



## Board sets 45-day window on finance software decision

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Dec. 6, 2018) When it comes to updating financial management systems in Ocean Pines, the association appears to have just two options: buying Northstar Club Management Software and running the operation in house, or contracting with Legum & Norman of Falls Church, Virginia, to do the job.

How quickly the decision needs to be made, however, is a matter of debate.

The board of directors has wrestled with the issue for several years, forming a technology work group in 2016 that eventually came back with the North-Star recommendation. But some current and former board members instead advocated outsourcing the entire operation and the selection was delayed several times.

General Manager John Bailey apparently asked the board to make a decision within 45 days, so whichever option is chosen is in place by the start of the next fiscal year.

Director Slobodan Trendic on Saturday introduced a discussion topic, "Review of two options to modernize Association's IT management of key functions."

According to Trendic, "The board must discuss and decide which business model is the most beneficial long-term solution to the association to manage its key financial functions."

"After conducting the RFP process, we now have competitive offers for both the software solution with in-house management approach, and a third-party outsourcing option," Trendic said. "The first option would be to keep all responsibilities with the association's staff, thereby handling all IT functions services internally. The outsourcing option places the responsibilities on an experienced third-party solution provider."

He recommended forming yet another work group to look into the issue.

Director Ted Moroney confirmed the issue had been discussed for more than two years. He asked if a choice could now be made in 45 days.

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Participants of Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services programs volunteer during the third annual Artists Giving Back event at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Berlin, last Tuesday.

## 'Artists Giving Back' build bridges

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Dec. 6, 2018) Organizers of the third annual "Artists Giving Back" last Tuesday at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Berlin said the event was about more than filling a few hundred empty stomachs with free meals.

The larger impact, organizers said, was breaking down barriers – both social and geographic – that still exist in the community.

Robin Tomaselli, from the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee, the sponsoring organization, said it appeared volunteers surpassed the 250 meals disturbed last year.

Additionally, Tomaselli said about 20 more meals were delivered to homebound people by Police Chief Arnold Downing and others. Any leftovers were donated to the West Ocean City shelter and services provider Diakonia,

"There were more people [than last year] that ended up dining in over at the church," Tomaselli said. "We switched the times a little bit this year, so it was offered a little bit later, more like dinnertime, so

there were a lot of people that enjoyed their meal inside the hall there at St. Paul."

Members of the St. Paul Men's Ministry helped to prepare the meals, while

participants of local Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services programs volunteered as servers. Arts and Entertainment Committee members  
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Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services therapist Amanda Chaffee is all smiles, surrounded by a contingency of children and teens from the Berlin nonprofit who volunteered last Tuesday during the third annual Artists Giving Back event.

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# Commissioners pan Ocean Pines cell tower

By Rachel Ravina  
Staff Writer

(Dec. 6, 2018) No Verizon cell tower will be erected on county property in Ocean Pines, following the Worcester County Commissioners' rejection Tuesday of a lease agreement that fell far short of what the commissioners expected.

The tower, which would have been built and owned by the Calvert County company, Calvert Crosslands, for use by Verizon, also was supposed to provide space for the county's own communications devices.

At Tuesday's meeting in Snow Hill, however, the commissioners learned the county had been allotted just four feet on the 160-foot tall mast, even though its height had been raised to that level from the original 127 feet to accommodate the extra gear.

The five-year lease agreement, as explained by Public Works Director John T. Tustin, would have been between the county and Calvert Crosslands, which would have sub-leased space on the tower to Verizon and other companies. The county's arrangement was that it would be al-

lowed to use the tower at no charge, and receive a first year rent of \$20,000, with 2 percent rent increases every year thereafter.

Upon hearing that the space allotment was not what they expected, Commissioners Jim Bunting and Chip Bertino all but killed the deal.

"After looking at the lease, first I want to state that I will not vote for this lease," Bunting said. He also acknowledged that it was his request to increase the height of the tower so the county could use it.

"Basically that four feet is use-

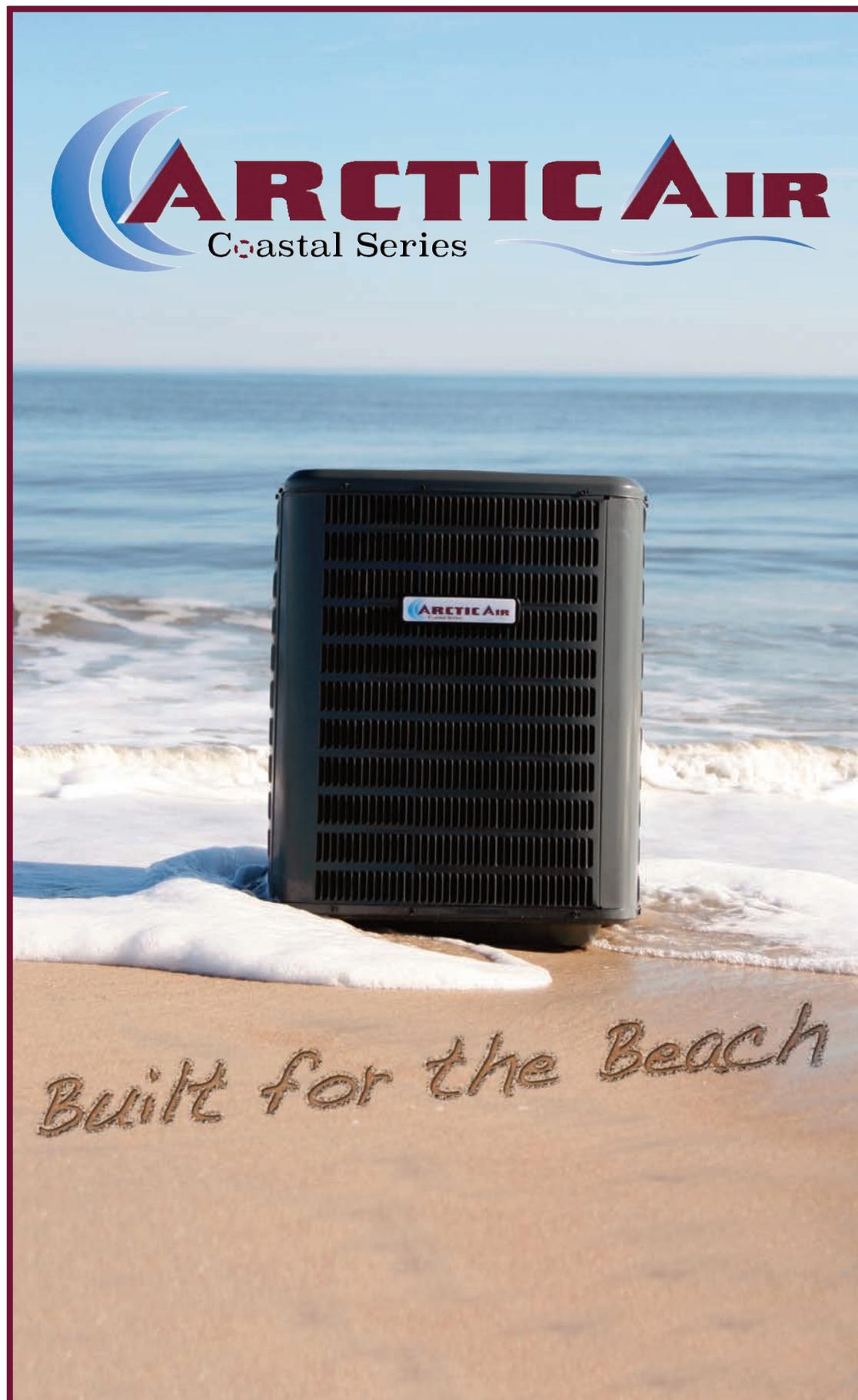
less," Bunting said.

He added that he was concerned that the county would be leasing to Crosslands and not Verizon, with the former having the right to sub-lease to other entities besides the phone company, while the county received no additional benefit.

"It just doesn't work for me," Bunting said. "It doesn't work at all."

In addition, both Bunting and Bertino said they had heard from numerous Ocean Pines residents who objected to the tower's placement.

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# OPA Board to create another working group

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"I believe we can," Trendic said. "I think if we have the right people ... we should be able to come back to the GM and to the board with a report."

Several others expressed frustration with the process. Association President Doug Parks said, "We knew where we were back in October of 2016."

At the time, according to Parks, it was determined "we have an antiquated system that is difficult to support, that requires a lot of manual intervention which, as we all know, is rife with potential error, fraud, and any other nefarious activities that would compromise the accuracy of the information."

Parks said the technology work group interviewed employees that were operationally responsible for "running both finance, amenities and all the other aspects of the OPA environment."

The work group's recommendation was then compared against the outsourcing option, Parks added.

"That's been done," he said. "So, in my mind ... we're at a point now where we can't delay any longer."

Parks disagreed with earlier comments that there was no sense of urgency in implementing new systems.

"Every day we run on this antiquated system that's supported by a single vendor who has highly customized that system - who's technical knowledge is the only source of any type of resolution should some calamity occur - puts us

at a very high-risk position," he said.

"I think, quite frankly, all of the discussions have been very healthy, they've been very productive, they've been thought provoking but, at some point, a decision needs to be made," Parks continued. "I think we have enough information right now to move forward."

Moroney agreed. "It's time stop screwing around," he said. "Let's sit down, let's knock the damned thing out

and get it done. Otherwise, in six months ... there's going to be another board and you're going to go back through this again.

"We've got to commit as a board to put the work in here ... and get this thing knocked out," Moroney continued. "We've got to make a decision, answer our questions and then go forward. If we don't, we are just, as Doug says, expending risk. But, more importantly, we're not doing our job."

Director Colette Horn said she wanted the process to move even faster than 45 days, calling for a vote on Saturday to select NorthStar. She pointed to a board-approved motion in September "to issue a non-binding request for proposals ... for back office financial management to include necessary software, staffing options, and necessary IT support." Results were to be presented to be board by Dec. 1.

"The data that we received and the analysis that was done by the review group, I believe, has given us the answer to at least that question," she said. "Based on the cost and the limited adequate response that we got to the RFP ... we can pass a motion today at least that looks at the in-house, versus the outsourcing decision.

"If we go into this discussion process ... we're going to find ourselves running around in circles," Horn added.

Trendic countered that everyone wanted to reach a decision, but the group had yet to share their observa-

tions on each proposal.

"To say that we need to decide today, I believe it's a self-inflicted deadline that really doesn't have to be put upon us," he said, reiterating his call for another work group.

Director Frank Daly also called for another work group.

"If there's ever a need for this board to get together in working sessions ... this is the issue to do it on," he said. "And if we can't all make it, tough ... we should schedule it and get it done."

Daly said the analysis already done suggested outsourcing "costs more and will increase the assessment."

"How much more and how much is it going to increase the assessment?" Daly asked. "That same analysis says that there's basically no cost savings [over current systems] in going with the NorthStar option, and there's no appreciable increase in the time that we're going to get our financials."

Others said the process needed to move faster.

"We're done this already. We've gone through this," Parks said. "The pessimist in me says, 'here we go again.' We're getting another group together so we get another opinion. And then, what's to say that once that effort's done, we [don't] get another group together for another opinion, and ad nauseam."

Parks said he would begrudgingly accept another round of assessments but, if it took more than a few weeks, "it's a nonissue."

"We cannot delay this any longer," he said. "We've done the due diligence. It's time to move forward."

Moroney also said there was a sense of urgency.

"Let's get to the end of the road here," he said. "The GM needs a solution from us in either direction, whatever way we want to go, within 45 days ... I think we're committed as a board to moving forward in that direction. Let's push it and do it."

Horn said the issue needed to be resolved and that she was unhappy with how the board had proceeded since September.

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# First look at FY'19 suggests big turnaround

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Dec. 6, 2018) Early reports from fiscal year 2019 suggest Ocean Pines finances are headed toward a significant turnaround.

While fiscal year 2018 budget numbers finished in the red to the tune of more than \$1 million, the first six months of fiscal 2019 reportedly finished more than \$100,000 in the black.

Assistant Treasurer Gene Ringsdorf, delivering the treasurer's report during a regular board meeting on Saturday, said for the six-month period ending on Oct. 31, revenues were over expenses by \$118,000.

He said about \$232,000 in unfavorable variances from the fiscal 2019 budget were offset by \$378,000 worth of

positive variances.

Areas posting positive budget variances included the yacht club (\$120,000), police/fire (\$90,000), beach club parking (\$49,000), finance (\$32,000), marinas (\$27,000), recreation and parks (\$19,000), golf (\$19,000), beach club (\$17,000) and racquet sports (\$5,000).

Ringsdorf said yacht club revenues were \$317,000 over budget, while expenses were over by \$197,000.

The police and fire departments, he said, were favorable in part because a

staffing position has yet to be filled. He said police wages were about \$58,000 under budget "and I'm assuming that's still related to the open position." The fire department operating budget was \$17,000 under budget, Ringsdorf added.

At the beach club, he said, revenues were \$37,000 over budget and expenses were \$12,000 under budget, yielding the large overall positive variance. Ringsdorf said the positive variance in finance were primarily because of lower-than-expected wages.

Looking ahead to the end of the fiscal

period, he said the association was currently projecting a net \$9,000 loss for the year, with a \$2,000 positive variance to budget across all departments offset by an \$11,000 overage in new capital additions.

Aquatics (negative \$29,000) and the yacht club (negative \$13,000) were both projected to finish in the red, while golf, golf maintenance, the Tern Grille, beach club, beach club parking, and marinas looked to finish above budgeted numbers.

Ringsdorf, admittedly a fan of word-play, cautioned there were no "prophets" in Ocean Pines.

"Keep in mind the limitations that we all understand in trying to produce a forecast – and this is the first one," he said. "It'll be redone for the next few months to help the board and management manage your association."

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Assistant Treasurer  
Gene Ringsdorf

# Directors to get more vendor presentations

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"This needs to come to a close," she said. "We need to reduce this risk by getting a decision done. And I'll reiterate how disappointed I am in what has happened since September, when this motion was carried forward that now, here we are, having been told we would have what we need to make an answer, but we don't."

Horn proposed a motion "to accept the recommendation to implement the NorthStar software proposal as soon as possible."

Moroney offered a friendly amendment: "The board, working with the GM, commits to completing all due diligence of solutions to include filling all software holes, pricing and ancillary areas, within 45 days and bring a recommendation to the full board using open working groups."

The work group would apparently include additional interviews with each vendor. Moroney clarified, "the important thing is to get together as a group ahead of time, before the vendors come in, [and] make sure that we've talked about anything that's been done that may be asked and answered ... and then

make sure we're all on the same page."

"The bottom line is to come out of that with everything answered," Moroney said.

The amendment and the original motion as amended were each approved unanimously, 7-0.

Several directors responded to follow-up questions on Monday.

Daly said he believed the directors were indeed down to just two vendors.

"In my mind that is true, and it is, at this time, unclear which solution provides the best overall value to the association," he said.

Association Vice President Steve Tuttle added, "We are approaching a decision point."

Tuttle said board members would see another NorthStar demonstration on Dec. 14, although for some it would be the first time meeting with the company.

"Any remaining questions that directors have about NorthStar are to be answered on the 14th or soon after if questions come up during the demo," he said. "The board also has the L&N proposal. This proposal will be part of my deliberations to come to a final de-

cision in 45 or fewer days."

Parks said the board had "gone through a number of iterations in reviewing potential options for the supporting the technology requirements of the association."

"The final two options under consideration are running the operation using in-house staff and the NorthStar software platform, or running the finance

operation using L&N as an outsourcing partner along with their technology platform," he said.

"The upcoming working sessions and product demos will allow each director to be fully informed regarding any questions they may have, which in turn will effectively prepare the board to move forward in making this important decision," Parks added.

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# Volunteers feed hundreds in Berlin

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and others also volunteered behind the scenes, and local businesses donated much of the food.

"The men's ministry ended up preparing all of the proteins and the gravy and the grains that were donated, and that's a huge help to us," Tomaselli said. "In addition to that, the restaurants this year really exceeded all expectations. They increased the amount of food they provided, so we had more food to offer than we had last year and were able, again, to provide Diakonia with some really amazing food for the people that they serve. Overall, I think it was just an amazing event."

She also praised the volunteers from Worcester Youth.

"Seeing how proud the kids who came to serve were and how committed they were to do a good job serving, it's just something that's priceless," Tomaselli said. "You have children in this community who don't have easy lives, that come together and are so excited about serving people in their community."

"Seeing people of all different shapes and sizes and colors and religious backgrounds just coming together to share nothing but fellowship and a meal – that, particularly in this day and age, is just so amazing," she added.

Outside of the church, Mike Wiley and John Holloway helped Downing to deliver meals to several dozen shut-ins.

Downing said they made two separate runs and distributed 60 platters.

"It was wonderful," he said. "All the folks were very happy and some were surprised. You're talking about some warm responses."

Downing also highlighted the partnerships, from the children and teens from Worcester Youth learning about service to others, to the local businesspeople who donated items and the artists that contributed their time.

"It's a situation where people who

don't work [so closely] every day have an opportunity to come together," he said. "We see each other and we greet each other, but this was an opportunity to work toward one mission and work toward one end, and it was wonderful."

Patrick Henry, a member of the men's ministry and the arts and entertainment committee, was approached three years ago about hosting the event at St. Paul's Church. He and his wife, Velda, are also church hospitality min-

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Michelle Thawley, left, John Holloway, Kenny Morris, Helen Wiley, Patrick Henry and Berlin Councilman Elroy Brittingham volunteer in the kitchen during the third annual Artists Giving back event in Berlin, last Tuesday.

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# 'I felt fellowship; it's more than just having food'

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isters and both helped last Tuesday. "I thought it was awesome," he said. "There are a lot of people who are truly in need that we're not even aware of."

"If people knew about how many homeless people were around here, it would blow your mind," Henry continued. "And we have seniors with fixed incomes and just financially challenged people that, who knows what they had for Thanksgiving?"

As the event has grown each year, so have the number of people involved, Henry said, with more businesses pledging help and more volunteers coming to run the event.

"More and more, the sense of gratitude is being expressed," he said. "I could hear people coming up to the serving window between the kitchen and the dining room saying, 'we just thank you so much for doing this.'"

"I felt fellowship; it's more than just having food," Henry continued. "It's the people that work together that usually aren't in each other's environment, and you get an appreciation for how they go about doing things. And then, the people that come there see a broad cross-section of people that are serving and I think it just breaks down preconceptions."

That's good for all of Berlin, he added. "I've always felt that [Route] 113 was like the Berlin Wall - it's a psychological, historical wall, and we're slowly chipping away and bringing the total facet of Berlin and the broad community together," Henry said.

## Worcester rec actings as Toys for Tots drop-off

(Dec. 6, 2018) Worcester County Recreation & Parks is teaming up with Toys for Tots again this holiday season and will serve as a public donation drop-off location.

All are invited to participate by dropping off a new, unwrapped toy now through Dec. 10 in the Worcester County Recreation Center lobby in Snow Hill.

"Last year our drive helped collect about 100 toys," Program Manager Brianna Goddard said. "It is wonderful knowing that these donations go to young children in our community."

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# Giving Tuesday event breaks records for local donations

By Morgan Pilz  
Staff Writer

(Dec. 6, 2018) A record-breaking \$172,000 was donated during the one-day Giving Tuesday event, held Nov. 27, and was distributed to 98 charities and organizations in Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties.

More than 1,500 contributions were made by 1,000 donors during the 24-hour Shore Gives More Giving Tuesday campaign, which is managed locally by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

“Giving Tuesday shows us the power of ambitiously compassionate people coming together to make a difference in our local community,” Erica Joseph, CFES president stated in a press release. “Each year the event grows which means more nonprofits on the lower Eastern Shore are able to thrive.”

The largest donation came from Bill and Kevin Gibbs of Dough Roller Restaurants, who presented a \$10,000 check to the Ocean City Development Corporation.

“The money from this donation will go toward more holiday light displays,” Glenn Irwin, executive director, said. “Bill Gibbs has been the leading factor of these contributions for these programs.”

OCDC also received the most money during the event – \$12,955.

“We’re super excited about the fact that we received the most money, particularly noting there were other great nonprofits in the area. That is great news,” Irwin said.

The Worcester County Education Foundation garnered accolades for receiving the most donors overall, with 166. This distinction also earned the organization an additional \$2,000 as a result of having the most donors within

two different time slots.

“We do prize incentives for the non-profits,” Victoria Kent, Community Foundation marketing director, said. “It basically gives them an additional chance to win. We have prizes for most ... donors in one time period, and that gave them the opportunity to compete for an additional \$1,000.”

One such \$1,000 winner was the Berlin Heritage Foundation, who had the most donors from 4-5 p.m. Other winners were Wyatt’s Warriors Foundation and Crisfield Heritage Foundation. Two others – the Eastern Shore Ballet Theatre and Worcester County Education Foundation – won the award twice, each earning \$2,000, for the most donors within an hour’s time period.

Other organizations earned rewards with the help of a golden ticket raffle.

Six organizations – Wyatt’s Warriors Foundation, Assateague Island Alliance, Main Street Princess Anne, Hope4Recovery Inc, 1 Year to Empowerment and Tri Community Mediation – received golden tickets worth an additional \$500, sponsored by the Perdue Family Fund. This is the second-year golden tickets were used during the Foundation’s fundraising event.

“The Shore Gives More is truly by the community, for the community. Without the hard work of many nonprofits and their supporters this campaign would not be what it has become today,” Joseph said.

The Shore Gives More was first launched as a local Giving Tuesday campaign in 2015 and raised just under \$7,500 in its first year.

To learn more about the Shore Gives More Giving Tuesday campaign for local nonprofits visit [cfes.org](http://cfes.org) or [ShoreGivesMore.org](http://ShoreGivesMore.org).



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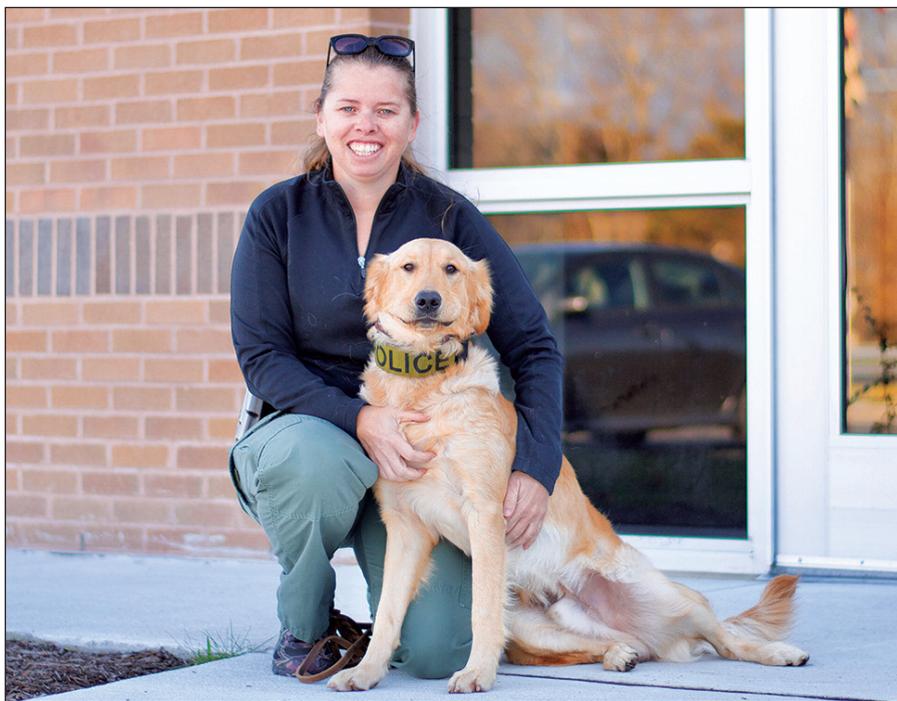
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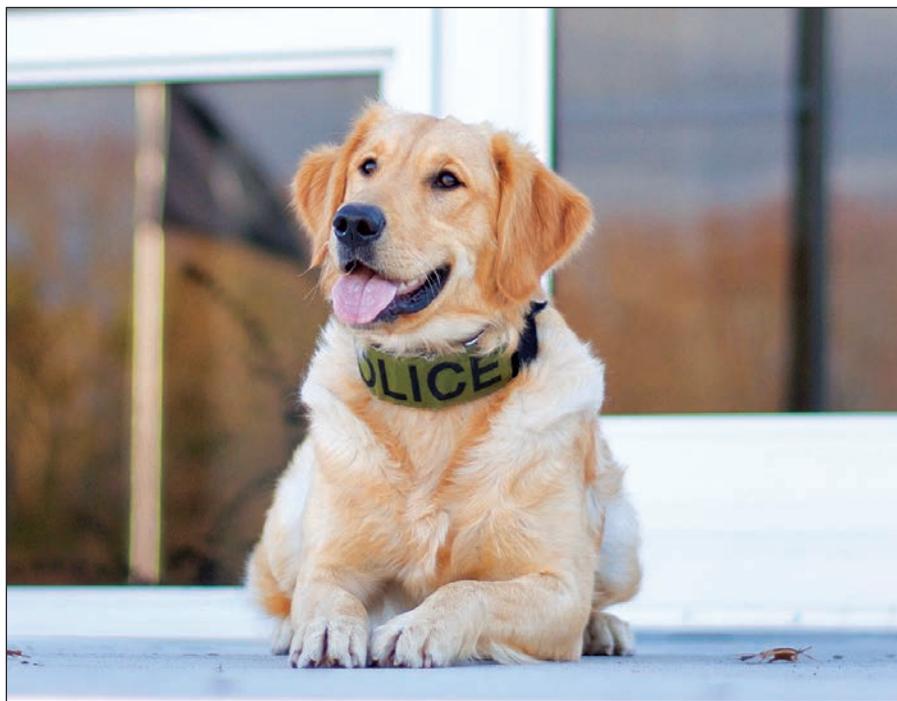
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Dock, the latest member of the Berlin Police Department, specializes in firearm detection and tracking. Look for him during the Berlin Christmas Parade, today, Thursday.

# 'The friendliest police dog you'll ever meet'

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Dec. 6, 2018) Dock, a one-year-old golden retriever that just began working with the Berlin Police Department and Worcester County Bureau of Investigations, is bringing new meaning to "Officer Friendly."

The outgoing pup is full of energy and loves to be around people – just ask first before you pet him.

Dock came from Turbo Retrievers, near Tampa, Florida, and was trained locally in firearms detection and tracking.

His handler is Dfc. Jessica Collins, who graduated from the police academy at Wor-Wic Community College in 2007 and spent just under five years with the Ocean Pines Police Department before transferring to Berlin in 2012. She is currently assigned to the Worcester County Bureau of Investigations, a joint task force that includes state and county police, as well as the Berlin and Pocomoke police departments.

"We handle criminal investigations throughout Worcester County,"

Collins said, including homicide, burglary and theft investigations.

"Frequently, we go out on cases where we're looking for guns – burglaries or armed robberies where they might have tossed a gun or anything along those lines," she said. "The last time we got a tip about where a gun was tossed, we had to call the ATF for a firearms dog to see if they could help us out."

On some occasions, that service wasn't available to local police.

"While it's not necessarily something we use all the time, it was just something that struck an interest," Collins said. "I thought maybe we could get a firearms dog and it would be a resource for the Eastern Shore – something that wouldn't have to come from across the bridge."

She said Turbo Retrievers breeds various types of hunting dogs that all have "a high drive for finding things."

"He started his training, just basic obedience stuff [in Florida], and we linked up with Delmarva K9 in Wicomico County and started him off in tracking," Collins said.

One of Dock's specialties is article tracking, meaning he can pick up a faint human scent on anything from clothing to car keys.

"Anything that can hold human scent, he can find if we give him a command and send him out," Collins said.

He is also trained to detect firearms by sniffing out various types of residues, powders and gun oil. Dock can even detect spent shell casings.

"The bomb detection dogs, they also do the same scents, but just in a larger quantity. He's reduced down to minute amounts of it," Collins said. "He can find loaded mags and the actual casings" at crime scenes both indoors and outdoors in waters and wetlands.

"He's had good success so far in tracking," she continued. "He's a ball of fire, so out of the gate he is pretty fast in his tracking, but he's also a good tracking dog and a very sweet dog."

Dock is "the friendliest police dog you'll ever meet," Collins said. And when their shifts are over, he becomes a family pet.

"When he's home, he hangs out

with my daughters and plays with them," she said. "We take him out in the field, because technically he comes from a hunting family, and we play little games with him to keep his mind sharp. He's got a lot of energy to burn."

Berlin Police have two other K9s on the force, a German shepherd and a Malinois that specialize in drug detection. This is Collins' first experience with a police dog.

"I don't think I'd want a different one, because he's just so loving," she said. "He's great with everybody."

On Thursday night, Collins and Dock will be walking around Main Street during the annual Berlin Christmas parade.

"We'll be walking around and visiting everybody," Collins said. "Hopefully, we'll get him out at more events and walking around so people can say hi to him. He loves people."

"Always ask first [before greeting him], but he's definitely not going to bite anybody. He's a very friendly dog. He likes to give hugs. He'll put his paws around you and he just likes to get attention."

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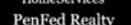




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# Berlin Christmas Parade returns to downtown, tonight

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Dec. 6, 2018) More than 80 floats will compete for awards in 10 categories during the annual Berlin Christmas Parade, today, Thursday, beginning at 7 p.m.

Participants will travel north on Main Street, through the downtown area and end at the Berlin Fire Company.

New this year are trophies made by local artist Jordan Pippin of Steel N Glory.

"Historically, we've used the same trophies for many years," Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said. "This year, we decided to have one of our local artists design the trophy, and we'll have two in each category for winner and runner up."

Categories include best marching group, school-sponsored float, fire company, and antique vehicle.

Also new this year, there will be a handicapped-access viewing area near the judging station in front of the Atlantic Hotel.

While the parade in Ocean City can seem massive, spanning more than 10 city blocks, Wells said the Berlin parade tends to be more intimate. The parade route will maintain the northbound direction begun last year. Wells said town personnel and volunteers will help ensure participants march the entire parade route.

"Some people left earlier last year, so this way they know that they have to keep marching," she said. "And Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on the fire truck again this year [at the end]."

Another addition this year is Allison Early, hired in September to take over for Sharon Timmons as the economic development administrative assistant. Timmons was given the job of organizing the parade.

"It feels good, because I've been going to this parade my entire life, so it's cool to help put it together," Early said. "It's been so cool to organize it and to help be a part of it."

She was surprised to learn how much variety there is in terms of participants.

"I don't normally hang around the stage, but now I realize how many categories there are and how important it is to everybody, and everybody's in a category," Early said. "It's a lot of fun."

"I'm looking forward to seeing everybody's floats," she continued. "I've actually heard really cool things about certain ones, so I'm excited to see that and see who wins."

Wells said the parade was an enormous draw, with thousands of spectators.

"From my experience with this parade, people look forward to this all year," Wells said. "We start getting calls in the summer asking, 'please can we be in the parade?'"

"It's a magical night. People reconnect, and it shows a true sense of community and family," she continued. "And the kids — when you watch their faces as the floats go by, they're in complete awe and they love it. And it's just fun!"

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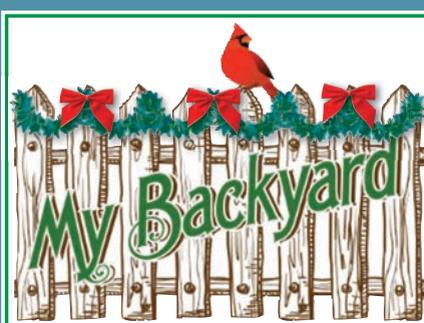
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# Pines golf course could survive budget cuts

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Dec. 6, 2018) As members of the Ocean Pines Golf Advisory Committee worried further budget cuts could harm golf operations, they received some assurances from leadership on Tuesday that money would be available next fiscal year to maintain the course.

Committee Chairman Larry Davies said about \$40,000 was cut from the golf budget last year as part of association spending reductions that totaled more than \$300,000.

He said that was done in order to help pay down about \$1.6 million in debt Ocean Pines accumulated during the two previous years. Membership dues also were increased \$37 last year, which General Manager John Bailey said helped reduce the debt by

about \$600,000.

“So, we’re paying for that in two ways – we’ve raised assessments and we’re squeezing budgets,” Davies said. “If you look at the 2019-2020 proposed budget, if I’m correct, it looks like a reduction of \$490,000 in operating expenditures, across the board.

“I can see what we’re doing. We’re trying to not throw a big assessment [at homeowners],” he continued. “But, at the same time ... we’re squeezing operating budgets.”

The problem with that, according to Davies, is more money – not less – needs to be spent to improve the state

of the golf course.

“The community got saddled with just the recklessness of the board of directors and [former interim general manager] Brett Hill, giving the guy the keys to the castle, and we got screwed, big time,” Davies said. “And we’re paying for that – and we’re continuing to pay for that.

“My concern is we’re squeezing all the department budgets [and] ... we can’t, as a committee, recommend fixing the problems [without funding],” he continued. “There’s got to be some money spent.”

**‘The only worse thing than having a facility that’s dilapidated, is having a facility that’s dilapidated at the same damned time you have \$16 million in the bank [in reserves] to fix it.’**  
Director Frank Daly

Bailey, during a town hall meeting last month, admitted course conditions were not great, but he blamed a single employee for the problem rather than a previous administration.

“I’ll be blunt – we had one individual on our staff who was assigned to water the greens on [Sundays] during the summer ... he watered them once, in the morning, and then he left,” Bailey said at the time. “We burnt. That one thing killed us and we’re still paying for it.”

Because of that, he said, the cost to improve the course would be “chemicals and time.”

Speaking to the committee last Tuesday, Bailey said the board of directors asked him to deliver two plans for further reduce the debt: one to pay off the remaining \$1 million negative balance over three years, and one to pay it off over four years.

In either instance, there would be more money available to catch up on deferred maintenance than a year ago. While the community spent \$600,000 on debt recovery this fiscal year, it appears either \$333,333 or \$250,000 would be spent next fiscal year, Bailey said.

“We’re not going to use \$600,000 toward the \$1 million [deficit],” Bailey said. “You do have a little bit of wiggle room to accomplish some things – perhaps.”

Director Frank Daly said the last time he played on the Ocean Pines Golf Course it was “the worst course that I play on in this area.” He said the cart barn and entire golf campus is dilapidated, and deferred maintenance costs across Ocean Pines is more than \$2 million.

In the past, Daly said, board members were not aware of some budget cuts related to golf.

“Those things were cut out of the budget before they got to the board,” he said. “So, tell us what you need to keep the course in prime operating condition ... and put it in our camp to say yes or no.

“The only worse thing than having a facility that’s dilapidated, is having a facility that’s dilapidated at the same damned time you have \$16 million in the bank [in reserves] to fix it,” Daly continued.

He added all of the problems could not be solved in one year.

“But, can you fix all of it over a two or three-year period of time, using your reserves and doing other things? Yes,” Daly said.

“If you need money to fix it, let us know what it is and put the heat [on],” he continued. “Have the board put on their damned big boy clothes and look at things, and either do it or say they’re not going to do it, and give you a reason.”

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# Severals 'heads' advise OPA on golf

Pines advisory committee has company in member's council, two other groups

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Dec. 6, 2018) When it comes to golf operations, better communications are needed, members of the association golf advisory committee concluded last Tuesday. They also said the community should make up its mind as to which group is officially advising the Ocean Pines Board of Directors on golf considerations.

Currently, the board is hearing from the advisory committee, as well as the Ocean Pines Golf Member's Council, Women's Golf League, and Ocean Pines Men's Golf Association.

Bob Long, immediate past president of the member's council, said he was unable to attend the last two board meetings, but wanted to weigh in on some of the discussions. Current Member's Council President Larry Perrone has been outspoken during those meetings and especially critical of Director Frank Daly, who is the board liaison to the golf committee.

Daly had mentioned briefly closing the course while renovations of the golf and country club took place, while Perrone said he and others were preparing a war chest so they could mount a legal challenge if the course were to be closed. Director Slobodan Trendic also outraged certain members of the golf community when he proposed outsourcing the course last month, but his motion did not receive a second.

"If adjustments to the ... operations as a club would overall enhance the amenity, then we'd be willing to find a way to make these adjustments work," Long said. "My concern, however, is the way the recent proposals have been presented.

"Rather than openly discuss these ideas with the golf member's council and with the golf advisory committee – and with those who's job it is to manage the course – these proposals have been presented like little bombs, thrown in the midst of things without the proper research and vetting that should take place," he added.

Long said those making the proposals claim to have the best interest

of the amenity at heart, "but the result of these bombs has been to waste the time of the entire board, and to decrease the value of the golf course amenity and the membership and the association as a whole."

"Outsiders can only think poorly of our golf club and our community after learning about what has taken place," he said. "If the interest is to improve the golf club, then start with those who have already given their time to understand its workings, and seek the opinions of the membership through the golf member's council and through the golf advisory committee."

**'It's actually stupid [to have two separate groups]. I feel really strongly about this.'**

Frank Biancianiello,  
Ocean Pines Golf Advisory  
Committee

Long said the golf course pro and superintendent should also be consulted, and that communication overall needs to get better.

Golf advisory committee member Frank Biancianiello argued the member's council "cannot have quite the influence that they'd like to have."

"You either have to get rid of the golf advisory committee or you have to get rid of the influence of the golf council," he said. "You can't have two heads telling the board and the general manager what to do."

He compared the situation to recent reports in Virginia that a two-headed copperhead snake had been found.

"Each head wanted to go in different directions, and it didn't work and it died," Biancianiello said, adding that he supported advisory committee Chairman Larry Davies, but "it's actually stupid [to have two separate groups]. I feel really strongly about this."

Biancianiello went on to say the overall golf experience needed to be improved and the community needed to lure back "some of the people that are unhappy with their experience in the past."

"I'm sorry about coming on so

strong, but if we're going to do things the way they were done in the past we're totally wasting our time. We're talking to a wall. That's got to stop," he said. "Everybody's gotta roll up their sleeves and bust their butt a little more than we have been, and we need to think out of the box."

Biancianiello suggested Daly was thinking outside of the box when he proposed temporarily closing the course.

Davies, the chairman since September, said the committee was "going in a different direction than it was in the past" and "we're not going to quit" on working to improve golf operations.

Committee member Joseph Lynch said Ocean Pines General Manager John Bailey had recognized the committee "as the one source from him and to the board."

"Larry Perrone has a right, as a resident, to go up and give public comments – as anybody in the community does," he said. "As far as whose representing you, I think [Bailey] has already established that."

According to Lynch, Bailey suggested inviting members of each of the three other groups to join the golf advisory committee.

"I guess they have to change the directive in order to do that ... and I think they should do that," Lynch said.

Davies agreed the member's council "should not have any more say" than the advisory committee, but should still have a stake.

"They've been offered a seat," he said. "They don't have to officially do it. I've gone out of my way to communicate with ... those guys over current issues, and I'll continue to do that.

"I'd like to see a formal presentation that they have a seat at this table," Davies continued. "They deserve it. They're part of the community and they're going to be part of changing [things]."

Daly said he was speaking as an individual director, but added, "I feel pretty confident that my colleagues feel exactly the same way."

"The golf advisory committee is the committee that the board of directors relies on for its input on how to operate and manage the golf course and the course conditions," he said.



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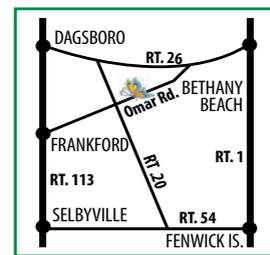
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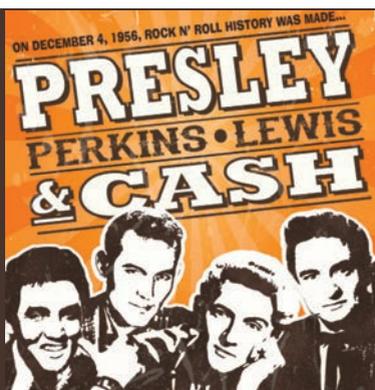
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# Berlin resident recalls meeting Pres. Bush

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Dec. 6, 2018) Berlin resident Mike Wiley last week marked the passing of 41st U.S. President George Herbert Walker Bush on Nov. 30 by sharing a story and photos of the time they met.

Wiley was a shift lieutenant at Anne Arundel County Fire Station 23 when Bush was vice president under Ronald Reagan.

“The passing of former President and Vice President George H. W. Bush reminds many of us that were stationed at 19 and 23 of his visit around 1985,” Wiley said. “He attended an event at an estate in 19’s first due area ... near the former Westinghouse Complex at the Bay Bridge.

“On the day of the event, both Engine Companies 19 and 23 had their staffing increased by overtime from three to five personnel,” he contin-

ued. “The foam pickup tubes in use at the time were pre-connected and five-gallon foam cans were set up. I had to go down the day before to the landing site and be instructed on how to open the VP’s emergency door.”

Wiley said the landing went well, but fire company personnel were instructed to “not go near the dignitaries.” Still, several of them planned to take pictures.

“We were previously told it was OK to bring our cameras,” he said, adding that as Bush stepped out of the helicopter, fellow firefighter Carl Titcomb began snapping photos.

“A Secret Service agent came up to Carl and said, ‘give me your camera.’ Carl and I both had visions of him opening our cameras (pre-digital days of course) and pulling the film out and holding it up to the sunlight. At that time he said, ‘stand over by Mr. Bush and I will take your picture.’ In addition, the staff photographer



PHOTO COURTESY MIKE WILEY

Former President George Herbert Walker Bush visits Anne Arundel County Fire Station 23, circa 1985. Berlin resident Mike Wiley at the time was a shift lieutenant at the station.

took a group shot of us plus individual pictures of each of us with Bush,” Wiley said.

“It was quite an honor to be involved with something like that and I think we were all just very excited

about it – both crews from both stations,” he added.

Wiley, a lifelong Democrat, said photos of the former Republican president and vice president hang on the wall of his home.

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# PD raised money, awareness for men's health

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Dec. 6, 2018) Berlin Police helped to raise money for The Movember Foundation last month by participating in "No Shave November."

The organization describes itself as "the leading charity changing the face of men's health ... addressing some of the biggest health issues faced by men: prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and mental health and suicide prevention."

Police Chief Arnold Downing on Monday said each participating officer donated \$30 to participate.

He said mental health is a concern for police, adding that national statistics show 140 officers died by suicide in 2017 versus 129 shot and killed in the line of duty.

According to a Facebook post on the Berlin Police Department page on Saturday, "As November ends, so

will the end to the beards and goat-ees wore by the uniform officers of the Berlin Police Department for ... 'No Shave November' or 'Movember.'"

"Unfortunately, a lot more work has to be done, [as] three members of the local law enforcement community [have] committed suicide between October 20th and November 29th (two retired and one active)," the post continued. Talk to the men in your life, let them know that their well-being and health is important and that you love them."

"No Shave November" participants were Downing, Sgt. Michael O'Connor, Cpl. Merle Bragg, S.O. Joseph Kerr, S.O. Chris Bireley, Pfc. Aaron Titerence, Pfc. Gary Bratten and Ofc. Kevin Lloyd.

For more information, visit [www.us.movember.com](http://www.us.movember.com) or [www.facebook.com/BerlinPolice-Maryland](http://www.facebook.com/BerlinPolice-Maryland).

Chief Arnold Downing



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Berlin Police officers last month participate in "No Shave November," raising money and awareness for men's health issues.

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# Dream Weaver opens new Berlin location

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Dec. 6, 2018) Boardwalk mainstay Dream Weaver recently opened a second location in downtown Berlin, bringing the same merchandise to Main Street.

Husband and wife Tiffany and Sean Lackner, originally from Pennsylvania and New Jersey, respectively, came to the area with the hopes of opening a business.

“We ended up on the Boardwalk in Ocean City seven years ago and we’ve been there ever since,” Tiffany said. “But, we needed a year-round location to be able to stay within the community, so we moved to Berlin last September and purchased a home here.

“We instantly loved Berlin,” she continued. “I loved the ‘Runaway Bride’ movie. I always said I would love to live in that town and never knew that it was Berlin. I came across it seven New Year’s Eves ago and someone said, ‘Yeah, this is the town the movie was filmed in.’ And I said, ‘Well, now I know where I need to buy.’”

Since then, she said, the couple had been looking for a location on Main Street. The former tenant, yarn store A Little Bit Sheepish, will move across the street into the old PNC



Tiffany and Sean Lackner show off the warm colors and atmosphere of their new Dream Weaver location in downtown Berlin. The business originally opened on the Ocean City Boardwalk.

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Bank when renovations there are finished.

“We’ve been planning this for

years,” Tiffany said. “It just took seven years to actually make it happen.”

Sean said the shop officially opened on Black Friday, around 4 p.m.

“It was great,” he said. “The reaction was just beautiful. Everybody loved it and they were like, ‘The colors are great and the stuff is awesome, and it feels so homey in here.’”

Walking into Dream Weaver, customers are greeted with a flood of bright and vivid colors from the tapestries and handmade dream catchers hung throughout the store. They also will find jewelry, crystals and gems, as well as handmade clothing. There are also homemade blends of essential oils and aroma therapies.

“A lot of the things in here are made for the store, so you’re not going to be able to get a lot of them at

other places,” Tiffany said. “It’s a touch of positivity from every form of life, from all over the world,” he said.

Dream Weaver also offers henna tattoos and hair wraps.

“I don’t feel like [hair wrapping] should be just a summertime deal,” Tiffany said. “You want to wear it all year, so you need to have an outlet to come to a place and say, I want to get a hair wrap on a Tuesday at 2 o’clock. There’s always someone here to do professional henna application and hair.”

Shoppers are also likely to find three generations working in the store, with Tiffany’s mother and son also lending a hand behind the counter. Her son, Brady Freestone, said the shop brought to life the family’s love of all things handmade, while mom, Toni Haught, said Dream Weaver offers a touch of the 1960s that should appeal to anyone from

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The interior of Dream Weaver on Main Street in Berlin is a flood of color. The shop sells handmade products from across the world, also offering professional Henna tattoo applications and hair wraps, year round.

# Lackner: 'Come as you are ...All are welcome here'

her generation.

All four agreed the family atmosphere brought love, togetherness and a spirit of helping others to the business.

"We like to help people, so working with nonprofits is helping people. That's a big deal for us," Tiffany said. "We help four different nonprofit organizations — women's reforming funds, tsunami relief funds — from all over."

In the future, Sean said, the goal is to simply go "nowhere but staying here."

"We want to expand to touching all the people that we've been able to help on the Boardwalk, and bringing it to the cool town of Berlin ... and put our stamp on the town," he said.

"We'd like to help bring a shift to Berlin too. I think that's what it's all about," Tiffany added. "And the people who are on the Boardwalk are following us here."

"The famous thing we hear from every single local is, 'I love you guys, I'm so glad you're here. I don't want to go to the Boardwalk. It's \$20 to park and it's not worth it for us to go in and get a bundle of sage or a tap-estry,'" Tiffany said.

"Now, we also have the ability to bring these people [from Ocean City] that may not have stepped into Berlin as much," Sean added.

For anyone who has yet to visit Dream Weaver, Tiffany's message

was simple:

"Come as you are," she said. "All are welcome here. We're here to love you and we love everyone."

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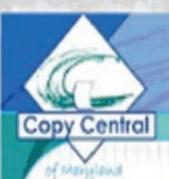
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# Historic Merry Sherwood reopens in Berlin

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Dec. 6, 2018) The Merry Sherwood Plantation in Berlin recently reopened for event bookings under the direction of Ruth and Jim Arty, a couple who came to the Eastern Shore after retiring from the Baltimore area.

Built in 1859, the massive home was something of a wedding gift from wealthy Philadelphian Henry B. Johnson to Berlin native Elizabeth Henry.

The 8,500 square-foot building combined gothic influences with architectural elements of the Greek revival and 19th century Italianate style, according to official literature.

It was originally named "Sherwood" and designed to accommodate lavish parties. The home once sat on 1,200 acres with a view so vast that Berliners could see the surrounding waterways from the top floor.

Sen. Orlando Harrison and his brother, George Harrison, purchased the home and its remaining 285 acres in 1902. It changed hands several more times and in 1991 became the property of Kirk Burbage. In 1991, the house was officially added to the National Register of Historic Places, as "Merry Sherwood."

Jim Arty trained at Cornell University and worked in the hotel, restaur-



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Merry Sherwood Plantation in Berlin recently reopened as a wedding and event venue. The massive, 27-room, 8,500 square-foot house was originally built in 1859.

rant and catering industry until retiring last year.

Ruth Arty, by her admission, "had nothing to do with the hospitality industry ... but [had] always done some weddings for fun." That included working with "brides that didn't have

moms, as kind of a charity work, because my own mom passed before our own wedding," she said. "And I was the wedding coordinator at one of the private schools in Baltimore."

She retired in January after serving as the executive director of the Maryland State Board Of Morticians And Funeral Directors, which operates under Maryland Department of Health.

Ruth first came to the area many years ago during a speaking engagement. No hotels in the area were available at the time, but Merry Sherwood belonged to one of the funeral industry members and just so happened to be free.

"They left a note saying, 'return the key to Burbage Funeral Home.' I knew of Mr. Burbage, because I licensed all the funeral homes in the state, but I didn't know him personally at all," Ruth said. "And I returned the key and said to him ... 'why is it idle, it's such a beautiful property? It should be a wedding venue.'"

At the time, she said, Burbage was

noncommittal, saying it was formerly a bed and breakfast but, "there were some reasons that I needed to close it."

"He jokingly said, 'if you ever retire, I'll call you.' And that was the end of that," Ruth said.

Last year, during the annual Delmarva Funeral Service Association Christmas party, Ruth announced her retirement.

"After that, I got a call from Mr. Burbage who said, 'you retired! What are you going to do?' And I said, 'absolutely nothing,'" Ruth said with a laugh. "I said, 'Jim and I are going to buy a house in Delaware and enjoy the shore.'"

In March, they did just that, putting in a contract to build a small home in Long Neck, Delaware.

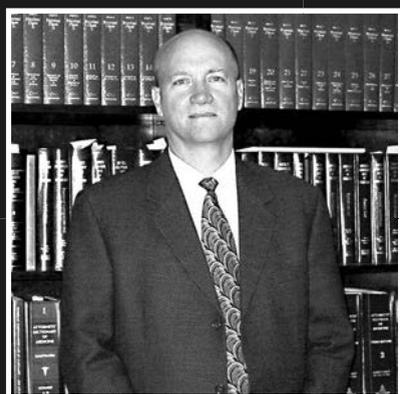
Burbage again contacted the couple after they had moved and said he wanted to reopen Merry Sherwood. They met in April and were convinced to take the job.

"We both love entertaining and parties and, Jim won't tell you, but

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# Venue hopes to be draw for weddings, events

he's very talented culinary-wise, and Mr. Burbage has been wanting to add some service to his funeral clients," Ruth said. "He spoke to Jim about doing funeral luncheons, so he could offer the house to his clients, and they would have some place quiet for respite and they wouldn't be rushed out of a restaurant ... and we agreed to do that."

Ruth said the home and its sprawling grounds had been well maintained, but still needed some work. Landscaping efforts for the gardens, designed by Southern Living magazine, were ramped up during the last several months and some additional work on the home and its interior has been done.

The goal is to revitalize the home and rebrand it as a first-class venue for weddings and private parties. Upstairs are eight bedrooms and seven baths, and the downstairs library can become a handicapped guestroom if needed. A wheelchair lift can bring guests to the upper floors, and there are downstairs dining rooms and other areas large enough to accommodate large gatherings.

Each room is distinctive and many of the interior furnishings are one-of-a-kind.

"Every room in the house is different," Ruth said. "The interior decorator for the home is Mark Showell, who has a small shop in Berlin and then the larger interior decorating shop in Rehoboth. He is responsible for the inside of the house and, in fact, comes through periodically.

"He does decorating for a lot of old man-

sions in the Baltimore area," she continued. "He's really very talented and very meticulous about the house."

The grounds are also unique, from the front porch that's available for cocktail parties, to several reception areas large enough for gatherings of several hundred.

"We have four ceremony areas [mapped out], all of which are a little bit different," Jim said. "We don't have cookie-cutter weddings - everything will be custom for the wedding couple."

Merry Sherwood reopened in October for funeral luncheons and officially opened as a wedding and special event venue on Nov. 1.

A "Flannel Formal" gala for the Lower Shore Land Trust, held for 170 guests on Nov. 17, was well received.

"That went well and it did get the word out that the house is opening. We did get a lot of calls," Ruth said. "We're late for the 2019 season, but we're hoping if the word gets out enough that brides and grooms that don't want long engagements or haven't found a venue will want to come next summer.

"We expect, by 2020, the word will be out and it will be up and running again as the grande ole dame of the special events venue," she continued. "We'll traveled all around the shore since we've been down and we really haven't found anything like it. It is unique."

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Top: Mark Showell of Mark Showell Interiors oversees interior decoration at the Merry Sherwood Plantation. Bottom: The sprawling, 19-acre grounds of the Merry Sherwood Plantation include four large outdoor ceremony areas, each suitable for several hundred guests.

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# Opinion

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## OPA Board's turnover makes it hard to govern

It's tough to manage the affairs of a community when the governing board is effective for only about six months of the year. But that's how it is in Ocean Pines, where annual elections deprive the board of directors of long-term effectiveness.

Director Ted Moroney touched on that during last week's discussion of whether to replace the association's failing financial management software with a new program, as was recommended two years ago by a technical review committee, or hire an outside contractor to run the association's numbers.

"Let's knock the damned thing out and get it done," he said. "Otherwise, in six months ... there's going to be another board and you're going to go back through this again."

He's right, and the advocates of the contractor approach know it. Directors Slobodon Trendic and Frank Daly, who don't have the votes to make that move, want to delay a decision via another review of options and, possibly, get a more agreeable board next summer.

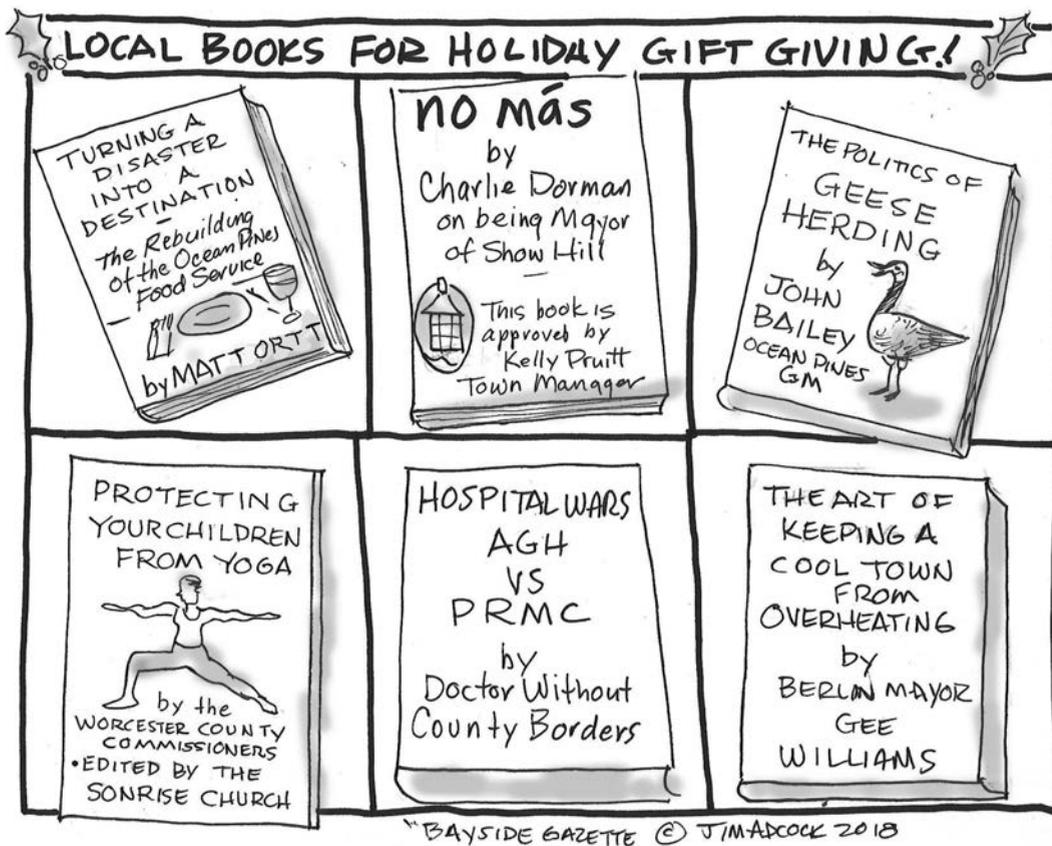
Whether they are right or wrong is not the point. It's how the system works, but fails the community.

General Manager John Bailey said last week a decision should be made within 45 days so whatever the board decides could be implemented before the beginning of the fiscal year.

But if another review were to drag things out, election season will have arrived, thus postponing a decision. With a seven-member board, and elections that generally rotate between two and three seats each year, it's a wonder anything is accomplished.

If it takes three months for a new director to settle in, and the campaign season starts in late spring, that leaves only the winter when the board can get work done before the next group arrives and restarts the process.

No management staff can work with that, and residents, who are being short-changed by this process, should demand some changes. Perhaps the board will study it.



## Three honored for water rescue efforts

(Dec. 6, 2018) Earlier this fall, a team of Maryland lifeguards called on their American Red Cross training in aquatic safety, first aid, CPR and automated external defibrillator use when faced with two water rescues in separate areas of Assateague Island State Park on the same day.

For their heroic and lifesaving actions, Sheldon Dawson, Chloe Goddard and Alison Smith, received the Red Cross Lifesaving Award for Professional Responders in a ceremony at Assateague Island State Park, Dec. 1.

The Lifesaving Award for Professional Responders is the highest award given by the Red Cross to individuals or group of individuals who save or sustain a life using skills learned in a Red Cross Training Services course.

"We're extremely proud to present a Lifesaving Award for Professional Responders to this trio of heroes," said Theresa Young, executive director of the Delmarva Chapter of the American Red Cross who presented the awards on behalf of the American Red Cross Board of Governors. "Their actions exemplify our mission to help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies."

Dawson, of Salisbury, was the captain and beach manager on duty that day. Goddard, of Snow Hill, was a lifeguard, and Smith, of Berlin, was the lieutenant lifeguard covering the public facility.

During the afternoon of Oct. 7, the trio responded to an off-shore water rescue call in an unguarded area near Campground Loop I in Assateague Island State Park.

Goddard and Smith entered the water to find the victim and a passing surfer grasping a surfboard. Smith signaled Dawson for emergency oxygen and resuscitation. The unresponsive victim was brought to shore, where a visiting emergency room doctor started CPR.

An AED was brought to the victim, and applied by Park Ranger Stephanie Venarchick, before being transported to a nearby hospital.

Close to evening that day, the group was dispatched for a similar rescue near Campground Loop F in the park. Once arriving on scene, all three entered the water, with rescue apparatus in hand, to search for a missing individual. The submerged victim's head was spotted.

Smith and Dawson paddled to the victim and brought him to shore. CPR was started im-

mediately and an airway was established.

Ranger Venarchick initiated the AED process while Smith and Goddard gave breaths. Another park ranger gave chest compressions. EMS arrived shortly after to attend to the victim.

"Some people are naturally-born lifeguards and first responders," said Owen Long, co-founder and head instructor at Sertified LLC, an authorized American Red Cross training provider that qualified the awardees. "These three people are just that. No one is more deserving of such an award."

Red Cross training gives people the knowledge and skills to act in an emergency and save a life. A variety of online, blended (online and in-person skills session) and classroom courses are available at redcross.org/takeaclass.

The American Red Cross Lifesaving Award program was established in 1911. The Red Cross receives about 150 nominations for the awards annually. Each award is signed by the president of the United States and executive leaders of the American Red Cross.

Visit LifesavingAwards.org to nominate, recognize, or be inspired.

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**FIRE SAFETY**

Members of the Berlin Fire Company visit Worcester Prep Lower School students to teach them about fire safety on Oct. 9. Kindergarten students pose with members of the Berlin Fire Company, from left, are Bill Tilghman, Mike Ellingsworth, Nate Thompson, Dale Shord and Fire Chief Jimmy Corron. Members of the Berlin Fire Company visit Worcester Prep Lower School students to teach them about fire safety on Oct. 9. Kindergarten students pose with members of the Berlin Fire Company, from left, are Bill Tilghman, Mike Ellingsworth, Nate Thompson, Dale Shord and Fire Chief Jimmy Corron.

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# Artist Studio Tours

## MEET THE ARTISTS

Hundreds attended the Berlin Artist Studio Tours, last Saturday. During the event, ten local artists opened their studio doors for public tours.

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Patrick and Velda Henry at Henry Fine Arts



Matthew Amey, left, Lisa Tossey, Margaret Tossey and Karen Ardis at Wooden Octopus



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Caroline F. Downes and Brian Robertson at CFD Fine Jewel and the Berlin Printery



Vinnie Tomaselli, left, Garry Moore and Heather Layton at Anchor Wood Creations



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# Worcester GOLD offering helping hands for holidays

(Dec. 6, 2018) Last year with the support of the local community, Worcester County GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity) provided gifts for over 800 children and 68 vulnerable adults in Worcester County who live in poverty and low-income circumstances.

With only one full-time and one part-time employee, Worcester County GOLD depends heavily on the generosity and support of the community to enhance the quality of life of local citizens for whom traditional means of well-being support are not currently available.

Sign-up to sponsor gifts for children and vulnerable adults by completing a sponsor form available on Worcester GOLD's Facebook page at [www.Facebook.com/WorcesterGOLD](http://www.Facebook.com/WorcesterGOLD).

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In addition, sign-up through Worcester GOLD's website at [www.WorcesterCountyGOLD.org](http://www.WorcesterCountyGOLD.org).

Donations by check can be sent to: Worcester County GOLD, 299 Commerce Street, Snow Hill, Maryland 21863 or by credit card through the website. For questions, call 410-677-6830.

Every day, Worcester County GOLD works to enhance the lives of Worcester County residents who live in poverty and low-income circumstances.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 11 percent of Worcester County's population, 50,748 individuals, live below the poverty level.

# 'Angel Tree' holiday drive underway in Ocean Pines

(Dec. 6, 2018) An annual program that collects for those in need is set to unwrap Christmas joy in the Ocean Pines area this holiday season.

The Ocean Pines Aquatics Department is once again lending a helping hand to area families through its Angel Tree program that provides toys and clothing to children and seniors experiencing financial hardship.

"The Angel Tree is such a wonderful opportunity for all of us to give to those who are less fortunate in our community during the holidays," said Colby Phillips, the director of the Ocean Pines aquatics and recreation departments.

A Christmas tree at the Sports Core Pool, located at 11144 Cathell Road in Ocean Pines, was decorated with paper angels representative of a

requested donation for a child or senior who without this program may not receive a gift at Christmas.

Area residents were quick to pick an angel from the tree and are set to donate a gift that will be delivered to the families on Monday, Dec. 10.

"Our community is truly amazing and so giving," Phillips said. "As the person who gets to see firsthand the impact, I can't express enough how touched the recipients are of the generosity shown to them."

Those who are looking to donate but were not able to pick an angel from the tree, can donate Walmart and/or Food Lion gift cards.

For more information about the Angel Tree program at the Sports Core Pool, contact the Aquatics Department at 410-641-5255.

# Holiday Holistic Health Fair seeking additional vendors

(Dec. 6, 2018) The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department is seeking vendors for the Holiday Holistic Health Fair, to be held in Ocean Pines on Saturday, Dec. 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In the United States, about 38 percent of adults and approximately 12 percent of children are using some form of diverse medical and health care systems, practices and products that are not generally considered part of conventional medicine, according to National Center for Health Statistics.

The Holistic Health Fair is open to the public, free to attend and will be

held at the Community Center, located at 235 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines. Area residents will get the opportunity to explore holistic and alternative approaches to overall health, healing and empowerment.

Businesses interested in participating in the event should contact Brittany Jarman at 410-641-7052 or [bjarman@oceanpines.org](mailto:bjarman@oceanpines.org). Vendor spaces are \$20.

For information about this and other recreation programs, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052 or visit [OceanPines.org](http://OceanPines.org).



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# Ocean Pines 50th Anniversary Gala



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Ocean Pines Association President Doug Parks is pictured with his wife, Stevie, during the Ocean Pines 50th Anniversary Gala, Nov. 10.



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Ocean Pines Association Secretary Dr. Colette Horn is joined by her husband, Gerald, during the Ocean Pines 50th Anniversary Gala, Nov. 10.



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Ralph DeAngelus, left, is pictured with event organizer Sharyn O'Hare and Matt Ortt during the Ocean Pines 50th Anniversary Gala, Nov. 10. Ortt and DeAngelus head up the day-to-day operations at the Ocean Pines Beach Club and Yacht Club.



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Peninsula Regional Medical Center President/CEO Steve Leonard is pictured with his wife, Kim, during the Ocean Pines 50th Anniversary Gala on Nov. 10. PRMC served as the Diamond Sponsor of the year-long 50th anniversary celebration in Ocean Pines.



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Ocean Pines General Manager John Bailey is pictured with his wife, Meredith, during the Ocean Pines 50th anniversary Gala on Nov. 10.



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Maryland Senator-elect Mary Beth Carozza, second from right, poses for a photo with Ocean Pines residents during the Ocean Pines 50th Anniversary Gala, Nov. 10.



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# Commissioner Bunting: look for another site

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Bunting also stressed that even though the lease was being discussed, the project itself had not been approved and still had to go before the Worcester County Board of Zoning Appeals for height and setback hearings.

"I think Verizon needs to look for another site outside of Ocean Pines," he said, drawing support from Bertino.

"I'm not going to vote for it either," Bertino said. "I don't think it has a place in our community."

Commissioner Joseph Mitrecic followed by deferring to Bunting and Bertino, in whose districts the tower would be located. Because the tower's purpose would be to provide cell coverage of a dead zone along the Route 90 corridor, he suggested the company look at locations such as the Isle of Wight Wildlife Management Area between the Route 90 and St. Martin's River bridges on Route 90.

When Barb Pivec, a partner for Calvert Crosslands, took to the podium to clarify the company's situation, what came out was more like a sales pitch that brought a quick rebuke from Bertino.

"Excuse me. Excuse me," Bertino said. "With all due respect, I feel as if we're getting a presentation, here and that's not part of what we're here for

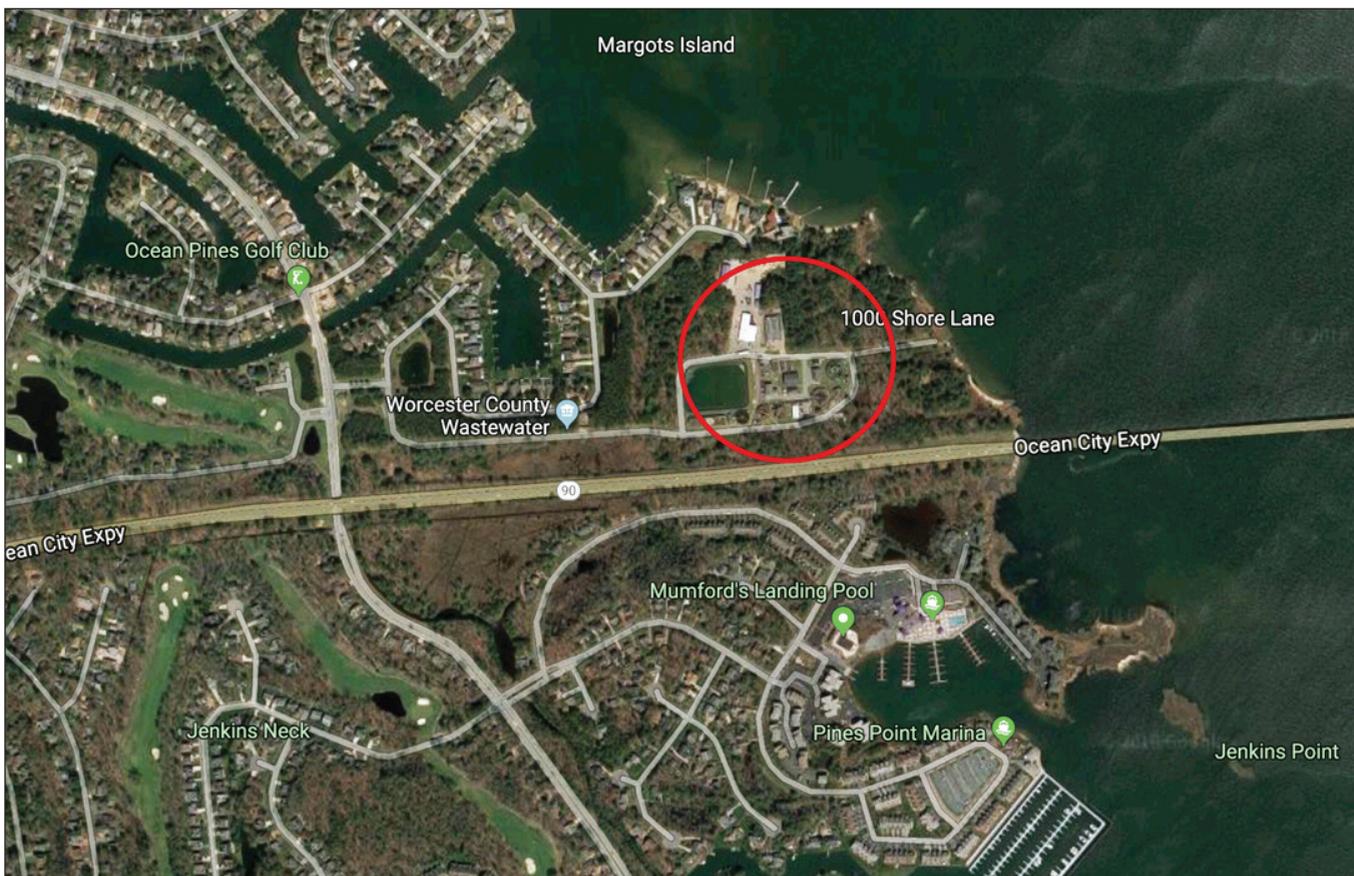


IMAGE COURTESY GOOGLE MAPS

A Google Maps overview shows the location of a proposed cell tower in Ocean Pines. The Worcester County Commissioners on Tuesday rejected a lease agreement for the tower, saying it was not what they'd expected.

today."

Bunting moved to reject both the lease and the tower's proposed loca-

tion, with a second by Bertino. The measure passed 4-0, with the support of Commissioners Diana Purnell and

Mitrecic, and Commissioners Bud Church, Ted Elder and Joshua Nordstrom abstaining.

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# Cuisine

## Pear tart can help chase troubles, cats, away

It is 7 a.m. on a brisk winter's morn. Felix – one of our older cats – digs a single claw ever so delicately into my cheek as I sleep in my warm bed. He wants to eat.

Begrudgingly, I rise to the other two cats staring at me as though they know they are piercing holes in me, their thousand-yard stares telling me that they have seen more than they should have ever seen in this sordid life.

As I shuffle to the feeding trough, the wafting aromas of pear tart in the kitchen pleasantly greeted me. As I had baked it late last night, the

sweet and delicate smells meet me and at least turned my cat-influenced grimace into somewhat of a smile.

I am not a cat person. In fact, I am allergic to the damn things. Yet, I find myself subject to their concise daily instructions of “feed us and change the litter, or we will hurt you. Pet us no more than three times, or we will hurt you. And if we do not approach you, you do not approach us.”

Years ago, I married into cats despite my allergies. In Baltimore, we had Tigger and Bunky, the former being a miserable beast and the latter being much more loving. I went through myriad allergy medicine cocktails and eventually found one that would allow me to reside with the furry beasts.

Eventually those two cats crossed the rainbow bridge (what a euphemism for what actually happens to them) and we were cat-free. Then came the Great Straight-A Treat of 2008. The Kids ganged up on us and convinced us that getting a kitten would be a great idea. As I practiced the “good husband compromise” on a regular basis, I simply acquiesced.

We found a kitten at a store that was sponsoring adoptions and agreed on the first. However, the entire trip home, the kids cried that we did not take his twin brother; I'm pretty sure the kids didn't understand how litters work and as such he would have had more than one “twin.”

They cried all night.

They beat us down.

By the next afternoon, we had two kittens. At that point, I knew that I had lost the battle and the war. The cats were here to stay.

Fast forward to 2010, and I foolishly told my kids to look at the adorable kitten that followed our neighbor around as he went on walks. It was 32-degrees outside and they were terrified of his safety. I assured them that he was a sturdy feral cat and that he would be fine. You know where this is going.

Adding yet one more cat to the fray in 2012, we now had a veritable jungle. Luckily, we were able to re-home one cat (The one that I am deathly allergic to) with my mother-in-law, so he is still around. But the other three are here, and they are here to stay.

Words cannot express how defeated I get when I see these little bastards tearing up the rattan barstools or scratching the legs of the good table.



By Paul Suplee,  
MBA, CEC, PC-3



But, they remind me every morning with a quick-flick of a claw that they aren't going anywhere.

At least I now have the dog that chases them around and terrorizes them. They did not seem to be too concerned with him when he was a puppy, but now that he is large and in-charge, he is much more of an annoyance to them.

And as they eat, I cut myself a slice of the tart and warm it up. Ice cream? Yes, please. Breakfast is served. Now, leave me alone, you damn cats.

### Pear Tart in Puff Pastry

serves 8

1 full sheet puff pastry  
8 Anjou or Bosc pears  
1 cup Light brown sugar  
1 Tbsp. Fresh lemon juice  
1/2 tsp. Salt  
1/4 cup Apricot jelly, melted with 1 tsp. water  
dash cinnamon and ginger

1. Lay out the puff pastry and cut a circle one-inch larger than you want the tart
2. Wet the edge and roll the crust over to form the circle that will contain your filling
3. Once this is done, use a sharp paring knife to

carefully trace the ring on the inside of the crust that you folded over. You want to ensure that you don't cut all the way through the crust; you simply want there to be a breakaway for the crust as it cooks

4. Use a fork to dock the inner circle where your filling will go. This will help to compress the dough here and form a nice tart without the tart pan

5. Peel the pears and cut the flesh off by turning the pear, giving you the roundish filets you see in the picture as opposed to the fine slices you so often see in pear tarts. This will give you a heartier tart and in my opinion, the fruit will withstand the heat a little better, retaining moisture and flavor

6. Combine all ingredients in a bowl and toss well

7. Place the filling on the tart and bake in a 400F oven and bake until the pears are soft and the pastry is golden

8. Serve warm with ice cream and whipped cream, and if you feel so inclined, a caramel sauce would be divine with this fine dish

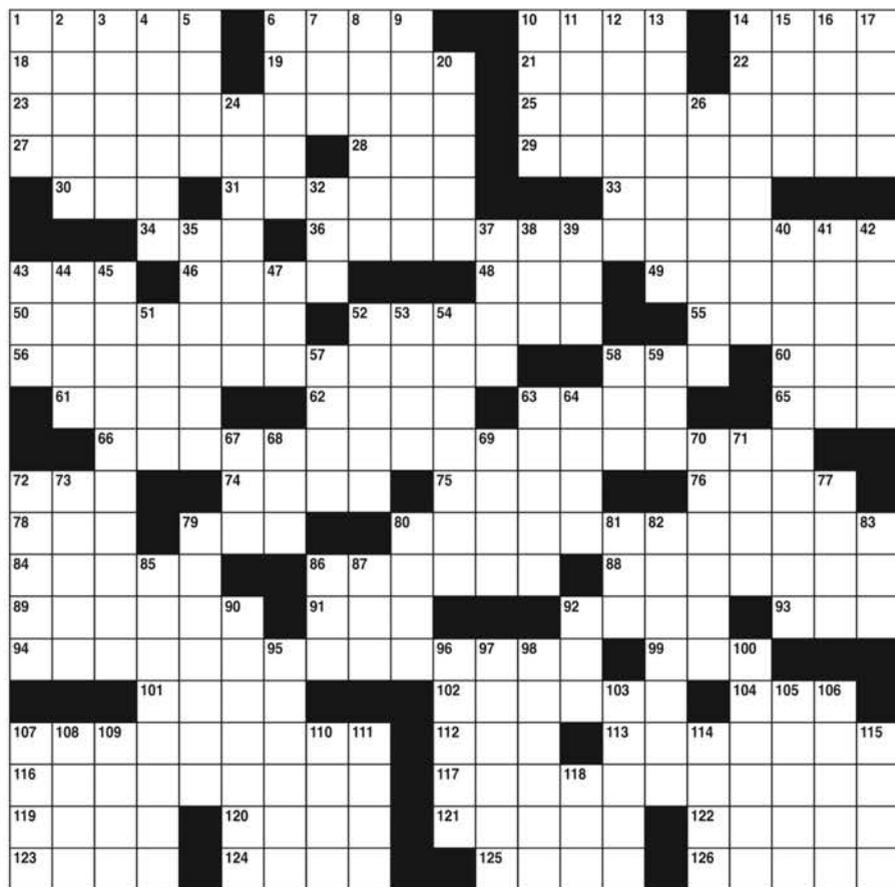
— Paul G. Suplee is an Associate Professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College. Find his ePortfolio at [www.heartofakitchen.com](http://www.heartofakitchen.com).

# Puzzles

## REPRESENT!

BY PAUL COULTER / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 Tennis judge's cry
  - 6 Locks in a barn?
  - 10 Icon leading to checkout
  - 14 Traveled in trunks?
  - 18 Large green moths
  - 19 Dateless, say
  - 21 It's frequently in Italian
  - 22 Greek ally in the "Iliad"
  - 23 13579 AZ
  - 25 Hash houses
  - 27 Country on the Red Sea
  - 28 Home sick?
  - 29 Brackish coastal habitat
  - 30 Citrus drink
  - 31 Egyptian god of the universe
  - 33 It often comes before the fall
  - 34 Summer clock setting: Abbr.
  - 36 Large large skip skip
  - 43 Victoria's Secret item
  - 46 Sandra Denton, in hip-hop's "Whatta Man" trio
  - 48 A miner concern?
  - 49 Opening in a battlement
  - 50 Some transitional movie shots
  - 52 Sporting a feathery crest
- DOWN**
- 55 First name on the Supreme Court
  - 56 AT hot dog hot dog RA
  - 58 Tags
  - 60 The Lions or Tigers, on scoreboards
  - 61 Many a fête d'anniversaire attendee
  - 62 Writer Wiesel
  - 63 Invincibility power-up in Mario games
  - 65 Blow away
  - 66 Wound + dis
  - 72 "\_\_\_ Vickers," Sinclair Lewis novel
  - 74 Doesn't keep
  - 75 Perch for a pie
  - 76 Comment on a blog
  - 78 Dad \_\_\_
  - 79 After all deductions
  - 80 P P U U B B
  - 84 Big name in watches
  - 86 Creator of a draft
  - 88 All you can eat
  - 89 Masters
  - 91 Six-foot runner?
  - 92 Cut, as a log
  - 93 Scratch (out)
  - 94 Per spire
  - 99 Farrokh Bulsara \_\_\_ Freddie Mercury
  - 101 \_\_\_ Caovilla, Italian shoe designer
  - 102 Part of a buck
  - 104 End of the British alphabet
  - 107 Something studied in toponymy
  - 112 Altar avowal
  - 113 Creator of the detective Adam Dalgliesh
  - 116 Fiery peppers
  - 117 Yearn do
  - 119 Currier's partner
  - 120 Something to take lying down
  - 121 Grassy expanse
  - 122 Certain reunion attendee
  - 123 It's better than never, they say
  - 124 Spanish title: Abbr.
  - 125 Pivot around an axis
  - 126 Less crazy
  - 16 Trojan ally in the "Iliad"
  - 17 Moonshine maker's need
  - 20 Cornerstone abbr.
  - 24 Puts in order
  - 26 Political refugees
  - 32 Announcement over a plane's P.A.
  - 35 Like cleats
  - 37 Minute amount
  - 38 Test for a college sr.
  - 39 "Father \_\_\_" (bygone British sitcom)
  - 40 Store event that people may stand in line for
  - 41 Freshen
  - 42 Give a major lift
  - 43 Soul sister, say
  - 44 \_\_\_ avis
  - 45 Garden parties?
  - 47 Telepathy term
  - 51 Children's author Blyton
  - 52 Anklebone
  - 53 Abbr. that rhymes with "bill," appropriately
  - 54 Woodworking tool
  - 57 Catbird seat?
  - 58 "At Seventeen" singer Janis \_\_\_
  - 59 He wore No. 6 for the Sixers
  - 63 Like some clean energy
  - 64 Ones place
  - 67 Boiling blood
  - 68 "Ask \_\_\_ ..."
  - 69 Flag
  - 70 Satellite connection



- 71 Eldest Stark son on "Game of Thrones"
- 72 Manhattan Project creation
- 73 Baseball's Garciaparra
- 77 Long haul
- 79 Durable yellow cotton cloth
- 80 Darlings
- 81 Grassy expanse
- 82 Boy king in Shakespeare's "Richard III"
- 83 Atlanta-to-Miami dir.
- 85 Transmission part
- 86 Groceries holder
- 87 Genetic-info carrier
- 90 What all people are, per the Bible
- 92 Cardinal letters
- 95 "\_\_\_, My God, to Thee" (hymn)
- 96 Sings the blues
- 97 Funds
- 98 Discordant
- 100 Hank who voices Moe and Chief Wiggum
- 103 Lyric poem
- 105 German port in Lower Saxony
- 106 Two in the hand
- 107 Knight who co-founded Nike
- 108 What obsidian forms from
- 109 Partner of aid
- 110 Lion's share
- 111 "Cómo \_\_\_ usted?"
- 114 Norwegian P.M. Stoltenberg
- 115 Sibyl
- 118 "Despicable Me" supervillain

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**HARD - 22**

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

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



# Calendar

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

## Thurs., Dec. 6

### STORY TIME 'BEARS'

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 AM. For 2 to 5 year old children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### PLAY TIME

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 AM. Learn new skills while playing with educational toys. For infant to 5 year old children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### WREATHS YOU CAN MAKE

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. Make a wreath out of household items. All are welcome. Register: 410-641-0650. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### TED TALK 'THE RIGHT TO SPEAK'

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM. Examine the debates over free speech, from the most offensive speech being allowed on college campuses to pondering if it is worth hearing from those we intensely disagree with. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### BEACH SINGLES

*Thursdays* - Harpoon Hanna's, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE 19944, 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>

## Fri., Dec. 7

### FIBER FRIENDS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:00 AM. Bring your lap work and join this informal group. Knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, etc. are welcome. Victoria Christie-Healy, [moonlightknitting@gmail.com](mailto:moonlightknitting@gmail.com), 703-507-0708, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### LAP TIME

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 AM. Stories, rhymes, songs and finger plays. For children up to two years of age and their caregivers. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### FRIED CHICKEN/FRIED FISH SANDWICH SALE

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., 11:00 AM. Fried chicken sandwiches cost \$5 and fried fish sandwiches cost \$7. Sponsored by the church's Men's Ministry. Patrick Henry, 443-880-4746

### THE BIG WEEKEND OF TRAINS

Pocomoke River Canoe Company, 2 River St., 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Featuring trains of all vintages including Thomas

the Tank Engine, rolling along many miles of track that wind through the (scale model) state of Maryland. There will be a visit from Santa and refreshments sponsored by the Snow Hill Elementary School PTA. Free to all visitors. 410-632-3971, <http://www.snowhillmodeltrains.com>

### KIDS NIGHT IN

Worcester County Recreation Center, 6030 Public Landing Road, 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM. Parents enjoy a night out, while kids enjoy a night IN. Open to boys and girls in kindergarten through 6th grade. Children will be listening to holiday music, watching the movie Frosty the Snowman and decorating holiday treats. Pizza provided for dinner. Cost is \$35 per child and \$30 for each additional child. Advanced registration is recommended. Trudy Porch, [tporch@co.worcester.md.us](mailto:tporch@co.worcester.md.us), 410-632-2144, Ext. 2520, <http://www.WorcesterRecandParks.org>

### FREE FIRST FRIDAY ART RECEPTION

Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Meet the artists, enjoy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments and see the new exhibits featuring a variety of local artists. Free and open to the public. 410-524-9433, <http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org>

### HOLIDAY ARTISAN FAIR

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th Street, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Join us for a special showcase of local artisans just in time for the holidays! Browse through a variety of unique, handmade items including jewelry, glass, ceramics, and more. Enjoy live music, refreshments, and book signings with local artists and authors. Free admission. Art League of Ocean City, [info@artleagueofoceancity.org](mailto:info@artleagueofoceancity.org), 4105249433, <https://artleagueofoceancity.org/event/holiday-artisan-fair-3/>

### PHOTOS WITH SANTA

Dunes Manor Hotel, 2800 Baltimore Ave., 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Photos with Santa and hot chocolate and cookie bar. Free and open to the public. <http://www.dunesmanor.com>

### THE PINE TONES PERFORMANCE

Dunes Manor Hotel, 2800 Baltimore Ave., 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Free and open to the public. <http://www.dunesmanor.com>

### FREE HOLIDAY MOVIE NIGHT

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 7:00 PM. Families are invited to a special showing of the 2009 movie A Christmas Carol. Folks are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket. Drinks, popcorn and candy will be available for purchase. Info: Ocean

Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052. Denise Sawyer, [dsawyer@oceanpines.org](mailto:dsawyer@oceanpines.org), 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006

## Sat, Dec. 8

### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Dry Dock 28, 2709 North Philadelphia Ave., 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Featuring live holiday music, Santa and his elves and a pancake breakfast buffet. Menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash brown potatoes sausage gravy and biscuits, coffee and tea. Milk and orange juice for children. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 4-12 years and free to those 3 and younger. Tickets can be purchased at the door with cash or check. Proceeds benefit Diakonia. [info@diakoniaoc.org](mailto:info@diakoniaoc.org)

### CRAFTY SATURDAY MAKE & TAKE 'HOLIDAY CARDS'

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Create themed crafts using materials provided by the library. For all ages. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### MISSIONARY BREAKFAST: A GIFT FOR THE COMMUNITY

Tyree AME Church, 10049 Germantown Road, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, No cost. Dine-in. 410-641-1915

### OCEAN CITY COMIC CON

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Art, anime, video games, cosplay and much more. Admission costs \$8 for adults and free to children 9 years and younger. Receive a \$1 discount if in costume and a \$1 discount with a non-perishable food item for Diakonia. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://oceancitycomiccon.com>

### SWIM WITH SANTA

Sports Core Pool, 11144 Cathell Road, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. The fee is \$6 for swimmers and \$3 for non-swimmers. Info: Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052 or Ocean Pines Aquatics Department, 410-641-5255.

### THE BIG WEEKEND OF TRAINS

Pocomoke River Canoe Company, 2 River St., 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Featuring trains of all vintages including Thomas the Tank Engine, rolling along many miles of track that wind through the (scale model) state of Maryland. There will be a special freight car for smart phones. Visitors can mount their phones to make a realistic 2-minute video as the train rounds the tracks. There will also be demonstrations and workshops of DCS Wi-Fi and help for those setting up a new system. Free to all visitors. 410-632-3971, <http://www.snowhillmodeltrains.com>

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### HOLIDAY CRAFTS AND FACE PAINTING

Dunes Manor Hotel, 2800 Baltimore Ave., 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Holiday crafts and face painting with Lollipop The Clown Elf. Free and open to the public. <http://www.dunesmanor.com>

### PHOTOS WITH SANTA

Dunes Manor Hotel, 2800 Baltimore Ave., 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Photos with Santa and hot chocolate and cookie bar. Free and open to the public. <http://www.dunesmanor.com>

### SANTA'S HOUSE OPEN

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Children can visit with Santa free of charge. Info: Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052. Denise Sawyer, [dsawyer@oceanpines.org](mailto:dsawyer@oceanpines.org), 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006

### CAPITAL RINGERS 2018 HOLIDAY TOUR

Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, 7:00 PM. Featuring Celebrate The Season holiday favorites on handbells. Freewill offering. 302-632-1043, <http://www.capitalringers.org>

### 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

## Sun., Dec. 9

### THE BIG WEEKEND OF TRAINS

Pocomoke River Canoe Company, 2 River St., 12:00 PM. Featuring trains of all vintages including Thomas the Tank Engine, rolling along many miles of track that wind through the (scale model) state of Maryland. Free to all visitors and there will be cookies and cocoa served in the canoe shop. Two model railway shops will have tables and experts to answer model railroading questions and there will be door prizes. 410-632-3971, <http://www.snowhillmodeltrains.com>

### 5TH ANNUAL EMPTY BOWL PROJECT

Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM. The project begins with bowl-making sessions and culminates in a soup dinner. All ages get involved by hand-making ceramic soup bowls during bowl-making sessions held now through February. The cost is \$25 and includes the bowl and admission to the soup dinner on March 29, 2019. A complete schedule of sessions is avail-

# Calendar

able at [www.artleagueofoceancity.org](http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org). Proceeds benefit Diakonia. Open to the public. 410-524-9433, <http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org>

## MID-ATLANTIC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCE

Ocean City Performing Arts Center, in the Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 3:00 PM. Holiday concert, Holiday Joy, Angelic Sisters! will feature the Karpov sisters and a combination of opera, jazz and pop. Tickets cost \$45 and \$50. Tickets: [midatlanticsymphony.org](http://midatlanticsymphony.org), 888-846-8600 or at the OC Convention Center Box Office. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

## Mon., Dec. 10

### BOOKS SIGNING AND LECTURE

Bradywine Living at Fenwick Island, 21111 Arrington Drive, 11:00 AM. Featuring Sandie Gerken, author of *Storied Sussex*. The book originated as history articles written for the local newspaper. It features a collection of historic events, places, traditions, industries and people that have played a key part in shaping the Sussex County we know today. Free to the public and held in the Lantern Room, on the fourth floor. RSVP: 302-435-0808.

### HOLIDAY ORNAMENT WORKSHOP

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:00 PM. Each participant will make two holiday tree ornaments using a variety of art mediums. All materials provided. Register: 410-208-4014. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### HOMESCHOOL BOOK CLUB

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 1:30 PM. Open to all homeschoolers ages 8 to 12 years. Call or come in to receive copies. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### WRITING FOR WELLNESS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30 PM. Research has shown that writing about stressful experiences may boost health and psychological well-being. The group uses exercises to stimulate the process for creative expression. No prior writing experience needed. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### STEAM PM 'HOLIDAY CARD THAT LIGHT UP'

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 3:45 PM. Create a card and design a circuit that will light it up. For children 6 years and older. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

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

### MEDICAL MONDAY

Worcester Youth and Family Ray Room, 124 N. Main St., 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM. Free educational session featuring What does a Rheumatologist Treat? with Dr. David Wanalista of Atlantic General Rheumatology. Registration is encouraged but not required. Michelle, 410-641-9268, <http://www.atlanticgeneral.org/MedicalMonday>

### DELMARVA A CAPELLA CHORUS

*Mondays* - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 7:00 PM. All levels of singers and drop-ins welcome. Carol, 410-641-6876

## Tues., Dec. 11

### PLAY TIME

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 AM. Learn new skills while playing with educational toys. For infant to 5 year old children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. Make special ornaments using music. Register: 410-641-0650. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### HEALING SALVES

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM. A discussion about what defines a good salve and how to make your own. Participants will also be making their own healing salve. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### FAMILY TIME 'SLIME AND OTHER SCIENCE!'

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Join the group every Tuesday. This week, make slime.

### PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

Gull Creek Senior Living, 1 Meadow St., 3:15 PM - 4:30 PM. Group provides discussions and mutual support, as well as education on exercise, nutrition, coping techniques, medications and developments in treatment. Kay Rentschler, 410-641-4765, <http://www.delmarva-parkinsonsalliance.org>

### BLOWN GLASS ORNAMENT FUNDRAISER

Jeffrey Auxer Designs studio, 19 Jefferson St., 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Learn how to blow your own glass ornament. Cost is \$30 per person for one ornament. Reservations are accepted for every half-hour from 5:30-8 p.m. by calling 443-880-4944.

### NAMI LOWER SHORE FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Free, monthly program offers shared wisdom and problem solving for family members of individuals with mental illness. Carole Spurrier, 410-208-4003, [carolespurrier@msn.com](mailto:carolespurrier@msn.com) or Gail

S. Mansell, [gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org), 410-641-9725

### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

*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](mailto:jeanduck47@gmail.com)

## Wed., Dec. 12

### THE SEASON OF GIVING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:00 AM. Representatives of three area food pantries will share how people can help the needy this holiday season. This program coincides with the Ocean Pines Library Food Drive that runs from December through January. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### STORY TIME 'BIKES'

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 AM. For 2 to 5 year old children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE GIFTS

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. Learn how to dip, decorate and prepare chocolates to make elegant gift boxes or bouquets. Register: 410-641-0650. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### OCEAN CITY BOOK OF THE MONTH

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Lively, monthly book discussion. Obtain a copy of the book, call the library at 410-524-1818. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### HISTORIES OF ART: MANET'S 'BAR AT THE FOLIES-BERGERE'

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Art discussion looks at Manet's painting from 1882 and places it within a cultural context while also observing the manner in which the painting conveys ideas of consumerism to the viewer. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### DIY SUGAR SCRUBS

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 5:00 PM. Create and take home refreshing and relaxing all natural sugar scrubs using essential oils. Register: 410-632-3495. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### BLOWN GLASS ORNAMENT FUNDRAISER

Jeffrey Auxer Designs studio, 19 Jefferson St., 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Learn how to blow your own glass ornament. Cost is \$30 per person for one ornament. Reservations are accepted for every half-hour from 5:30-8 p.m. by calling 443-880-4944.

### HOLIDAY CENTERPIECES

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 5:30 PM. Learn the art of making simple centerpieces using items found around the home. Register: 410-641-0650.

<http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### BRUSHES & BUBBLY PAINT NIGHT

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th Street, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM. Bring your friends, a snack and an adult beverage and enjoy a fun, stress-free evening of painting. We supply canvases, paints, brushes, cups, and music. Complete a work of art in one night. No prior experience necessary! Instructed by Reeves Dark. Art League of Ocean City, [info@artleagueofoceancity.org](mailto:info@artleagueofoceancity.org), 4105249433, <https://artleagueofoceancity.org/event/brushes-and-bubbly-paint-night-with-reeves-dark/>

### DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB

*Wednesdays* - Ocean City Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM. Dance to the sounds of the '50s and '60s music. A \$5 donation to benefit Veterans and local charities. Dance lessons offered the first and third Wednesday of each month from 5-5:45 p.m. Dancing follows until 9 p.m. Members and their guests welcome. [dance@delmarvahanddancing.com](mailto:dance@delmarvahanddancing.com), 410-208-1151, <http://delmarvahanddancing.com>

### KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OP/OC

*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>

### OC/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEETING

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

## ONGOING EVENTS

### LONGWOOD GARDENS BUS TRIP

The Art League of Ocean City is sponsoring a bus trip to Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pa. on Dec. 18. This season, Longwood Christmas pays homage to the Christmas tree. The bus will depart from Ocean City Center for the Arts at 8:30 a.m. and return at 8 p.m. The cost is \$70. Proceeds from the trip will benefit Art League programs. Participants may bring their own lunch or lunch at one of the cafes at the Gardens. Tickets: [artleagueofoceancity.org](http://artleagueofoceancity.org) or 410-524-9433.

### WINTERFEST OF LIGHTS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., and throughout Ocean City. Featuring a 50-foot Christmas tree, more than one million holiday lights and hundreds of animated light displays throughout Northside Park. The Winterfest Village pavilion offers hot chocolate, photos with Santa and the Winterfest Express. Admission to board the train is \$5 for adults and free to children 11 years and younger. The event runs through Dec. 31. Hours are Sunday through Thursday, 5:30-9:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 5:30-10:30 p.m.

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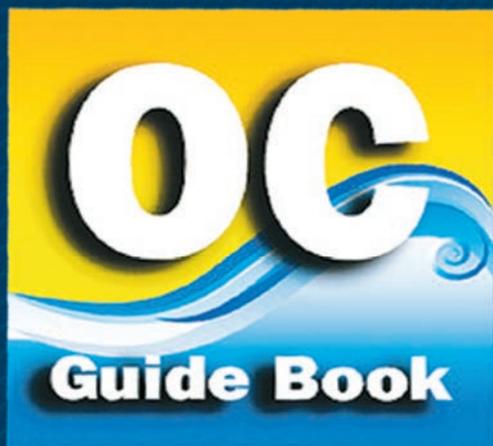
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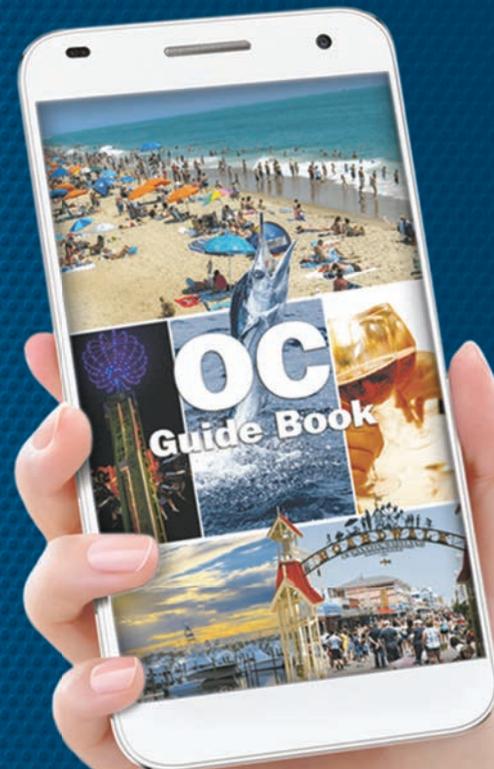
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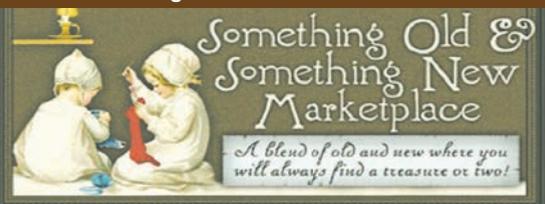
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