobodan Trendic nominated Tuttle, but he declined and Trendic was nominated by new Director Esther Diller.

Parks received five votes: from him-

self, Tuttle, Ted Moroney, Colette Horn and Frank Daly.

Moroney then nominated Tuttle to fill the office of vice president, previously held by Cheryl Jacobs, who will join the Worcester County Orphan's Court as a judge.

Trendic nominated Diller, but the vote was 5-2 for Tuttle. Again, those in favor were Parks, Tuttle, Moroney, Horn and Daly.

In separate votes, the directors unanimously opted to allow four others to continue serving their current officer positions: Horn as secretary, Michelle

Bennett as assistant secretary, John Viola as treasurer and Gene Ringsdorf as assistant treasurer.

Lerch, Early & Brewer were unanimously selected to remain as legal council, with the caveat that "we're going to be looking at some parts of that, that could be farmed out to local [attorneys]," based on a recommendation from Moroney. Trendic noted Ocean Pines' contract with Lerch, Early & Brewer expires on April 30, 2019.

The firm was also named board parliamentarian.

Trendic suggested the board not se-

lect an auditor because of an open motion instructing General Manager John Bailey to issue a request for proposals for auditing services "by September of this year."

"And so, I don't believe it's appropriate that the board appoints anyone at this time," Trendic said.

Most recently, Ocean Pines contracted with SC&H Group Inc., which has offices in Sparks and Elliott City in Maryland, and Tysons Corner, Virginia.

The vote to not appoint an auditor was 7-0.

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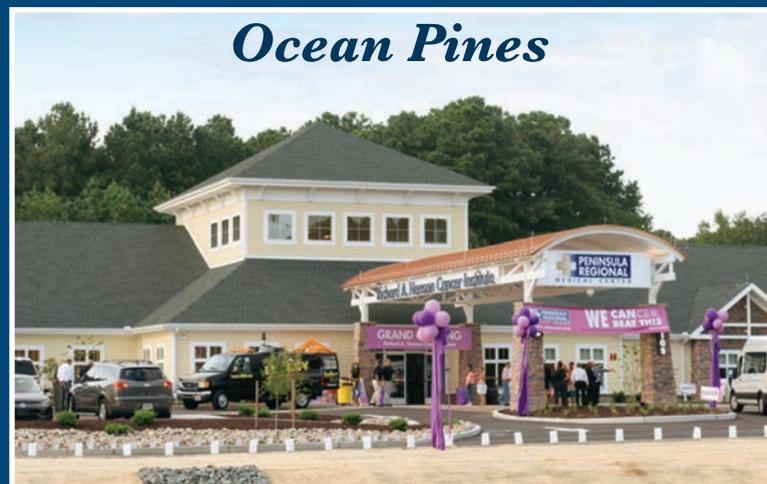
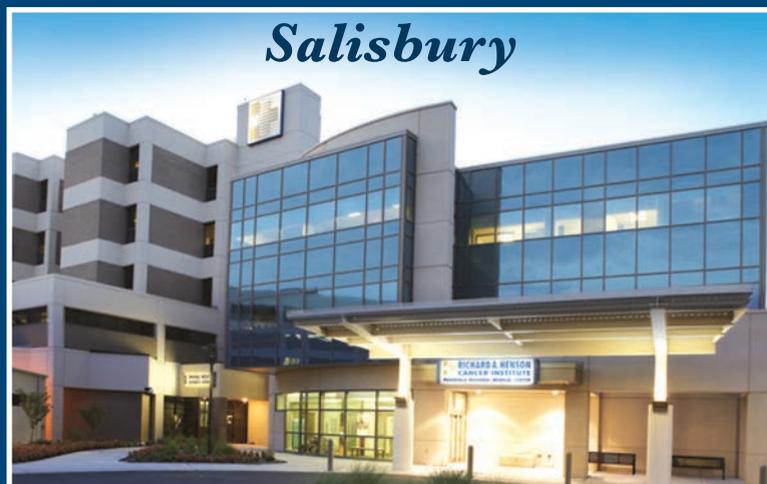


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million dollars to build a new station at 10845 Ocean Gateway ... we are finalizing our plans and engineering and would hope to start construction later this year.”

The most recent audit of Berlin Fire Company financials, dated June 30, 2017 and done by PKS & Company of Ocean City, show cash assets totaling about \$2.8 million, including \$617,539 in restricted cash. Total assets were listed as more than \$5.4 million.

Meanwhile, the Berlin Town Council met on Monday night to discuss finalizing a financial agreement with the fire company based on the town's fiscal 2019 budget, which would have included a significant increase in funding.

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams emailed a statement about the meeting to local

media on Tuesday.

“The mayor and council met in special executive session to continue our discussion about establishing contracts with the Berlin Fire Company (BFC) for fire and rescue services and a separate contract for emergency medical services (EMS),” Williams said.

“After our most recent meeting with BFC representatives a week ago, we requested some specific financial information about their new Station 3 project East of the Town of Berlin on US 50. Our discussions at last night's executive session were limited because, after multiple inquiries by the Town, we have not received the information we requested.

“The Town of Berlin continues to explore ways to establish a contractual relationship with the BFC to ensure

fire, rescue and EMS services to the residents, property owners and guests of our community that also ensures transparency and accountability to the public for all monetary management of the Berlin Fire Company.”

According to the approved fiscal 2019 Town of Berlin budget, the Berlin Fire Company was to receive \$605,000 from the town for fire and EMS services, an increase of 142 percent, or \$355,000, over the previous fiscal period.

Williams, during a June Town Council meeting, said the funding “was contingent on a contract for services for fiscal-year '19 between Berlin Fire Company and the Town of Berlin for fire and EMS services.”

According to the Matrix study, Town of Berlin funding for fire suppression services over the last three

years have totaled \$960,000 and EMS funding was \$240,000, for a combined of \$1.2 million during fiscal years 2015-2017.

The total county funding during that period was \$1.251 million for fire services and \$1.762 million for EMS, for a three-year total of \$3.013 million.

Altogether, taxpayers in Berlin and Worcester County have contributed more than \$4.2 million to the Berlin Fire Company and EMS between fiscal 2015-2017.

Per the Matrix report, fire company revenues have declined during the last three fiscal years, from \$990,638 in 2015 to \$781,800 in 2017. Meanwhile, the report shows total expenditures jumped from \$391,755 in 2015 to \$1.278 million in 2017.

The report show an increase in EMS revenues from \$994,041 in fiscal 2015 to \$1.133 million in fiscal 2017, while total expenditures increased from \$1.024 million in 2015 to \$1.643 million in 2017.

Berlin Fire Company Chief Jim Corron on Tuesday said he was not authorized to comment on the status of the negotiations or on Station 3.

“The only thing I can say is we're working toward coming with a better relationship and working toward a ratified contract,” he said. “We're working to remedy the situation and come together as a whole.”

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Fitzgerald: no town funding went into Station 3 account

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development with the Mayor and Council," Fitzgerald said. "At that time a draft contract was reviewed and edits suggested by both parties. These were to be finalized in legal form by Mr. [Joe] Moore, BFC attorney, and Mr. [David] Gaskill, Town Attorney for approval at the Mayor and Council meeting for Monday, August 27. Mr. Moore has been completing these documents edits. Many topics were discussed during this meeting.

"The Mayor and Council requested information regarding the Berlin Fire Company Station 3 project and most importantly assurances that no town funds were being used for the Berlin Fire Company Station 3 capital building project. The fire company has a specific banking account for Station 3 capital building funds in which donations, pledges, grants, and memorials received for this project are deposited.

"This account has been a part of the annual audit completed by the town's accountants PKS. BFC is also utilizing the out of town fire call grant funds provided by Worcester County Commissioners for this project. We continue to solicit donations to the Station 3 building fund.

"The fire company has approved the stipulation that no town funds to be used for the Station 3 capital building project and [this] is included in the proposed fire/rescue services contract with the Mayor and Council. Our BFC accountant and attorney have been working on a summary regarding the BFC Station 3 project.

"We were not aware of a meeting scheduled for August 20 and a deadline to have these documents to the Mayor and Council by this date. We are continuing to work with the Mayor and Council to develop fire/rescue and EMS funding formulas for this year and their approval of the FY18-19 agreements for fire/rescue and EMS services to continue to provide the best fire/rescue and EMS services to its residents and visitors."

Fitzgerald also responded to an inquiry from the Gazette on what information the town had requested, why they had not yet received it, and what the current status was of Station 3.

"The [mayor and council] wanted assurances to indicate that no town funds are in the Station 3 building fund," Fitzgerald said. "None have been deposited into that account and our ac-

countant is doing a complete review of this account to ensure that and provide a report to the town. The accountant needs to schedule this in his workload and ensure he has properly reviewed the account before presenting a report.

"The Station 3 project is moving forward and we expect to have a ground breaking ceremony in the near future. Willow Construction has been awarded the contract and materials have been ordered. Site work should begin soon.

"We continue to raise funds for this building project. Willow is also scheduled to complete a renovation of the headquarters foyer area to remove the original glass foyer area to make it more structurally sound as this is the original design from 1965."

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Citizen goose group marks debut

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 23, 2018) Public vitriol, at least in some flocks, remains high based on comments made during the initial meeting of a citizen group formed following the June 29 elimination of about 300 resident Canada geese in Ocean Pines.

The group, “The Ocean Pines Geese and Ecology Brain Trust Initiative: Securing a Balance,” met publicly for the first time last Thursday night in the Ocean Pines library conference room.

Following brief remarks from General Manager John Bailey on Ocean Pines water quality, Mary Deborah Wilson addressed the more than two-dozen attendees, not counting media and association officials.

Wilson, a mental health and geriatric nurse practitioner, formed the group.

“It is fitting that we are meeting tonight. Gov. Hogan, in fact, has honored birds and declared 2018 ‘The Year of the Bird,’” she said.

Wilson said about \$125 million had been spent nationally “for the eradication of thousands of geese, for years without a sustained impact.”

Several times she dismissed claims that geese contributed to pollution of area waterways.

“If a body of water is polluted, why do birds, including Canada geese, continue to reside there and give birth to anatomically normal and functional geese?” she asked. “And why is Canada geese feces a paramount concern here? What about chicken, possum, fox, heron, egret, seagull, duck, domestic geese, turkey buzzards, eagle, mouse, snake, fish, squirrel [and] rabbit poop?”

She said there are “signs and symptoms” of a divided community on the issue, adding, “our dysfunction has been editorialized time and time [again], and the perception of the county is sustained in thinking that we are disrespectful, fragmented and divisive.

“Our goal tonight is to turn this around, to impact the future in our ef-

forts and do good deeds in this mission,” Wilson added.

Another recurring theme in Wilson’s remarks was that chickens, not geese, were the biggest contributors locally to pollution.

“There is an investigation that indicates the Delmarva Peninsula, including Maryland’s Eastern Shore, produces 570 million chickens per year,” she said. “If you factor that, the amount of manure is beyond calculation.

She said a 2002 national water quality study showed “agricultural runoff was the leading cause of river and stream pollution” and a 2007 EPA study revealed “excrement from factory chicken farms has contaminated groundwater in 17 states and polluted 35,000 miles of rivers in 22 states.”

“There are many sources of pollu-

tion and consideration is needed before we eradicate geese or other wildlife,” she said.

“I don’t want to see what happened to the geese happen again because, frankly, I really don’t believe [geese] are the culprit. I think it’s us and it’s the chicken farms – and what I’ve cited to you tonight points the fingers at the chicken farms,” Wilson added.

smartest geese will continue to thwart us as humans, and I believe our attempts to wipe them out are feeble and they won’t succeed,” she said. “I often think that they’re more advanced than us as human beings, and a lot of our superficial complaints and conflicts.”

Bailey, along with newly elected board members Steve Tuttle and Frank Daly, stuck around for about an hour of public comments.

Audience members, who did not identify whether they were Ocean Pines residents or homeowners, were still angry over what happened in June.

One woman said it had become difficult to drive by the south gate pond and no longer see the geese.

“I can hardly drive by that pond now and I have to every day, and I have a lump in my stomach and I’m



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Mary Deborah Wilson addresses a crowd of roughly two dozen during a concerned citizen meeting at the Ocean Pines library, last Thursday. The meeting concerned the June euthanasia of almost 300 resident Canada geese from Ocean Pines park areas.

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She said geese were highly intelligent and efforts to remove them from an area were shown to be ineffective.

“It’s survival of the fittest – the

almost in tears,” she said, adding trying to control the goose population “hasn’t worked in the past [and] it’s not going to work in the future, so we’ve gotta think of something else.”

Another woman said citizen committees could meet and discuss alternative solutions all they wanted, “but we need a commitment from the general manager and board members that our input would be considered.”

Bailey said there were recent examples of association leadership lis-

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Group takes gander at solving problem of resident geese

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tening to the public, including the altering of country club renovations and reconsideration of plans for the crabbing pier.

"I don't think that the board would be a deaf ear to a group of residents that has done their homework and done their research in putting together something," he said. "That being said, whatever this group decides to do would also be incorporated with other things that the association gets from its committees, as well as additional research the association does in of itself."

Tuttle said he had just become a board member last Saturday and met with someone to get information about geese on the following day.

"I think that kind of cooperation – that's the kind of thing we really need from the community," he said. "Help us find a compromise or a workable solution that's in the best interest of all of the residents of Ocean Pines."

Daly said every issue "requires a 306-degree view" and he would consider input from the committee as well as from groups like the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Agriculture, Audubon Society and others.

"That 360-degree view is what I am going to base my vote on," Daly said. "I don't want to see what happened [happen again] any more than you do, but I will guarantee you if nobody does anything it will happen again, because the residents don't want the park overrun and it's necessary to have proper wildlife management."

Bailey suggested anyone with concerns pay more attention to the budget process, which for years has including funding for "wildlife management," and consider serving on the environment and natural assets committee that came up with the plan to control the Canada geese.

Daly agreed.

"Here's your golden chance," he said. "The resolution for the environmental and natural assets committee is that we have between three and nine members – currently there are five. Anybody that applies can apply for the four vacant openings."

The Ocean Pines Geese and Ecology Brain Trust Initiative is scheduled to meet again on Sept. 18, Oct. 9 and Dec. 11.

Ocean Pines advisory committee applications are available in the Ocean Pines Administration Building on 239 Ocean Parkway, or online at www.oceanpines.org/forms-docs-cat/board-member-application.

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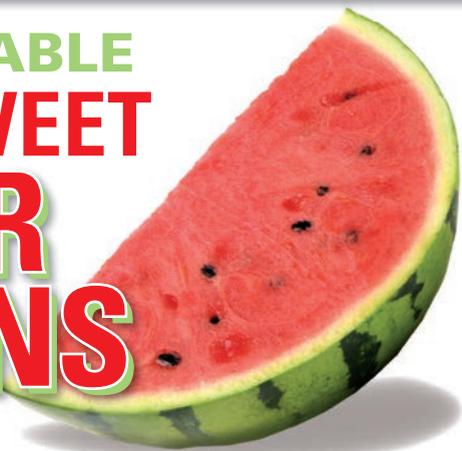
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Ocean Pines Board members during an organizational meeting last Sunday plan out the agenda for an orientation meeting, Friday starting at 7 a.m. in the community center.

Pines Board orientation mtg to include tours of facilities

By Josh Davis
 Associate Editor

(Aug. 23, 2018) The newly formed Ocean Pines Board of Directors appears to favor early starts, with two upcoming meetings scheduled to begin at 7 a.m.

They include an Aug. 24 orientation meeting and a Sept. 1 work session, both scheduled to occur at the Ocean Pines Community Center on 235 Ocean Parkway.

The orientation meeting this Friday will begin with a closed-session briefing on pending litigation against Ocean Pines.

Afterward, the board is scheduled to receive a roughly two-hour overview of governing documents from attorney Jeremy Tucker, followed by comments from General Manager John Bailey and an overview of Ocean Pines financials from Treasurer John Viola. After a break for lunch, the directors are set to tour several association facilities and meet department heads until about 3 p.m.

Director Frank Daly said several pressing issues the board would need to be addressed quickly, including whether to move the bulkhead staging ground away from the swim and racquet club park.

Daly also provided a sort of mission statement for the new board, which includes three freshman directors – Daly, Steve Tuttle and Esther Diller – along with returning members Doug Parks, Ted Moroney, Slobodan Trendic and Colette Horn.

Based on what he saw previously as an audience member during board meetings, Daly said the key to successful operations was improved board supervision and the performance of General Manager John Bailey.

“Our job is to provide oversight and strategic guidance based on input from the community,” he said. “We blend that with the strategic operational vision from Mr. Bailey and

his team, and we make sure that when we approve a project it’s done correct, complete, on time and on cost.

“That’s what this whole discussion should be, so we don’t get people [on the board] trying to figure out ... what the menu should be at some food venue,” Daly continued. “That’s not our job.”

Diller agreed and said the directors needed to take a more direct approach, using as an example the apparent struggle to set a date and time for the organizational meeting.

“We can spend days and hours talking – as our emails have shown – trying to get to one conclusion,” she said. “My goal here is to simplify and be strategic and be straightforward to get to the finish line – not to dissect it for 20 meetings ... and I think we have a great group to be able to do that.”

She added, “We have a lot of issues to accomplish at this [orientation] meeting ... hence why we’re going to start at 7 in the morning.”

Moroney said four critical issues the board must decide would require community input in the near future: country club renovations, financial software, the crabbing pier, and bulkheads.

Daly said the reserve study would also be of significant community interest, because of the potential impact on assessments.

Those five topics were slated for discussion during the Sept. 1 work session.

Upcoming regular board meetings, scheduled to start at 9 a.m., were set for Saturdays including Sept. 8, Oct. 20, Nov. 3, Dec. 1, Jan. 5, Feb. 16, March 9, April 6, May 4, June 1 and July 6.

Dates for three town hall meetings were not yet set.

To view a calendar of upcoming Ocean Pines Board meetings, visit www.oceanpines.org/calendars/calendar/cat_ids~13.

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Parks, Bailey deliver annual reports

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 23, 2018) Wrapping up about 90 minutes of presentations during the Aug. 11 Ocean Pines annual meeting in the community center were overviews of the previous fiscal year from Association President Doug Parks and General Manager John Bailey.

Parks, in his opening remarks, said the board this year “had the courage and commitment” to outsource food and beverage operations at the yacht and beach clubs to the Matt Ort Company.



Doug Parks

“We knew, based on the past several years, that we didn’t have the core competency to run a restaurant business. And there’s no shame in that,” Parks said. “When I ran for the board, I made that statement. Fortunately, I had the support of the rest of the board this year ... to have that courage to move forward.”

“I think everyone would reasonably agree that things are much better than they were last year,” he added, drawing applause from the audience of about 100 homeowners. “Clap for yourselves because we, collectively, wanted something to happen good at the yacht club ... now we are all going there again and that’s a testament to the belief that we had, that the yacht club is a wonderful amenity.”

Parks said the spirit of volunteerism was alive and well in Ocean Pines and, as an example, thanked board members, volunteers on advisory committees, and those who recently ran for the board.

He singled out and thanked former directors Pat Supik, Cheryl Ja-

cobs and Tom Herrick for their service.

Serving as a director, Parks said, was “a challenging opportunity. By all means, just a willingness to help the community should be noted,” he said.

Bailey, during his remarks, said new hires in Ocean Pines had been given a “clear palette”

“Create what we need to function the best that we should [and with] nothing beholden to the past on how we used to do things, create new,” he said.

He said job descriptions, benefits, and employee handbooks had each been overhauled.

Bailey said the process for upgrading financial software continues, although he added it had become evident “there is no silver bullet software for what we do as Ocean Pines Association – it doesn’t exist.”

He provided an overview of remodeling and operational changes to the yacht club and beach clubs, and said the golf course is now in good shape. He added that the remodeling of the country club would benefit the entire association.

“It’s not just a facility that’s available for use for golfers,” he said. “The upstairs is a facility that is designed to have a large banquet [and] a couple of conference rooms,” as well as an “event-driven bar” and outside deck.

“It’s more of a community use with those larger spaces upstairs,” Bailey added. He said the new board of directors would have the final say on those renovations.

Bailey joked the first violation at the newly minted quiet “Oasis” pool was not because of a child, but rather “a 40-year-old man doing a cannonball.”

He also touted activities at Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks.

“We are the ‘it’ in the HOA world with regard to activities, camps, special events, holidays [and] how we communicate those things.” Bailey said. “An example of that being this

past week [when] we had our first National Night Out. I can say that I’ve been to a lot of those over the years – and it certainly did not look like that was our first one.”

Bailey said the association is considering options for the crabbing pier, including “making that a nature preserve area and looking at other locations for a possible crabbing pier.”

There was “significant legal wrangling” regarding bulkhead contracts, but a request for proposals would soon be released to resume the normal replacement program, Bailey said, adding there was also consider-



John Bailey

ation to no longer using the swim and racquet club as a staging ground.

Additionally, he said a working group is looking into ways to deal with drainage problems in the community.

He said a community survey, developed by the comprehensive planning community, had been released online that morning. Bailey said hard copies would be mailed the following week and also were available at several Ocean Pines locations. The survey is due back Sept. 7.

Lastly, Bailey called for increased engagement by association members. Transparency, he said, requires involvement.

“The board, myself and staff – we can be as transparent as we possibly can, but you’ve gotta be wanting to get answers too,” Bailey said. “That works both ways.”

Summaries of several presentations given during the meeting can be viewed online at <http://oceanpines.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/2018-Annual-Meeting-Presentation.pdf>.

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Berlin Briefs

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Aug. 23, 2018) The Berlin Mayor and Council discussed the following items last Monday during a public meeting at Town Hall:

Appointments

The council unanimously accepted several appointments to town boards, commissions and committees as proposed by Mayor Gee Williams.

Bob Palladino, a new appointment, joins the board of zoning appeals. Williams said Palladino came highly recommended by Joe Moore and Doug Parks, both longtime board members.



Bob Palladino

Reappointed were Bill Burke and Jane Briddell to the ethics commission, Mary Moore and Jeff Ricks to the housing board of review, and Patricia Dufendach and Sarah Hooper to the parks commission.

Revival event

Council members unanimously endorsed a summer revival event of God's Leading Church Transformation Ministry at Dr. William Henry Park on Flower Street, Aug. 27 through Sept. 1 from 7:30-10 p.m.

Pastor Lyonell Purnell said the church has been in the area for 10 years and previous events at Henry Park were held without issue.

"You're all invited!" Purnell said. Councilman Thom Gulyas also recognized Purnell's daughter, Snow Hill Councilwoman LaToya Purnell, who was in the audience.

Williams joked she had the hardest job - keeping her father out of trouble.

"I know it's a lot of responsibility, but you're doing a good job," Williams said.

"I got it!" LaToya Purnell said with a laugh.

Basketball court lighting

The council unanimously approved a request to reprioritize items for a Program Open Space grant application, moving basketball court lighting for Dr. William Henry Park to the top of the list and downgrading the permanent bathroom project for Stephen Decatur Park.

Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen said the grant would be for \$105,500, with \$9,000 in matching funds, mainly provided through in-kind services of the town.

Bohlen said the council had al-

ready agreed to reprioritize those two projects during an earlier meeting but, as Williams said, the vote last Monday was essentially "a formal action based on the discussion."

Tennis court update

Bohlen said renovation of tennis courts at Stephen Decatur Park should finish by the end of the month, based on estimates from engineers at Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc.

She said the courts had been repaved with new asphalt and fencing posts were installed.

"Completing the fence should not be a lengthy process," Bohlen said.

Power outages

Electric Utilities Director Tim Lawrence said the exact cause for two recent power outages was undetermined.

An Aug. 3 power outage lasted from 8:39 a.m. until 8:52 a.m. and "took out the entire town," he said.

An Aug. 5 outage extended from 12:39 p.m. to 1:05 p.m., about 26 minutes. Lawrence said no one was on duty at the time, "so it took us 26 minutes to get somebody here and get the power restored. That's pretty quick."

He said there was an issue having to do with Delmarva Power's substation on Old Ocean City Boulevard and the power feed to the town.

"We're actually trying to determine what exactly caused that outage," Lawrence said. "The engineers with Delmarva are working with our consultant, Booth Associates, to figure out what exactly caused that."

Police briefs

Police Chief Arnold Downing said about 500 people attended a recent National Night Out event at Dr. William Henry Park. He said more than 150 donated backpacks of school supplies were handed out and five donated bicycles were raffled off during the event.

"We had whole bunch of kids and families having a great time," Downing said.

He said Berlin Police recently participated in a safety conference with county schools, and also had taken children from Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services programs to the Altitude Trampoline Park and Delmar Pizza in Delmar.

Additionally, Downing said he spoke to about 60 children in an English as a Second Language program at James M. Bennett High School in Salisbury.

One student, he said, told police "she didn't know that women could be police officers."

"After she listened, she says, 'I know I want to be a police officer,'" Downing said. "That made my whole

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Berlin Briefs

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New development update

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said the Berlin Planning Commission voted 5-1 to recommend the Town Council add two parcels of land at the corner of U.S. Route 50 and Old Ocean City Boulevard to the town growth area. The property owner, Ernie Gerardi, hopes to develop the land into a “Berlin Gateway” that could include a convenience store, restaurant, hotel, retail shopping

tion,” he said.

Econ briefs

Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said new directional signs would be delivered soon to public works.

“I’m working with public works to figure out when we’re going to put those up,” she said. “That also includes the two signs that will direct people to Stephen Decatur Park with a giant ‘P’ so, if someone is looking for additional parking, they’ll see a ‘P’ and go down and park at Stephen De-



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Berlin Planning Director Dave Engelhart during a Berlin Mayor and Council meeting last Monday discusses a recent planning commission meeting, when the advisory group voted to recommend adding two parcels of land to the town growth map. Engelhart said the matter would be advertised and placed on an upcoming Town Council agenda. Also pictured, from left, are Electric Utilities Director Tim Lawrence, Police Chief Arnold Downing and Town Attorney David Gaskill.

spaces and a car dealership.

He said the matter would have to be on the agenda for a public hearing at a Town Council meeting, likely in September or October.

According to Engelhart, 18 people spoke during the meeting. He said 12 favored the development and six opposed it.

“We had a lot of public participa-

catur.”

Wells said logistics are being worked on for new café tables and chairs to be used for upcoming town events. The tables and chairs were purchased using AARP grant money.

She said future events included Shakespeare on Main Street, Labor Day Weekend, and the second Small Town Throw Down, Sept. 8.

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Tucker: two-year delinquent collections totaled \$376,000

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Aug. 23, 2018) Delinquent collections and contract negotiations were among the major tasks assigned to law firm Lerch, Early & Brewer of Bethesda during the previous fiscal year, according to a presentation by attorney Jeremy Tucker during the Aug. 11 Ocean Pines annual meeting.

Tucker said his firm provided “a significant amount of legal advice, counsel and negotiation services to the association.”

He said that included dealing with human resources issues and looking over a newly drafted employee handbook, addressing issues with bulkhead contracts “that came up unexpectedly,” and negotiating an agreement with the Matt Ortt Companies to oversee operations at the yacht and beach clubs.

“That has been well-received by the membership. It seems to be going very well on many fronts,” Tucker said of the Ortt Companies.

He added that renegotiation on a new agreement with Mediacom was in progress.

The firm also helped with delinquent collections and, since Jan. 1, 2017, has collected a total of about \$376,000, Tucker said. He said about \$141,000 was collected this year.

“What this and the prior board really wanted to create was an environment where there was accountability for assessments,” Tucker said. “I think everybody in the room would agree that you shouldn’t be shouldering the burden for somebody who is not paying and, so, that was one of

the priorities that we were given ... and we pursued an aggressive course of collection. And, fortunately, that’s been successful.”

Among the current tasks assigned to the firm, Tucker said, is reviewing “the drainage issue” of who is responsible for maintaining Ocean Pines drainage ditches. He said the firm would likely provide advice to the newly formed board during the next few weeks.

“As expected, your documents aren’t clear with respect to this particular issue and there’s ambiguities there,” Tucker said. “We are working to resolve them and figure out the best course of action.”

Finally, Tucker addressed the pending lawsuit filed by former director and interim general manager Brett Hill against the association board and Director Colette Horn.

“This case arises out of Mr. Hill’s challenge of the decision that he was not eligible to be a candidate for the board of directors, for a reason or two,” he said. “Mr. Hill has taken the case to the circuit court. An answer has been filed by the attorney handling the case, as well as a motion to dismiss.”

Tucker said the matter had been forwarded to Ocean Pines’ insurance counsel.

“Your insurance company and appointed counsel is handling this, which is great because, for you all, it keeps the legal costs down, because the insurance company will pay it,” he said.

On a personal note, Tucker thanked homeowners, committee chairs and others in Ocean Pines.

“Thank you very, very much for all of the information that you’ve been able to provide to me. It’s been really a true honor to represent you and we hope to continue to do so in the future.”



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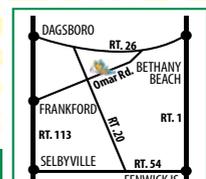
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Viola: 'lessons learned' from historic losses

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 23, 2018) The numbers themselves were far from encouraging, but Ocean Pines Treasurer and Budget and Finance Committee Chairman John Viola was well received following a thorough financial presentation given at the association's Aug. 11 annual meeting.

Viola said total operating losses in

erations.

"A big part of that, last year, was the excessively optimistic food and beverage numbers," he said. "There was a plan the association had [to] try something different. Sometimes you get very good results, sometimes whatever. But, lessons learned from it. That happens. Doing it again – that's another story."

Pressed to give more detail, he said the budgeted revenue numbers were "higher than we ever had before," adding that the budget and finance committee "did not agree" with those numbers.

With unprecedented revenue projections, Viola said Ocean Pines also should have budgeted for higher expenses.

"You had a lot of overtime ... thinking that these sales would

come by being open later," he said. "Sometimes change brings chaos – a little chaos – sometimes a lot of chaos ... the main thing is to transform from

it and I really believe, as an association, everybody is looking to do that."

In addition to food and beverage expenses, legal costs were \$110,000 over budget, information technology consultant fees were over budget by \$116,000 and accounting fees were \$26,000 over budget, he said. Bad debts added \$70,000, for a total of \$322,000.

Viola said the bright spots included budgets for police, public works, parts and recreation, racquet sports, and aquatics that were "all pretty much in line."

"It's almost a tale of two cities there – there was a lot of good, some not so good," Viola said. "The not so good we'll work on and, I'm sure, we'll transform from that."

He said the two-year total losses now stood at about \$1.611 million, including about \$367,000 lost during the previous fiscal year.

On the bright side, Viola said assessments over the last five years had increased by just \$37, representing about 4 percent, or 0.8 percent per year.

He said reserves totaled \$7.89 million as of April 30 and were projected to be \$7.49 million on April 30, 2019. Some reserve money would be used to pay for the in-progress forensic audit, Viola said.

Also on reserves, he said the De-

sign Management Associates study was "pretty much complete." Earlier this month, the budget and finance committee submitted recommendations for reserve escalation and inflation rates, and the company is adjusting for those numbers.

Because Ocean Pines is "coming off two years of losses," Viola said, "my feeling is that if somebody can do something better than us, we should look at that."

"That doesn't mean we do it, but ... [in] every department we should have benchmark information [and] metrics to give us a guideline where we stand," he said.

He said food and beverage operations had already been outsourced and appear to be improving.

"That doesn't mean outsource everything," Viola said. "We do have a lot of departments doing very good jobs."

He added because of many changes in the finance and information technologies areas during the last two years, "I believe that that can be transformed and I believe it can be at a viable, acceptable cost."

Summaries of several presentations given during the annual meeting can be viewed online at <http://oceanpines.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/2018-Annual-Meeting-Presentation.pdf>.



John Viola

fiscal 2018 were \$1.247 million. He said the lion's share of about \$1 million was because of overaggressive budgeting for food and beverage op-

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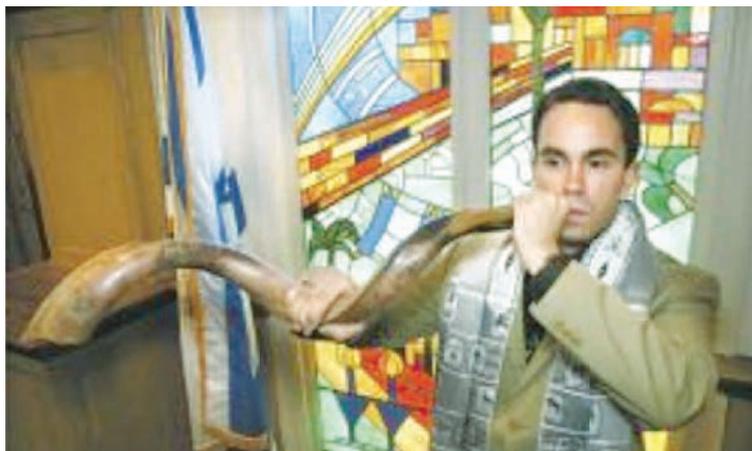
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Lewis Frey addresses conditions at the Ocean Pines Swim and Racquet Club Park during a public meeting in the community center last Sunday.

New board members promise to address bulkhead staging

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 23, 2018) Several new members of the Ocean Pines board of directors on Sunday promised to find a solution to reportedly unsafe conditions at the Ocean Pines Swim and Racquet Club because of construction materials and vehicles left unsupervised there.

The waterfront area, on 10 Seabreeze Road, has been used as a staging ground for bulkhead repairs.

A description of the Swim & Racquet Club Park on the Ocean Pines website reads, "With beautiful views of the St. Martin River, this park offers a picnic gazebo, a half basketball court and tennis courts. A small beach area is ideal for canoe or kayak launching. It is adjacent to the Swim & Racquet Club Pool."

However, a portion of the park remains cordoned off, as construction materials have been stored there since May.

Lewis Frey, a homeowner since 1999, addressed the issue during the public comments portion of an organization board meeting on Sunday.

Frey said he's walked his dog along a swim and racquet club park pathway about twice a day since moving there. Up until 2008, he said, "there was nothing stored there."

That was the year Fisher Marine Construction began keeping staging materials there, Frey said.

"From 2008 to 2016, it was a complete disaster – each year it was worse and worse," Frey said, with materials left onsite including kerosene, industrial welding torches, and batteries.

He said the equipment was removed in 2016, but returned to the park area in May.

"We were told, by several board members, that it would never return," Frey said.

Further, Frey invoked the Donna

Lebo motion passed unanimously by Ocean Pines homeowners during the Aug. 11 annual meeting this year. The motion requested "that the board consider alternate staging grounds for bulkhead repair and maintenance, and return the swim and racquet club park back to its originally intended use as a park and recreational area for the use and enjoyment of the residents who live here, and for public use."

Director Frank Daly on Sunday asked to suspend the rules to address Frey's comments – a rarity during board meetings.

Daly, in his official first meeting since being elected, said he toured the area during the campaign.

"I agree a construction staging area should not be at a park, provided the way that it's set up right now," Daly said. "If it's fenced off, locked, gated, guarded against intrusion, I'm much more inclined to do it. That doesn't mean that I believe it should be there."

Frey argued using the park for anything other than as a park was in violation of Ocean Pines' Declaration of Restrictions, which requires a 51-percent vote to change land use.

"Then you're taking a park away where people crab and fish and all that type of thing, and you can't do that according to the declaration of restrictions," Frey said.

"Should it come to leaving it there, we will address that with [legal] counsel ... and not violate the bylaws. You can rest assured that would be done," Daly said.

Frey argued putting up a fence would immediately devalue the waterfront properties boarding the swim and racquet club.

"I agree and thank you for bringing it forward," Daly said. "That will be addressed by the new board ... I believe it deserves our full attention."

Residents continue push to clean up Ocean Pines park

He added the matter would be subject of an upcoming work session.

"Speaking as a new board member, I didn't cause the problem, but I'm committed to curing it," Daly said.

Director Slobodan Trendic added, "We are not ignoring you."

"This is the organizational meeting, the next meeting is going to be the orientation meeting and then there is going to be a regular board meeting in September, and I think the board is planning to take on this issue very seriously and find a solution," Trendic said.

Director Esther Diller, also newly elected, said she also lived near the swim and racquet club.

"This is not going to be ignored," she said. "We will address it, but today is unfortunately not the time we can."

Frey asked that he and other homeowners be part of any continuing discussion. During the meeting Robin Tomaselli, Rich Lebo and Nancy Weber also spoke in protest of the current conditions.

"We're reasonable people," Frey said. "It would be nice if we could be in on the work session and talk to you while you're doing this. We live there."



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New Ocean Pines Board members Frank Daly, left, and Esther Diller assure association members the bulkhead staging area at the swim and racquet club park would be addressed during a scheduled work session, Sept. 1.



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GOVERNOR VISIT

Atlantic General Hospital recently hosted Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan and First Lady Yumi Hogan for a tour of the John H. "Jack" Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center in Berlin. The tour included a revealing of one of the First Lady's paintings, which is displayed in the center, a demonstration of the center's telehealth technology and a meet and greet with patients. Pictured, from left, are Dr. Roopa Gupta, medical oncologist and hematologist; Dr. Manoj Jain, radiation oncologist; Yumi and Gov. Larry Hogan; and Dr. Rabindra Paul, medical oncologist and hematologist.



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Gov. Larry Hogan and his wife, First Lady Yumi Hogan, reveal her painting hung inside of the Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center in Berlin. They are pictured with John Fager, left and Jack Burbage, right.

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Berlin's Timmons to migrate south, to Florida

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 23, 2018) Sharon Timmons, administrative assistant in the Town of Berlin Economic Development Department, is leaving her position on Oct. 19 and heading south, to Myrtle Beach, Florida.

Timmons, 58, is originally from Salisbury. She moved to Berlin with her husband, Steve, 25 years ago and started working for the town about 17 years ago.

"A girl that I had worked with in Salisbury was working in the administrative assistant position for the town manager," Timmons said. "She decided that she was going to leave and called me, and said she thought the job would be perfect for me and to apply. So, I did."

Timmons had been working as a sales assistant for Toroid Corporation, a company that manufactures medical equipment.

She remembers moving to a different Berlin than the one now regularly named in statewide and national top-ten lists for its vibrant downtown shopping district.

"I had lived here for probably a month and I told my husband, 'I can't live here - they close the sidewalks off at 5 o'clock!'" she said. "There wasn't a lot here. We had Boomer's. We had Goober's. We had Rayne's Reef and Neon Moon, which is now an empty lot

across from Cheers.

"The stores were not as popular as they are now. The big stores were Victorian Charm and Style Guide," Timmons continued. "There wasn't a lot to do."

The job, she said, started out as a glorified receptionist's position.

"I did a lot of correspondence and letters, and helped out different departments when they were slack," Timmons said. "I helped out with finance and cut-offs for awhile. I really didn't like that, because I didn't like turning off people's electric and water, but that was part of it."

"The longer I was there, the more responsibility I would take on, so I actually grew the job to what it is now," she added.

About three years ago, Timmons moved from Town Hall to the welcome center as the new administrative assistant for Ivy Wells, who was hired to replace Michael Day as the economic and community development director.

"Michael was leaving and I had helped him in the past with some of the events and the paperwork, and I was in a spot where I kind of wanted something new to do," she said. "So, I came over to work with Ivy and the rest is history."

Among the most high profile of Timmons' duties has been helping to organize the annual Christmas parade during the last seven years.

"That's a huge endeavor," she said.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Sharon Timmons, set to leave her position with the Town of Berlin in October, waves goodbye to the friends she has made during 17 years working there. She and her husband plan to move to Myrtle Beach, Florida.

"I've already printed out letters and invitations and started all the forms - and this is August. It's hundreds of people, hundreds of volunteers, taking calls ... just to line it up itself is an endeavor."

Timmons said she decided to leave now because the company her husband has worked for during the last 40 years, Zonko Builders of Selbyville, is soon closing.

"The winters were getting a little hard on us and we just decided we wanted to go somewhere warmer," she said. "We had bought a condo [in Myrtle Beach] seven years ago and ... we want to start

a new adventure - relax a little bit, work a little bit, play a little bit. We've been able to do all that here, but we want to do it somewhere warmer."

She said she would most miss the friendships she's made.

"The friendships with the business owners, with the staff, hanging out at the events with everybody - just the town in general," she said. "It is a cool town, but we plan on coming back every year for a couple weeks and just vacationing here."

"I'll miss everybody! Come visit us. Everybody's welcome to visit," Timmons added.



Aug. 23 - Aug. 30

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Sat. & Sun. 10-4pm	1455 Ocean Pkwy., The Point	3BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$399,900	Ed Wehnert/Coldwell Banker
Sat. & Sun. 10-4pm	Muirfield Lane, River Run	3-4BR/2-3.5BA	Single Family	\$399,900-\$479,900	Ed Wehnert/Coldwell Banker
Saturday 10-1:30	606 141st St., Caine Woods	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$244,000	Karla Oass/Long & Foster OC
Monday 1-4	606 141st St., Caine Woods	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$244,000	Karla Oass/Long & Foster OC
Saturday 3:30-6:30	32 Driftwood Lane, Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$369,900	Karla Oass/Long & Foster OC
Tuesday Noon-3	32 Driftwood Lane, Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$369,900	Karla Oass/Long & Foster OC
Saturday 11-1pm	8 W. Mallard Dr., Ocean Pines	3BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$474,000	Cameron Drew/PO2-Hileman
Saturday 11-5	13035 Drum Point Rd., Captains Hill - WOC	3BR/3BA	Single Family	\$795,000	Bob Jester/Condominium Realty
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Peters receives fond farewell from town staff

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 23, 2018) For 45 years, Geneva Peters worked as the utility billing supervisor in the finance department for the Town of Berlin.

Last Wednesday afternoon, dozens of town workers and elected officials gathered to toast her retirement with a massive banana walnut cake – her favorite – gifts from several department heads, and a proclamation from Mayor Gee Williams on behalf of the Town Council.

“I’m just going to relax for awhile – maybe for the next 45 years – and then I’ll think about doing something else,” Peters said.

Originally from Newark, Peters moved to the Bay Street area of Berlin with her parents at a young age. She later moved to another home on Bay Street, where she still resides.

Peters said she originally applied for the job after reading an ad in the newspaper.

“Really, I wasn’t trained for this kind of thing ... [but] it was a job opening in Berlin and, at that time, there were not many job openings,” she said. “I applied and they hired me, because they needed somebody right away, so I took it day by day ... and I’ve been here 45 years.”

She said the biggest change in Berlin during her four-plus decades employed by the town is the increase in population.

Peters said Atlantic General Hospital, founded in 1993, brought a lot to the town and now new communities are popping up all the time. She the streets downtown are much more crowded now than during the early 1970s.

She decided to retire now because, “I’m just old enough. The age for social security has set in and I just thought it was my turn now.”

Asked what she would miss the most Peters joked, “donut day,” and then replied, “Just getting up and going to work.”

“I live close enough ... and I just had no other reason not to be here. It’s an enjoyable place to work with nice guys, nice people.”

Williams, speaking before a large crowd of well wishers, said Peters was hired in October 1973.

“This is remarkable ... I’ve certainly seen a lot of folks that retired 25, 30, maybe 35 [years into their career]. This is my first opportunity to know someone and to have worked with someone that had a career that lasted four and a half decades,” he said. “It’s rare now. I think it will be even more rare in the future.”

“You can imagine what Geneva has seen since 1973,” he added.

He said billing systems that used to change every few years now seem to shift every few months.

“By the time everybody gets comfortable, everybody knows what we’re doing, we’ll change it up. That’s just the way the world works now ... that’s very challenging,” he said. “But, through thick and thin, through all the changes that we’ve gone through as a community and as a society, we’ve always been able to depend on Geneva being there day in and day out.

“Can you imagine how many people’s lives you’ve effected all these years? Most of it has been good – I’m sure a few people were upset when you said, ‘you’ve got to pay your bill,’” Williams continued. “We can’t thank you enough. It’s hard to express such a long and dedicated service. You’re leading by example – you have led by example – and I think there’s many, many good people to follow.”

Williams presented the citation and a bouquet of flowers.

“We’re very, very honored to honor



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams last Wednesday presents a bouquet of flowers and a Town Council Citation to retiring Utility Billing Supervisor Geneva Peters. Peters worked for the town for 45 years.

you today,” he said.

Finance Director Natalie Saleh gave Peters a gift on behalf of her department, adding, “Thank you, Geneva, for all the years. Thank you so much for great work and enjoy your retirement!”

There was also a card from the public works and water resources departments, and Electric Utilities Director Tim Lawrence gave Peters a card on behalf of his section.

“Is it a paid light bill?” she asked, drawing laughs from those in attendance.

Lawrence said Peters had called

him just about every morning at 7 a.m. – sometimes earlier – “either concerning some kind of reading or something down those lines.”

“I’m just making sure that I’m not the only one working!” Peters said.

“I just wanted to let you know ... we’re all going to miss you,” Lawrence said.

Human Resources Director Jeff Fleetwood closed the ceremony by presenting Peters with the enormous cake.

“On behalf of a grateful town and the employees, thank you,” Fleetwood said.

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Opinion

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Maybe time has come for special fire districts

The continuing conflict between volunteer fire companies and local governments is not unlike an inextinguishable coal-seam fire — they smolder below the surface for years before the general population becomes aware of it.

In both cases, friction can be the cause, as, in the case of these sub-surface coal fires, subterranean rocks grind back and forth, or, in the other instance, the missions of fire companies constantly rub up against the duties of government.

The latter is evident in Berlin and Ocean City, where fire companies must serve jurisdictions that far exceed municipal boundaries, while local governments rightfully object to using municipal tax dollars to subsidize service to outlying areas.

Infernal disagreements are inevitable. Fire companies can't simply choose their areas of responsibility — that's worked out by fire chief associations or county fire prevention bureaus to ensure the broadest possible coverage.

Similarly, local governments must look out for their residents' and taxpayers' interests, which do not include providing fire protection for everyone within a several-mile radius.

This is why the Town of Berlin insists that not one dollar of its tax revenue be spent on the fire company's out-of-town Station 3, but it's also why the fire company needs Station 3 and maintains a separate fund to build it.

It's also why the Ocean City officials apparently have asked the Worcester County Commissioners to assume full authority for West Ocean City coverage and why the Ocean City volunteers must respond regardless of who gets the tab.

Even though the county contributes significantly — and equally — to all county fire departments, it may no longer be enough to cover residential growth in unincorporated areas.

It could be that the only way to eliminate the friction between the towns and fire companies is to spare the towns by creating out-of-town fire districts with special taxing authority, and district boards to provide oversight.

Most likely, such a move would spark protests in these areas, but that would be fairer than the current situations and could prevent the occasional conflagration that all parties involved would prefer to avoid.



"I need to sit in the shade, the sun is turning my hair gray."

Letters

It takes a village to make great festival

Editor,

The Berlin Heritage Foundation's Peach Festival Committee extends a heartfelt thanks to all those who made our tenth annual festival a great success.

We are grateful to all those who donated funds, prizes or in-kind services, volunteered, performed, demonstrated and sold crafts and art, shared educational information, provided delicious food and beverages, judged pies or dared

to join in a pie-eating contest. What a festive day in Berlin!
The Peach Festival Committee

Remember: reduce, reuse and recycle

Editor,

I was pleased to hear the Shepard's Nook Thrift Shop at the Community Church of Ocean Pines is raising awareness to their customers about the need to reduce the use of plastic bags. A flyer is being given the customers to encourage them to bring their own re-

cycle bags to hold their purchase.

There is an ever-increasing amount of plastic bags both on land and in the ocean polluting the environment. The American Chemistry Council estimated eight million tons of plastic enters our ocean every year. Plastic bags cannot be recycled in curbside bins however they can be taken to grocery store bins.

The church is trying with this addition step to improve our environmental footprint.

*Joleen Killinger
Berlin*

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Pines Players production to debut

(Aug. 23, 2018) The Ocean Pines Players will present Joe di Pietro's play, "The Last Romance," at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ocean City.

Show dates for this comedy about the Golden Years and love, loss, memories and regrets are Friday, Aug. 24 through Wednesday, Aug. 29. Every day but Sunday, doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show time is 7 p.m. Sunday matinee, doors open at 3:30 p.m., with show time at 4 p.m.

Desires and dreams have a place in this play that asks: "Is

it ever too late to hope for new love, and is it ever too soon to let go of the past?"

With the aid of a dog park, an aspiring opera singer, and some fine Italian cooking, three lonely seniors come face to face with the realities of their own Golden Years, the choices they have made, and the dreams they struggle to hold on to.

In a departure from past practice the Ocean Pines Players are trying something new this production. Instead of running two consecutive week-

ends, "Romance" will run for six straight days, allowing playgoers to avoid battling weekend traffic.

Showtimes will be Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings. A Sunday matinee has also been scheduled.

As usual, the Players are offering free beverages and desserts at intermission. Call the Ocean Pines Players at 703-727-0528 from more information. Group rates and reserved tables are available for large parties.

Jeep Week, Jeep Jam return

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(Aug. 23, 2018) Hundreds of Jeeps are set to take over Ocean City for the ninth annual Jeep Week, which kicks off today, Thursday, Aug. 23.

“There’s a whole new group of Jeep followers,” Live Wire Media Owner and Event Coordinator Brad Hoffman said. “In the end I’ve always loved and had a passion for Jeeps.”

Jeep Week was first created by Will Lynch and Chris Cropper nine years ago as a means to promote businesses in Ocean City and provide a fun-filled week for Jeep owners and enthusiasts. Hoffman joined the Jeep Week team five years ago as a sponsor.

“It really was a vision to take the whole thing to the next level over the past four/five years,” Hoffman said. “We’re well over 1,400-1,500 registered Jeeps this year. Every year I’ve grown it 20-25 percent to be stronger on the vendor side [and] stronger on the participant side. I’m really proud of building something that is nationally recognized.”

Jeep parades on the beach will take place daily from 7:30-9:15 a.m. The parade will begin at 29th Street and continue down to the inlet. Around 250 Jeeps will take a sandy ride along the beach toward the inlet each day.

Onlookers can observe the parade from the Boardwalk. Parade participants are advised to arrive at the Jolly Roger parking lot on 30th Street early to ensure the parade begins on time.

New events have been added to this year’s Jeep Week, including the 50-acre Jeep Jam at the MAYS Sports Complex in Pittsville created in part by course builders, Chris Cropper of CC Customs, Chris Russell of Superior Contracting, and John DeForce.

Jeep Jam at the MAYS center replaces the original Jeep Jam obstacle course, held in Berlin.

Another new event is the beach obstacle course. It will be based north of the pier between Somerset and Dorchester streets in Ocean City.

“It’s a little Jeep course on the beach, which brings more participants, which brings more revenue and keeps it local,” Hoffman said.

Activities run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the convention center.

Vendors and representatives from I.G. Burton of Berlin, the title sponsor, will showcase various products throughout the week at the convention center. I.G. Burton will also welcome guests to its new dealership in Berlin on Sunday from 1-4 p.m. for a Jeep sendoff party and open house.

This year’s Jeep Week is dedicated to the memory of Hoffman’s sister, Wendy Hoffman Steil, who passed away two weeks ago from lung cancer. She was 61.

“My sister worked with me at Jeep Week last year when she was fighting lung cancer,” Hoffman said. “She was just there selling wristbands and meeting my friends in the Jeep world and I was just honored to have her as a sister.

“She embodied that feeling of ‘Hey, let’s have a good time, everybody smile, this is a fun thing,’” he continued. “I know she’ll be looking out for the event this year.”

General admission for the convention center and MAYS Sports Complex is \$10. A two-day and three-day pass is available for \$15 and \$20, respectively.

For more information or see the full schedule, visit www.oceancityjeepweek.com or call Hoffman at 443-366-5944 or email brad@live-wire-media.com.

Jeep Week Schedule:

Friday

- 8-9:30 a.m. – Beach Crawl, 30th Street to inlet parking lot
- 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – First Jeep Jam shift in Pittsville, MAYS Sports Complex
- 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – First Beach Course shift, Somerset Street, Ocean City
- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Show at convention center, 40th Street
- 12-3 p.m. – Kicker Show and Shine at convention center, 40th Street
- 1:30-4:30 p.m. – Second Jeep Jam shift in Pittsville, MAYS Sports Complex
- 1:30-4:30 p.m. – Second Beach Course shift, Somerset Street
- 5-8 p.m. – Crab feast at Hooper’s, West Ocean City
- 7-10 p.m. – Clarion Oceanfront Jeep Beach Bash, 101st Street
- 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. – Original Greene Turtle Jeep Bash Party, 116th Street

Saturday

- 8-9:30 a.m. – Beach Crawl, 30th Street to inlet parking lot
- 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – First Jeep Jam shift in Pittsville, MAYS Sports Complex
- 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – First Beach Course shift, Somerset Street
- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Show opens at convention center, 40th Street
- 1:30-4:30 p.m. – Second Jeep Jam shift in Pittsville, MAYS Sports Complex
- 1:30-4:30 p.m. – Second Beach Course shift, Somerset Street
- 6-9:30 p.m. – OC Jeep Week Closing Party in Pittsville, MAYS Sports Complex
- 7-11 p.m. – Closing party at Hooters in West Ocean City

Sunday

- 8-9:30 a.m. – Beach Crawl, 30th Street to inlet parking lot
- 1-4 p.m. – Closing Party and Berlin IG Burton Open House at IG Burton in Berlin



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Restore ribbon cutting scheduled next Thurs.

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(Aug. 23, 2018) Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its ReStore in Berlin, on Thursday, Aug. 30, at noon.

Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County, Inc. is a local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, a global housing organization which seeks to help eliminate poverty housing by bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope.

The nonprofit organization constructed a ReStore, which opens next week at 9026 Worcester Highway, in Berlin.

Habitat ReStores are home improvement stores that accept donations of new or gently used furniture, appliances, houseware and building materials, among other items.

Proceeds from the sales of these items help Habitat's work in Worcester County. Projects include critical repairs for existing homeowners and building projects for new properties. This is the first ReStore in the county.

"ReStores provide a proven revenue stream for Habitat affiliates," Andrea Bowland, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County, said. "It's always a challenge

to raise money for nonprofits, and Habitat affiliates need to raise a significant amount of money because our mission focuses on construction, be it building new homes, or addressing critical issues with existing homes."

The ribbon-cutting will take place at noon, which will be followed by the 7,500-square-foot store's official opening. The store will be open from 12-6 p.m. during the grand opening.

Hours during grand opening week

County landfill. There are three categories of people who will benefit from the ReStore – shoppers, donors and volunteers.

"Shoppers can expect to find everything from affordable appliances and furniture for their own homes or rentals, to unique antiques and even new flooring and building materials," she continued. "Donors revamping their homes, cleaning out storage units, attics, or garages, can

accepted. However, articles such as clothes, most electronics, firearms and cribs will not be accepted.

For a complete list of acceptable and non-acceptable donations, visit habitatworcester.org/restore/what-we-accept.

"The ReStore will always be accepting donations, as these items make up the store's inventory," Bowland said. "A constant stream of donations is needed in order to stock the store and provide revenue. The more money we raise, the more families we can help within our local Worcester County community."

Those interested in donating items should email donations@habitatworcester.org or call 410-208-4440. Donations can either be picked Monday or Tuesday, or dropped off on Wednesday.

"The donations ambassador or ReStore manager will discuss the items donors have and ask for photos to be emailed to ensure the ReStore is able to accept them," Bowland said. "There are restrictions on the acceptance of certain regulated items, or due to the condition of items."

For more information about the ReStore, call 410-208-4440 or visit habitatworcester.org/restore or [HabitatforHumanityWorcesterCounty](https://www.facebook.com/HabitatforHumanityWorcesterCounty) on Facebook.



MORGAN PILZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County ReStore in Berlin will officially be open for business on Thursday, Aug. 30.

will be 12-6 p.m., Thursday through Saturday. Regular store hours will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays through Saturdays.

"It is estimated that every dollar in ReStore sales keeps 1.3 pounds out of landfills," Bowland said. "Thus, the Worcester County ReStore will help lessen the burden on the Worcester

County landfill. There are three categories of people who will benefit from the ReStore – shoppers, donors and volunteers."

simply call the ReStore to donate, knowing that their items aren't being cast aside, they are instead being donated and then sold to help the local community."

Donations are still being accepted for the store's grand opening. Gently used and new furniture, appliances and building materials will be ac-

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'SEARCH' assists developmentally disabled

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(Aug. 23, 2018) Project SEARCH has been established at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin for students with disabilities to receive job experience while completing high school courses.

Project SEARCH is a high school transition program, with more than 500 locations in the U.S. and in 10 countries, whose primary objective is to secure competitive employment for individuals with developmental disabilities. Worcester is the first county on the Eastern Shore to adopt this program.

"It makes a big difference in the community and it helps the organizations and the businesses have a sense of pride and it creates people who are a future workforce," Michael Franklin, president and CEO of Atlantic General Hospital, said. "It's really helpful to all of us."

The SEARCH Program on the Eastern Shore is a partnership between Atlantic General Hospital, the Worcester County Board of Education, Worcester County Developmental Center and the Maryland Department of Education's Division of Rehabilitation Services.

"This is an exciting day for all of us in this room, especially for me as superintendent of schools as we celebrate the first ever project SEARCH," said Louis Taylor, superintendent of

Worcester County Public Schools, during the SEARCH meet-and-greet last Thursday at Atlantic General Hospital. "It is our responsibility to prepare our kids for life beyond the walls of learning in our 14 institutions of learning. This is one of those steps as we move forward."



MORGAN PILZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Four of the five SEARCH interns last Thursday pose for a photo with Superintendent of Schools Lou Taylor and Atlantic General Hospital President Michael Franklin at the hospital in Berlin. Pictured, from left, are Taylor, Tyneish Gustus, Toni Dixon, Bradley Dornes, Franklin and Deshawn Collick. Not pictured is intern Tyler Howard.

In September, the first class of Project SEARCH interns will begin their year of on-the-job training at Atlantic General Hospital.

The interns will spend six hours per day at the hospital, rotating through

three different work experiences during the school year. Onsite classroom training will focus on employability and life skills provided by a teacher from Worcester County Public Schools.

"One of our biggest goals is to ensure [our disabled students] have employment after school," Transition Coordinator Matthew Elburn said. "We know that having a job while in school predicts successful employment after school. We're always looking for new avenues for our students who are [ages] 18-21."

"This is nice because it's set in the community. Students don't go to school, they'll come here and take a class on job skills and interpersonal skills," he continued. "After that hour, they'll go around into the different job rotations in the hospital."

Four of the five interns met with hospital staff and local officials for a kickoff celebration of the program on

Thursday, Aug. 16, along with Taylor and Carol Beatty, secretary, Maryland Department of Disabilities.

"I am really so excited to be here to help you celebrate this wondrous event," Beatty said. "This year is going to be full of interesting things that you're going to be learning here and partnerships that are going to be developing and ultimately wonderful opportunity when you interns graduate."

The interns are excited to begin the program this September.

"I wanted to join because it's fun," said Intern Bradley Dornes of Berlin. "I want to learn about lots of jobs"

"It's something different for us," said Intern Tyneish Gustus of Pocomoke. "We [disabled] kids don't get a lot of opportunities."

This program was especially personal for Franklin, who has an older brother, Steve, with a disability. Franklin read an article about Steve to the audience regarding his work ethic and love of helping others.

"The importance of us spreading this around the community is to find what people are good at and find what they love to do, and until you try you don't know," Franklin said. "Thank you all for giving us this opportunity."

For more information about Project SEARCH, visit www.projectsearch.us.

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City Hall Selfie Day



Group photo of Town of Berlin employees



Finance Director Natalie Saleh, left, and Chelsea Tyndall



Chelsea Tyndall and husband, Councilman Zack Tyndall



Councilman Zack Tyndall, left, and Human Resources Director Jeff Fleetwood

SAY CHEESE!

Town of Berlin employees last Wednesday morning celebrate national City Hall Selfie Day in front of Town Hall. Town Administrator Laura Allen on Tuesday said town workers did not win any awards this year for their participation, "but we had a lot of fun celebrating the work we do!"

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Mayor Gee Williams, left, and Planning Director Dave Engelhart



Chelsea Tyndall, left, Town Administrator Laura Allen, Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells and Councilman Zack Tyndall

Donations needed to help Church Mouse in outreach

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 23, 2018) During the last six months, Berlin's nonprofit Church Mouse Thrift Shop has provided monetary donations and services for local organizations such as Worcester Youth and Family Counseling, Meals on Wheels, Diakonia, the Spirit Kitchen and Operation We Care.

"The Mouse," as Helen Wiley often refers to it, is an outreach arm of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Berlin. Wiley oversees operation of the storefront, on 101 North Main Street.

"The purpose of the Church Mouse, for St. Paul's Episcopal Church, is to provide a shop that can generate monies to be used for outreach to our local community," she said.

Wiley said the Berlin Fire Company would receive a donation in September.

"We always give them a donation in honor and remembrance of 9/11," she said, adding the Cricket Center in Berlin would get a check from the Church Mouse in October.

Currently, the downtown Berlin shop is seeking donations of new or gently used items to help further its outreach.

Wiley said the biggest needs are costume jewelry, sets of glassware, serving dishes, coffee mugs, DVDs and CDs, complete puzzles, and books for children

and adults. She said hardback and paperback books are always sought after, especially novels and cookbooks.

"Also, we will start to accept fall clothes in the beginning of September," she added.

To donate, call Wiley at 443-513-6655. Small donations can be brought into the shop between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Store hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Cash and check donations are also accepted.

"They're always welcome and it will be given back to the community," she said.

Along with aiding other area nonprofits and providing meals for the needy, Wiley said the Church Mouse has also been there for many local people who just stop in and want someone to talk to.

"Sometimes when people come into the shop, they come and they just want to share their story. Sometimes, that's just what our mission is – to be there and to listen," she said. "You might have your own troubles and worries, but when you turn and listen to someone else ... you can know that it makes them feel good.

"That's just what we're all about," Wiley continued. "We're always there and we try to be there for folks and, when you give, you get back. And you often get a lot more back than you give out."



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UTILITY BOX

The latest utility box completed under the Ocean City Development Corporation's Public Art Program has been painted in the resort by local artist Jim Adcock. This project, sponsored by the "66th Street Neighbors," is located on the south side of 66th Street near the beach end. This utility box was completed to highlight the nearby Believe In Tomorrow Children's House By the Sea as well as the organization. The Believe In Tomorrow Children's Foundation provides hospital and respite housing services to critically ill children and their families. PPG Paints of Eighth Street in Ocean City donated some of the paint and materials. Delmarva Power provided approval to use this utility box. For more information, contact the OCDC at 410-289-7739.



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REPUBLICAN WOMEN

The board of the Republican Women of Worcester County met on July 31 to prepare for their 10th annual Patriot Day Fashion Show Luncheon. Pictured seated, from left, are Chairperson Sandy Zitzer, Vanessa Alban, Ann Lutz and Beth Rodier, and standing, Mary Adair, Gloria Moyer and Jean Delcher. The fashion show will be held at the Dunes Manor Hotel in Ocean City on Thursday, Sept. 27. For reservations and more information, call Rodier at 410-352-5222 or 443-668-8864.



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LOCAL SCHOLARS

The Marlin Club Crew of OC, a local nonprofit, just completed its annual Jewelry Show joined by a record-breaking crowd. The show is the group's primary scholarship fundraising event. Funds raised by the "Crew" last year enabled the organization to award over \$14,000 in scholarships this year. Pictured, from left, are Suzanne Clagett, of the scholarship committee, and Hailey Beck, Jenna Shumate, Parker Wheeler, Tyler Johnson and Trent Chetelat. New this year was the inclusion of support for a student pursuing certification in a trades career.



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BOOK CLUB

Books By the Bay, an Ocean Pines book club, held its meeting on Aug 9. The guest discussion leader was Sister Kathleen Freeley, retired president of Notre Dame College in Baltimore. At 89 years of age, Sister Kathleen will be teaching a class in September in its Renaissance program.



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DRAWBRIDGE GANG

The "Ladies of Drawbridge Road" in Ocean Pines recently held their annual summer luncheon at the home of Jackie Choate, who took the photo.



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'DAWG' POUND

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City's "Dawg Team," which can be found at many Ocean Pines events, including the Thursday evening "Concerts in the Park," is pictured during the Aug. 4 Pine'er Club Arts and Crafts Festival in Ocean Pines White Horse Park. Proceeds benefit the Kiwanis Club's Children's Programs.

Briddletown interpretive sign unveiling, Aug. 28 near Berlin

County commissioners will introduce historic markers of area that dates to 1866

(Aug. 23, 2018) The public is invited to join the Worcester County Commissioners as they unveil the Briddletown Interpretive Sign on Tuesday, Aug. 28, at 11:30 a.m. on Flower Street beside Stephen Decatur Middle School.

The new interpretive sign maps the development of the Briddletown community, which is located east of the Town of Berlin and dates back to 1866.

"Typically folks in the tourism industry are considered storytellers, and we think this is a chance to tell an important story and also make some connections between the existing historic sites in the vicinity," Worcester County Tourism Director Lisa Chal-

lenger said. "Historic markers identify heritage sites of significance, such as the birthplace of Reverend Dr. Charles Albert Tindley, who penned 'Stand By Me,' which Ben E. King later made famous, and 'We Shall Overcome,' which became the civil rights anthem," Challenger said. "Worcester County is home to courageous individuals. Their contributions are part of the fabric of our community. These panels document segments of Worcester County history that might have gone untold and make that history readily available to us today."

The Briddletown sign is part of a larger collection of African American Interpretive Panels that identify sites of historic significance to Worcester County that serve to educate the public and preserve local history.

For more information, contact Kim Moses, public information officer, at 410-632-1194.



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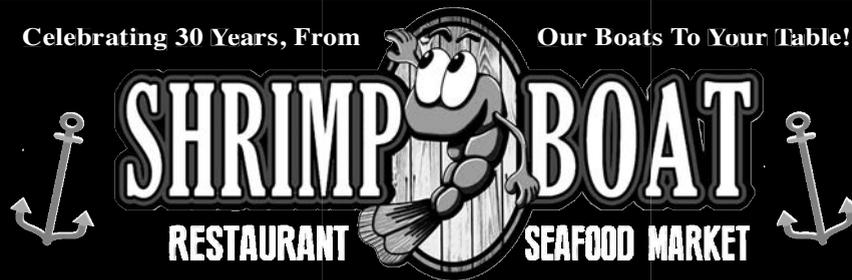


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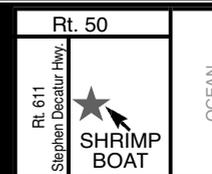
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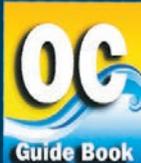
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Aug. 30: Bettenroo, 8 p.m.

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Aug. 27: Just Jay, 4 p.m.
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Aug. 28: Rick Kennedy, 4-8 p.m.
Aug. 29: Jack Worthington
Aug. 30: DJ Jeremy, 6-10 p.m.

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Aug. 25: Kevin Poole & Joe Mama, noon to 4 p.m.; Luna Sea Band, 5-9 p.m.

Aug. 26: Copper Sky, noon to 3 p.m.; Aaron Howell Trio, 4-8 p.m.
Aug. 27: Nate Clendenen, noon to 3 p.m.; Bob Wilkinson, Joe Smooth & Pete, 4-8 p.m.
Aug. 28: Lauren Glick Duo, noon to 3 p.m.; Dave Hawkins & Joe Mama, 4-8 p.m.
Aug. 29: Heather Vidal Solo, noon to 3 p.m.; Chris Button & Joe Mama, 4-8 p.m.
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Aug. 26: Tyler Farr, ticketed event, doors open at 5 p.m.
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Aug. 25: Side Project/Chris Button, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Aug. 26: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Aug. 27: Blake Haley, 4-7 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 7 p.m.
Aug. 28: Dust N Bones
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Aug. 25: The Bonedaddy's, 5 p.m.
Aug. 26: Bird Dog & the Road Kings, 4 p.m.
Aug. 29: DJ Batman, 5 p.m.
Aug. 30: Steve Ports Duo, 6 p.m.

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Aug. 28: Karaoke w/DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m.
Aug. 30: Michael Smith, piano lounge, 7 p.m.

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Aug. 27: The Breakers, 10 p.m.
Aug. 28-29: VJ Mazi, 9 p.m.
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Aug. 24: Cruz-in de Bay, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; S.T.O.R.M., 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; For the Win, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Bobby-O, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Mike T, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Cruz, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Aug. 25: Cruz-in de Bay, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Nowhere Slow, 1-5 p.m.; S.T.O.R.M., 5-9 p.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; JJ Rupp Band, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; DJ Bobby-O, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; Kristen & the Noise, 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.
Aug. 26: DJ Bobby-O, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; Lunasea Full Moon Glow Party, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Split Decision, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Aug. 27: DJ Bobby-O, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.; JJ Rupp Band, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Aug. 28: DJ Bobby-O, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Opposite Directions, 5-9 p.m.; Cherry Crush Trio, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Aug. 29: DJ Bobby-O, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Full Circle Duo, 5-9 p.m.; The Freddie Long Band, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Aug. 30: DJ Bobby-O, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Rew Smith, 5-9 p.m.; Jah Works, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; DJ Cruz, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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Ocean City
410-723-6762
www.skyebaroc.com
Aug. 24: Rick and Lennon LiRicci, 4-8 p.m.
Aug. 25: The Stims, 4-8 p.m.
Aug. 26: Marky Shaw, 4-8 p.m.
Aug. 29: Marky Shaw, 4-8 p.m.
Aug. 30: Elwood Bishop Duo, 4-8 p.m.

TRADER LEE'S LIVE

9935 Stephen Decatur Highway
West Ocean City
443-614-4119
Aug. 24: The Streams, 7 p.m.
Aug. 29: Open Mic Night, 7 p.m.

WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17
Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines
410-208-3922
www.whiskersbar.com
Aug. 24: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey



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BACKPACK DRIVE CONTINUES

Workers and volunteers from Worcester Youth and Family Counseling give out backpacks filled with school supplies to local children during a "Bus Stop Snack Shack" event at Dr. William Henry Park in Berlin, last Friday. So far, the Berlin based nonprofit has given out 100 backpacks to area children, and upcoming back-to-school giveaway events are scheduled in Berlin, Pocomoke and Snow Hill. School supply collections for the backpacks are ongoing. For more information, contact Insurance and Billing Specialist Deborah Smullen at 410-641-4598 or email dsmullen@gowoyo.org.

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Cuisine

Seared Mahi on toasted Israeli couscous

This column originally ran in an Aug. 25, 2016 edition of the Bayside Gazette



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

Almost as though it was too much to ask for (my apologies for ending an opening statement with a preposition; you'll simply have to bear with me), we suddenly received the cool weather so

many people were so desperately seeking out. And my feet, sitting atop the bricks in our tiki bar, are cold. Yes, cold.

It was almost as though the heat waves of July and August were and are mere figments of our imagination, leaving us to wonder whether there will even be any more pool days this year. I know; shudder to think.

I sit here at midnight, looking past the string lights onto the yard filled with banana leaves and hibiscus flowers bigger than my head, and I try to imagine myself back in the islands, with the cool trade winds taking care of any sunburn that I might have gotten in the day. I am a towhead after all and it doesn't take much for me to go from pink to lobster. In fact, it's rather instantaneous, and it's a trait that I have passed on to some of my offspring. I had hoped for brighter pastures for them, but we can't always pick the tanning chromosomes, can we?

But, back to the task at hand, the trade winds sit still and I do not hear the crushing sounds of waves on lava rock, despite my every effort of pulling in the sound of the 18-wheeler's as they passes by on 113 a mile from our home. As I put my hoodie on, I realize that "local summer" is only a matter of days away; that brilliant season that we all love when the water is still warm, the storms are brewing off the coast and the beaches are empty.

And the combination of cool sand, warm sun and still-warm water bring me into a mindset of combining of the seasons. First, with the freshness of the seafood that is still being pulled in, and second from the more roasted and toasted flavors of fall, when heartier foods seem to fit the bill.

I haven't worked with Israeli couscous in a while, and as we make traditional (smaller) couscous from scratch in our culinary program, Israeli couscous is in a class almost to itself. With pearls the size of large tapioca, it truly absorbs the flavors of anything that



you are cooking it in.

Toasted and served with some fresh mahi, or dolphinfish, and some splendid green beans, you can't go wrong with dish on a chilly night like tonight.

I don't care that I'm 6,000 miles away from "aloha"; it truly is my favorite place on earth. I will relish in my yard, covered in banana leaves and hibiscus, and I will at least truly enjoy closing out this article at 1 a.m.

But as I finish this, I must ask. "Why can I see my breath?"

Seared Mahi

Serves 4

4 six-ounce portions fresh mahi
Blackening spice, as needed
Good oil or clarified butter, as needed

1. Yes, we are really that limited on the ingredient list on this fish. You don't need much to make Dolphinfish taste phenomenal

2. Merely pat the mahi dry and season liberally with the blackening spice. Pat it in

3. Heat a pan (cast iron is my favorite) and add the oil

4. Add the fish carefully and cook until it has a nice crust on it. As I've seen in the Big Easy many times over, "blackening" does not mean burnt

black ... to a crisp. Use your judgment

5. Cook for about two minutes and turn over

6. Cook for another two and remove the pan from the heat. The residual heat will continue cooking the fish and keep it hot

7. Serve on the couscous and green beans

Green Beans like a Boss

1 pound fresh, snipped green beans
Garlic butter of your choice (Come on. You can make that!)
Salt and pepper as needed

1. Heat a pot of water large enough to comfortably accommodate the green beans

2. Adding salt just as the water reaches the boil (adding it earlier can cause the nitrates to cause nasty pitting on the bottom of your pricey pan over time), add the beans

3. Cook until they are just under al dente; meaning, they have a nice bite but will survive the further punishment

4. Drain the beans and shock in ice water if cooking later. If not, proceed with step five

5. Add the garlic butter to the pan and sauté the green beans until they

are done to your liking

6. Season with salt and pepper as usual, and relish in the fact that something so easy can be so damn good

Toasted Israeli Couscous

2 Tbsp. EV Olive oil
2 cups Dried Israeli Couscous
2 baby carrots, diced
1 stalk celery, diced
10 Fresh, local grape tomatoes, halved
2 cloves, Minced garlic
2 1/2 cups Chicken stock
Squeeze of lemon juice
Fresh herbs, as you see fit
Salt and pepper, as needed

1. Heat the olive oil in a pan and add the couscous, carrots, celery, tomatoes and garlic

2. Heat until the couscous and vegetables get a nice, toasty aroma to them

3. Add stock and cook until absorbed

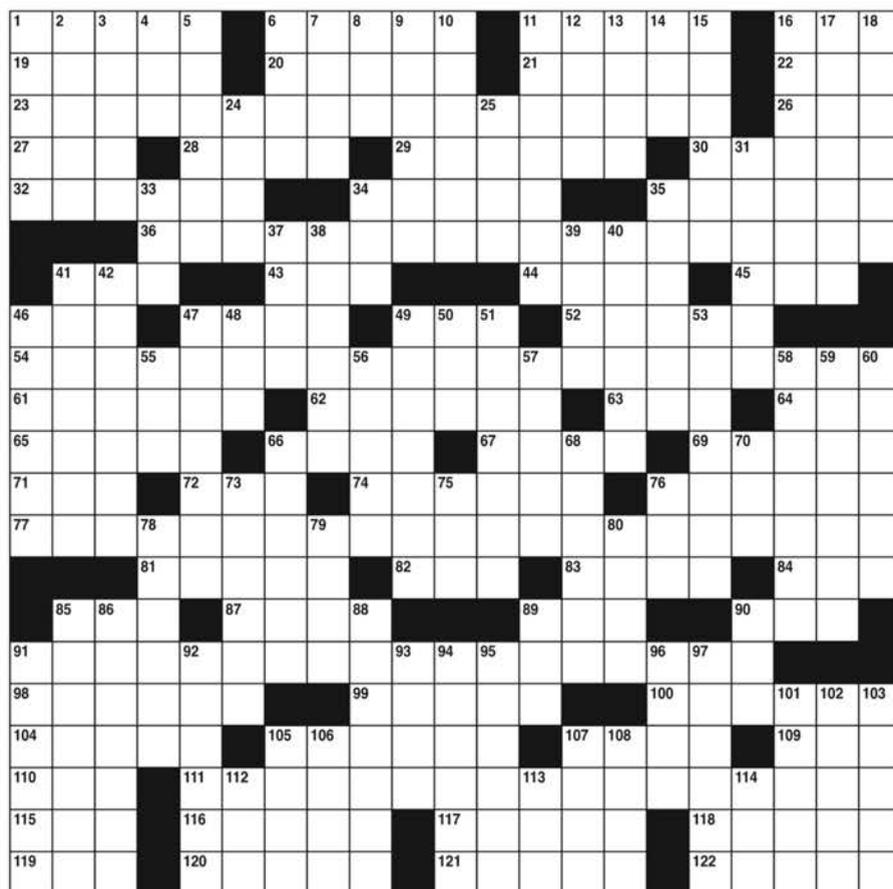
4. Hit with the lemon juice and season to taste.

— Paul G. Suplee is an Associate Professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College. Find his ePortfolio at www.heartofakitchen.com.

Puzzles

LET'S CHANGE THE SUBJECT BY JACOB STULBERG / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 Autumn bloom
 - 6 Ticked off
 - 11 Cast
 - 16 "Madam Secretary" ainer
 - 19 Really stood out
 - 20 Bluesman Willie
 - 21 Where the owl and the pussycat went, in poetry
 - 22 ___ provençale
 - 23 Classic film narrated by Spencer Tracy
 - 26 Position
 - 27 "Thanks in old age — thanks ___ I go": Whitman
 - 28 Lead-in to bad news
 - 29 Searched without sight
 - 30 Show what's inside
 - 32 Underscore
 - 34 Early morning setting?
 - 35 The Bears of the Big 12 Conference
 - 36 Remark commonly attributed to Queen Victoria
 - 41 Digs
 - 43 Shaggy grazer
 - 44 Actor O'Shea
 - 45 Third-person form of "être"
 - 46 "Birds in an Aquarium" artist
 - 47 Like some details
 - 49 Handful
 - 52 Fresh
- Online subscriptions: Today's puzzle and more than 4,000 past puzzles, nytimes.com/crosswords (\$39.95 a year).
- 54 Statement at the end of some trailers
 - 61 C neighbors
 - 62 Tool that it takes two to operate
 - 63 Old nuclear agcy.
 - 64 Brewery sight
 - 65 Obeys a sentry, say
 - 66 Skating embarrassment
 - 67 CDs, LPs, etc.
 - 69 Mexican marinade
 - 71 Musician/singer whose name might be shouted in mock horror?
 - 72 Prefix with -pod
 - 74 Frederick III, for one
 - 76 Newspaper section
 - 77 Toy manufacturer's disclaimer
 - 81 Kurosawa who directed "Ran"
 - 82 Hankering
 - 83 Mouse lookalike
 - 84 Tikkanen who won five Stanley Cups
 - 85 Measure of econ. health
 - 87 Top hat go-with
 - 89 Fail to hold
 - 90 Clock setting east of Eastern: Abbr.
 - 91 Non-apology associated with several U.S. presidents
 - 98 Impoverished
 - 99 The Temptations' "Since ___ My Baby"
 - 100 Drake or Future
 - 104 City known for its cheese
 - 105 Up-to-the-minute
- DOWN**
- 1 Remains in the ground, often
 - 2 Not having quite enough cash
 - 3 Jenga construction
 - 4 Tolkien creature
 - 5 Debate again [sigh]
 - 6 Soviet author Ehrenburg
 - 7 Kerfuffles
 - 8 "Te ___" (Rihanna gold single)
 - 9 Snarl
 - 10 Crowd on a set
 - 11 Carol Brady, to three of her kids
 - 12 Founder of a major appliance chain
 - 13 Kind of bookstore
 - 14 Bygone game console, in brief
 - 15 Bistro dessert
 - 16 Wheedles
 - 17 Cover from view
 - 18 Old-fashioned weaponry
 - 24 "Let It Go" singer, in film
 - 25 "Game over" signal
 - 31 What might follow me?
 - 33 Ticket info, briefly
 - 34 Peachy
 - 35 Cinephile's guilty pleasure, perhaps
 - 37 Model Banks
 - 38 Place to treat yourself
 - 39 Colorist's concern
 - 40 Hilo his
 - 41 Like "@#\$!"
 - 42 Ill-fated NASA mission of 1967
 - 46 "You said it!"
 - 47 Catch something
 - 48 Surprised exclamations
 - 49 One singing at the end?
 - 50 Vulcans or Jawas, in brief
 - 51 Becomes grating to
 - 53 The one that got away?
 - 55 Turner who led a slave rebellion
 - 56 "Sonnets to Orpheus" poet
 - 57 Uncool sort
 - 58 Some keys, informally
 - 59 Doctor's order
 - 60 Peak NW of Athens
 - 66 When middle watch ends
 - 68 Fancy neckwear
 - 70 Cannes's Palme ___
 - 73 Like some bologna and golf shots



- 75 Like Vivaldi's "Spring"
- 76 Where the Blues play: Abbr.
- 78 Was out for a bit
- 79 Fox News commentator Perino
- 80 "I, Claudius" attire
- 85 Like Columbus
- 86 Word hitting two Triple Word Scores in Scrabble
- 88 First Folio, e.g.
- 89 Cross-Atlantic flier, once, in brief
- 90 Egyptian symbol of royalty
- 91 "Peanuts" character
- 92 Pursue eagerly
- 93 Climber's concern: Abbr.
- 94 Goes at a leisurely pace
- 95 Peninsula shared by Croatia and Slovenia
- 96 Humphries of the N.B.A.
- 97 Egg time
- 101 Article of apparel never worn by Winnie-the-Pooh
- 102 Attraction that dropped the word "Center" from its name in 1994
- 103 Scottish dances
- 105 Trial for a future atty.
- 106 Regarding
- 107 Scotland's Fair ___
- 108 Empties (of)
- 112 Black church inits.
- 113 Jellied British delicacy
- 114 Hack

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HARD - 37

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	8	9	1	2	4	3	7	5
4	5	3	6	9	7	8	2	1
1	2	7	3	8	5	4	9	6
8	3	2	5	6	9	1	4	7
7	6	1	2	4	8	9	5	3
9	4	5	7	3	1	2	6	8
5	1	8	9	7	2	6	3	4
2	7	6	4	1	3	5	8	9
3	9	4	8	5	6	7	1	2



Calendar

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Thurs., Aug. 23

9TH ANNUAL OCEAN CITY JEEP WEEK

Town-wide. Family fun event with more than 250 Jeeps participating in Beach Crawls, Jeep Jams and Show and Shines. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://www.oceancityjeepweek.com>

DRAKEN VILLAGE AND DECK TOURS

Draken Village, Third Street and Chicago Avenue, 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM, The Draken Viking ship and Draken Village are open to the public, Aug. 23-28, subject to weather conditions. Admission to the Draken Village is free and features a photo and video exhibition illustrating Viking history, modern explorers and the adventures of the Draken; the Highland Park Whisky hospitality tent; local food and beverage vendors; official Draken merchandise; and more. Cost to tour the vessel is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children or \$30 for a family pack. Tickets can be purchase online or on-site. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://www.drakenhh.com>

SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS

Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Enjoy a free concert by The Beach Bumz (tropical rock) while watching the sunset over the Isle of Wight Bay. Admission to the park is free, while beverages, including beer, are available for purchase. It is recommended to bring your own seating. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

BEACH SINGLES

Thursdays - Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577 or Kate, 410-524-0649. <http://www.BeachSingles.org>

FREE PIRATE THEATRE

Mondays through Thursdays until Aug. 25 - Jolly Roger Amusement Park, 2901 Coastal Highway. Showtimes are Mondays through Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. until Aug. 25. Free showing of the park's infamous pirates. Audience participation is encouraged. 410-289-3477, <http://jollyrogeroc.com>

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Fri., Aug. 24

RIBBON CUTTING

My Backyard, 11312 Manklin Creek Road, 4:00 PM. The shop carries all your birding needs as well as garden flags, wild honey, all-natural soaps, books, gardening supplies and more. Members of the community are invited. Refreshments will be served. Maureen Kennedy, 410-208-1479

DINNER FUNDRAISER

Bowen United Methodist Church, 8421 Newark Road, Newark, MD, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Featuring fried clam sandwiches, BBQ pork sandwiches, hot dogs, bake table and beverages.

KIWANIS DUCK RACE

Frontier Town's Lazy River, 8428 Stephen Decatur Highway, 6:00 PM. Kiwanis is selling \$5 entries for the Aug. 24 race to benefit Kiwanis Children's programs like scholarships and student leadership clubs in local schools. Win 50 percent of the ticket sales up to \$3,000. Winner need not be present to win. Tickets: 410-973-1233 and the Concerts in the Park in Ocean Pines on Thursday nights.

'THE LAST ROMANCE' PERFORMANCE

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, 7:00 PM. Ocean Pines Players present this funny romantic comedy, in which three lonely seniors come face to face with the realities of the choices they have made and the dreams they struggle to hold on to. Admission costs \$15 and includes beverages and dessert at intermission. Payable at the door by cash or check. 703-727-0528

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Sat., Aug. 25

POTTERS HOUSE CHARGE

New Bethel United Methodist Church, 10203 Germantown Road, 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Free breakfast for children ages 0-13. Adults pay only \$2.50. Sponsored by Evangelism and Prisca Ministries. Info: Cassandra Brown, 443-235-0889 or the church, 410-641-2058. Donations accepted: Geraldine Rhock, 410-251-6424.

INDOOR YARD SALE

Church of the Holy Spirit, 10001 Coastal Highway, 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Church Office, 410-723-1973

8TH OFFICIAL BEACH CLEANUP

Assateague Island National Seashore, 7206 National Seashore Lane, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Trash Free Assateague volunteers will sweep the area in and around the north ocean beach parking lot (near pavilion) as well as some of the other higher traffic areas in the park. There will be a brief Trash Free Assateague program before the cleanup. Billy Weiland, billy@actforbays.org

GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION

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ART X

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Hundreds of artists will display and sell their works around a beautiful lagoon. Enjoy lunch at the Artists' Cafe and live artistic music all day, while children enjoy art activities. Plus, ART X will feature other artistic stage talent, performances, food (including gourmet food), cinema and a locals' section. 410-250-0125, <https://oceancitymd.gov/oc/departments/special-events/artx/>

50TH ANNIVERSARY BOAT PARADE

Parade participants will rendezvous on the St. Martin River then proceed to the Judges' Viewing Area at the Swim and Racquet Club, beginning at 2 p.m. The parade will continue through Swim and Racquet Club, White Horse Boat Ramp, Moonshell, Teal Circle and Clubhouse canals. A yard decorating contest has been added this year. Residents along the parade route are encouraged to decorate and register to be judged by passing boaters. There is no fee to participate in the Boat Parade or the Yard Decorating Contest. Registration forms are available at the Ocean Pines Community Center for by email to Ludwig692@outlook.com.

SUPER BINGO

Willards Lions Club, Main Street, 5:00 PM. Doors open at 5 p.m., early bird games at 5:30 p.m., 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Regular bingo starts at 7 p.m. Pays \$125 per game. Assorted food and desserts for sale. 410-835-8678

'THE ORIGINAL WAILERS' PERFORMANCE

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 8:00 PM. This concert is part of the Art X event. Hear your favorites such as One Love, Three Little Birds, Stir It Up and others. Bring a lawn chair or a beach blanket. <http://www.oceancitymd.gov>

BERLIN OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

Downtown Berlin at Jefferson Street, 8:30 PM. Free family-friendly movie featuring "Runaway Bride." Bring a blanket or chair, snacks and drinks. Alcohol is not permitted. Weather cancellations will be posted on Facebook at Town of Berlin Maryland. Mary Bohlen, mbohlen@berlinmd.gov, 410-641-4314

FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Locally grown vegetables and fruits, eggs, honey, kettle corn, flowers, artisan breads, seafood, meats and more. New vendors welcome. 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006

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Sun., Aug. 26

OCEAN CITY HOTEL WEEK

Two weeks of great deals on Ocean City hotel rooms, Aug. 26 to Sept. 9 (excluding Labor Day weekend). Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association, inquire@ocvisitor.com, 410-289-6733, <http://www.oceancityhotelweek.com>

SUNDAES IN THE PARK

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Create your own sundae for a nominal fee and enjoy free music by Ragdoll (Frankie Valli tribute). Also, free activities and entertainment for children. Additional ice cream novelty and beverage options available. Bring picnic basket and beach chairs. Fireworks display at 9 p.m. Held inside in the event of inclement weather. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

FULL MOON YOGA

Assateague North Beach parking lot, 6633 Bayberry Drive, 7:00 PM. Free but park entrance fees are in effect and all donations go directly to benefit Assateague Island National Seashore. All levels welcome. Bring a towel; insect repellent is recommended. Meet at the shade pavilion.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

Sundays through Sept. 30 - Bethany United Methodist Church, front lawn, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, MD, 8:30 AM. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. bethany21811@gmail.com, 410-641-2186

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Mon., Aug. 27

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Berlin group No. 169. Rose Champion, 410-641-0157

BEACH FIREWORKS

Mondays through Aug. 28 - Ocean City beach at N. Division St., 10:30 p.m. Fireworks will be visible along the boardwalk. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

DELMARVA A CAPELLA CHORUS

Mondays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 7:00 PM. All levels of singers and drop-ins welcome. Jean, 410-208-4149

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Tues., Aug. 28

UNVEILING OF BRIDDELTOWN SIGN

The public is invited to join the Worcester County Commissioners as they unveil the Briddletown Interpretive Sign at 11:30 a.m. on Flower Street beside Stephen Decatur Middle School. The Briddletown sign is part of a larger collection of African American Interpretive Panels that identify sites of historic significance to Worcester County. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place inside the school.

NEW PONY

Early Friday morning, Aug. 17, N9BM-J ("Giggles") gave birth to a pinto colt. The new foal, N9BM-JQ, and band live most of the year in the very busy developed area and campgrounds. For this reason, the National Park Service reminds visitors that it is essential to remain a minimum of a bus length (40 feet) away from the wild horses at all times. N9BM-JQ will learn how to interact with the environment from Giggles and other members of his band. About two-thirds of foals in the National Seashore are born in April, May and June, but it is not uncommon for foals to be born during any month of the year. A mare will be very protective of her new foal and it is vitally important for their well-being that visitors give them, and all of the wild horses, plenty of space.

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Info: Kim Moses, 410-632-1194.

OC BEACH DANCE PARTY

Caroline Street Stage, Ocean City beach at Caroline Street, 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM. Featuring Bitsune (European DJ Duo). Enjoy the music and dance in the sand. Bring a beach chair or blanket. 410-250-0125 or 800-626-2326

BEACH FIREWORKS

Tuesdays through Aug. 28 - Ocean City beach at N. Division St., 10:30 p.m. Fireworks will be visible along the boardwalk. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

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Tuesdays through Sept. 25 - Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Got bugs or other plant problems? Bring your bagged samples by and let the master gardeners find solutions to your questions. 410-208-4014

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Tuesdays - Worcester County Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and health lifestyle. jeanduck47@gmail.com

BEACH LIGHTS

Daily through Sept. 3 - N. Division Street and beach, 9:00 PM - 11 PM. Special 3-minute displays at 9 p.m., 9:20 p.m., 9:40 p.m., 10 p.m., 10:20 p.m., 10:40 p.m. and 11 p.m. Featuring high-powered, colored search lights that move and sway to music.

Wed., Aug. 29

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Wednesdays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 AM. Doors open at 7 a.m., meeting begins at 8 a.m. 410-641-7330, <http://www.kiwanisofopoc.org>

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Wednesdays - Captain's Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott, 2 15th St., 6:00 PM. cliff0917@aol.com, 302-540-2127

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KIWANIS SPEAKERS

Maryland Coastal Bays Executive Director Frank Piorko, left, and Education Coordinator Liz Vander Clute are joined by Kiwanis President Ralph Chinn after the two spoke during the Club's Aug. 1 meeting in the Ocean Pines Community Center.

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