

## Train Shop closing end of an era

Walt Dennison's hobby store to close after more than two decades in Berlin

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Jan. 10, 2019) Like the Berlin Shoe Box before it, the closing in March of Walt's Train Shop and retirement of owner Walt Dennison will mark the end of an era – and an industry – in the Town of Berlin.

The one-of-a-kind business has been an institution in the town since opening more than 20 years ago.

Dennison, 81, was born in Upton and raised in North East, Maryland. His father "was a railroader and he would go wherever they sent him," Dennison said.

When Dennison was about 14, his father was transferred to Mount Airy, in Cecil County. At the time, he was the track supervisor for the Old Main Line subdivision of the B&O Railroad.

Dennison opened his own business in the town in 1976, staying in the railroad business like his father, but instead of working on one of the oldest railroads in the United States, he specialized in the hobbyist side of things.

"It was a full and complete hobby store – the most complete train store in the State of Maryland," he said.

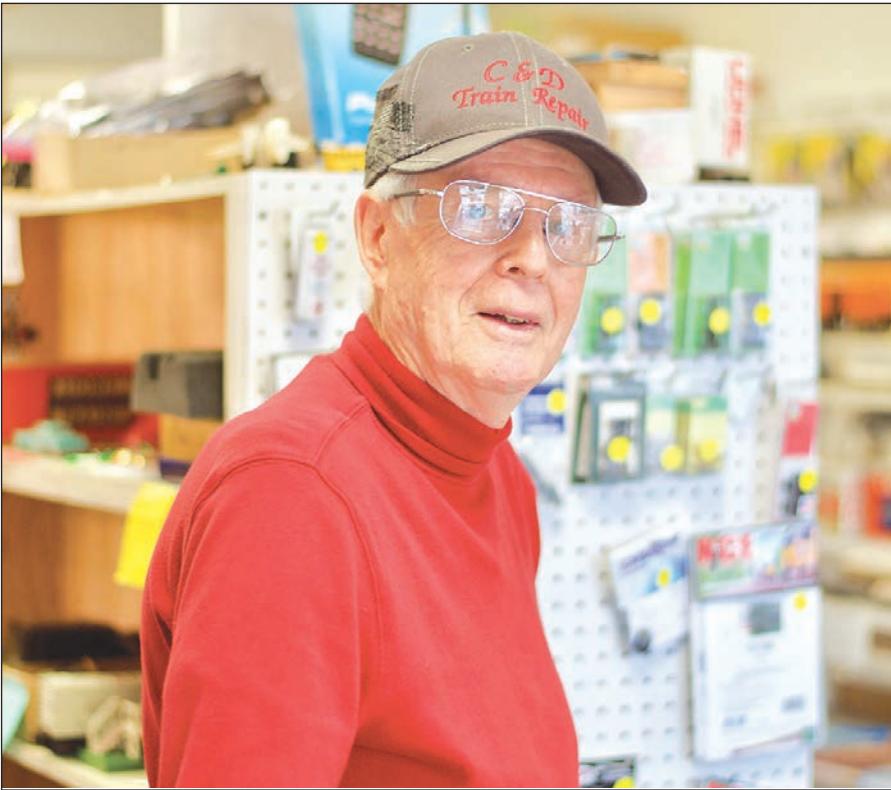
Dennison and his wife liked the water and owned a condo near Berlin for a number of years. He made a habit of telling her "as soon as I sell the store in Mount Airy, we can move down here."

"It went on and on and on, and she finally said, 'You're not going to sell that store!'" Dennison said. "Why don't we just move it down there?"

In 1995, he bought the 14 South Main Street building that currently houses the Town of Berlin Welcome Center.

"It was an ugly looking building back then and the [owner] had it advertised in the paper," Dennison said. "Somebody finally cleaned it up and it looked good, and I saw a Realtor's sign on it and got more interested.

"I had a price in mind, had a deal in mind, talked to the Realtor [and] told her what it was. She says, 'He'll never accept that,'" he continued. "I got home and he called me, personally himself, See WALT'S Page 4



**Walt Dennison recently announced a closeout sale of his Walt's Train Shop business. Dennison has operated in Berlin for more than two decades, including from 1995 to 2011 on 14 South Main Street and, more recently, on 8 Pitts Street.**

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**Model trains inside of Walt's Train Shop in Berlin have for more than two decades drawn customers to the town from across the east coast. Dennison recently announced plans to close the store in March.**

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## Pines GM Bailey releases draft of fiscal '20 budget

**By Josh Davis**  
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(Jan. 10, 2019) If Ocean Pines General Manager John Bailey has his way, community assessments will not increase this year, based on a budget draft released last Friday.

The proposed budget, developed by Bailey and his staff, would keep assessments at the same level as last year and cut another \$100,000 from association deficits accumulated during fiscal years 2017 and 2018.

According to an executive summary included in the budget draft, "The Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 accomplishes many things that will be new to the association's operating budget, however, it does not propose See PROPOSED Page 2

## Highlights from first day of OPA budget hearings

**By Josh Davis**  
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(Jan. 10, 2019) Day one of public hearings for Ocean Pines' fiscal year 2020 budget was rocky for General Manager John Bailey, as he tangled with several association members over many of the details of his proposal.

To start, Budget and Finance Committee Chairman John Viola, who ran the meeting, began his remarks by saying Bailey's \$100,000 deficit reduction did not go far enough.

Viola said his committee would recommend paying \$333,000 toward the remaining \$1 million deficit balance. He said the change could affect the basic annual assessment, which initially projected to remain flat at \$951.

Bailey said he back-loaded the deficit reduction on purpose, but if the committee wanted to increase the payments "that obviously means we've got to find another \$233,000 in the budget somewhere – unless you want to raise the as- See FINANCE Page 7



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# Proposed budget would keep assessment flat

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an increase to the annual assessment.

“In order to understand this major consideration, and to generally understand the entirety of the budget, one must look strategically at what the proposed budget accomplishes and how it creates a foundation for the next three annual budget cycles.

“The assessment was raised \$30 last year, along with a reduction in overall expenditures to the tune of about \$30 more dollars per lot, to begin to deal with the association’s deficit that we owe ourselves from the prior two years of about \$1.6

million. The savings and the increase combined to pay \$600,000 towards the deficit and another \$224,000 to be set aside to pay for the forensic audit. (The \$224k was originally placed into the budget to fund Road Depreciation.) The fiscal year ending April 30, 2019 will have seen the deficit reduced to \$1 million and will have completed the forensic audit. The completion of the forensic audit in this year will free up that \$224k that is already built into the assessment.

“One of the budget guidance terms was to provide a three or four-year plan for eliminating the prior years total re-

maining deficit of \$1 million. The Proposed Budget includes a four-year plan to do just that. The remaining deficit is to be paid down over this budget and the next three budgets on a schedule of \$100k, \$250k, \$325k, and \$325k. Thus, the Proposed Budget includes \$100k for deficit recovery.

“The above brings us to the following: The Association has \$225k (previously used for the forensic audit) and \$500k (previously used for deficit recovery) to work with to begin to accomplish the many idea and needs that have been illuminated during community discussions

this past year. That’s a total of \$725k.”

With that \$725,000, the proposed budget would provide new funding for several items: \$120,000 for deferred maintenance, \$178,000 for drainage, \$275,000 for “pay study adjustments,” and \$152,000 for “other adjustments ... throughout the operating budget.”

The draft includes additional funding increases of \$305,000 for deferred maintenance from replacement reserves and \$620,000 for drainage from road reserves.

In total, \$425,000 would be spent on  
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# Walt's Train Shop was destination draw for town

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and said OK. He wanted to get out of it. That's how I ended up buying that piece of property."

Dennison moved from Mount Airy on a Saturday night and opened in Berlin on the following Saturday morning, on April 2, 1995.

"I had so many people that wanted to see me leave town in Mount Airy that 18 of them came Saturday night and helped me pack up," he said with a laugh. "One of them had a big truck, we had a couple little trucks, and we just moved it over."

Dennison said town government, at the time, was more than welcoming.

"When I went to Town Hall and told those people what I had proposed on doing, they offered me all the resources they had to help me do it," he said. "They were very nice. They had good ideas. If there were any problems to be solved, they were there to help me. It made it very easy to move into this town and the reception that I got was just outstanding."

Then, in 2008, Dennison and his wife decided to retire. Things did not go well.

"I put an ad in the paper and let a Realtor know I was going to sell [the building], and in three weeks I got a half-million dollar contract," he said. "In early 2008, commercial property was still hot."

"But, the people who wanted to buy

it kept calling us [and] calling the Realtors. We'd get a call from the bank about this and this and about that, and various things went on that made us just a little bit antsy," Dennison said.

The buyer, who wanted to open a school in art in Berlin, called from California and asked Dennison to be out of the building within 90 days.

"We set about selling things half price, 75 percent off. I cleared out a quarter of a million dollars' worth of merchandise in 90 days – emptied the place. And I mean emptied, because I wasn't going to be in business anymore,"

Dennison said. "All of my facilities, counters, everything. I even gave some of it away. There was nothing but the paint on the walls. And they backed out of the deal one week before settlement."

"Now what do I have? An empty store, no money and no inventory," he continued. "So that precipitated, six months later, my deciding I would either have to get a job, which would have put two other people out of work, or reopen."

He chose the latter, at first doing mostly consignment work, but with the help of many loyal customers Dennison

eventually got into a position to be able to buy new merchandise and reestablish the store.

That went on until 2011, when the town and chamber of commerce bought the building. Dennison moved the business to Pitts Street in February 2011.

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Train Shop owner  
Walt Dennison

"I had enough people that wanted to see me move and help me out that I had about 15 people help us move, so it all got done pretty easily," he said. "But, it was a different time. Commercial property wasn't any good anymore, so what I got for the store was not

much more than half of what I'd been offered before. It still left me with considerable debt."

The Pitts Street location, where the store is today, was once a regional Comcast office. The much smaller space meant much less room for new merchandise.

In the rush to retire and close the old store, Dennison also ended up getting rid of about 4,000 customer files on his computer. In a way, he was starting again from scratch.

"It took a while," he said. "And I started concentrating on what's known

as old postwar Lionel train collections.

"The most popular trains, throughout history ... were manufactured by a company called Lionel," Dennison continued. "It became a tradition that, I'd put a big layout. You, as a father, would put a big layout and get your children involved. And, when you couldn't do it anymore, the heritage was that you passed it on to your children and grandchildren and so forth."

Like the housing bubble, the train market collapsed about a decade ago, as very few people were getting into the hobby, Dennison said. As families were clearing out their homes and attics, much of that inventory locally ended up at Walt's Train Shop.

"I said, OK, I'll buy them from you. I'll give you a price for them ... and I gave the fairest result," he said. "And then I would fix them up and put them out for sale, just like they were new. But, there were more and more falling into the market and the value that Lionel trains had up to that point in time was dropping very quickly."

"They were better than the stock market for many years ... you could buy some Lionel trains and in three years sell them and get 30 percent on your money," Dennison continued. "Nowadays, the average age for a model train person is 65 years old."

Today, Dennison said he can buy the

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# Store to close in March after over two decades

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trains cheaper, but he has to also sell them for lower prices than ever, and the parts to restore the old models keeps going up.

"It's become an expensive thing to do," he said.

Dennison recently, and typically without much fanfare, put a sign in his window that reads: "GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALE JAN 10-MAR 16."

"I can't call it a retirement - I just had to finally get out of it," he said, adding debt from the debacle of selling off his former business stayed with him for a number of years.

"That put a timeframe on when I could decide to get out of business," Dennison said.

Accelerating that, his wife had a serious stroke three years ago. About a year later, she had a serious fall on the way in to balance therapy and fractured her orbital bone, leading to a several-day stay in shock-trauma.

"Both of those [incidents] meant she couldn't help me, not only around here anymore, but we had a big, massive garden in the backyard and a train in that. It took a lot of our time [and] was a thing we did together," Dennison said.

"That meant I had to slow down and spend more time with her and helping her. So, I knew I had to decide pretty soon to do something and the timing

just fell into place. I don't call it a retirement, but just the start of my last days," he added with a laugh.

As for his customers, Dennison said the closest similar store is in Ocean View, Delaware. He said many would

also likely turn to the internet.

"If you see the number of trains and things that are advertised and available on the internet, you'd think the railroad business is really great," he said. "But the internet, because it's a worldwide thing and there's millions of people out there, may save the whole model train industry - that's my opinion.

"Unfortunately, that also takes business away from the local person. And what's missing from this is that interface. If you have a question about what you want, who are you going to go to?" Dennison continued. "You don't have that anymore and this is a hobby that requires a lot of help.

"Retail shops are just going to go by the wayside," he said.

Asked what he would miss most, Dennison replied, "only the people."

"I've got a lot of friends now, up and down the whole East Coast," he said. "A lot of them came here as part of their trip to Ocean City. They come to Ocean City because they're always saying, 'Let's go see Walt!'"

The closeout sale began today, Jan. 10, and ends March 16.

Walt's Train Shop, on 8 Pitts Street in downtown Berlin, is open 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, Saturdays from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m., and Sundays from 1-4 p.m.

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deferred maintenance and \$915,000 would be spent on drainage, according to the proposal.

Also in the draft budget is a one-year waiver of the \$19 per-homeowner fee for bulkhead contributions, with annual bulkhead contributions "only paid by those members with private bulkheads."

According to the summary capital requests submitted for budget consideration totaled \$425,714, but only one request was included in the proposal: \$6,500 for "Police Department-specific software."

The draft fully funds pay adjustments identified in a pay study completed by an Ocean Pines human resources specialist.

According to the proposal, "The study found that we had many positions that are currently under funded, thus the Proposed Budget includes \$128,000 to bring those positions into better alignment with the competing marketplace." That apparently includes a 2 percent "labor pool increase to be distributed based on merit achievement" and a 10 percent increase in medical benefits "based on the advice of the insurance professionals."

Also noted in the draft, while assessments would not increase, "most user fees are proposed to increase an average of three percent," meaning it would be slightly more costly to use Ocean Pines amenities.

The executive summary concluded, "As the budget schedule indicates, this is a process," meaning at least some of the numbers are likely to change as the board of directors, budget and finance committee and other association members weigh in during the coming weeks.

Three days of budget and finance committee hearings began on Monday and upcoming meetings include a budget hearing with Bailey and Treasurer John Viola on Jan. 12, board work sessions Jan. 14-16, a board budget hearing on Feb. 2, and a final budget hearing on Feb. 16.

To view the proposed budget, visit [www.oceanpines.org/forms-docs-cat/budget-for-fy-2019-2020](http://www.oceanpines.org/forms-docs-cat/budget-for-fy-2019-2020).



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Ocean Pines General Manager John Bailey on Friday released details of the proposed fiscal 2020 budget. Bailey later addressed the association budget and finance committee during a series of public hearings this week.

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# Finance committee members, Bailey, clash over budget

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 sessment.”

Viola immediately said he would not tolerate “that kind of rhetoric.”

“If we make a change here ... I don’t want to hear that it was the committee that raised the budget,” he said.

Bailey attempted to clarify his statement, but was interrupted.

“I’m not finished!” Viola said. “I will not allow that kind of rhetoric to start today ... we will come up with a budget that’s right. It won’t be you increasing it, it won’t be me increasing it or decreasing it. Let’s stop with that rhetoric right now.”

“It is a collective process. This is part one,” Bailey said. “It’s not the GM and his wizard hat dreaming up his budget. It’s not the budget and finance committee in of itself, it’s not the board members in of itself ... it’s a process by everybody.”

Several minutes later, budget and finance committee member John O’Connor asked about the \$125,000 cost mentioned in the budget draft as the annual price for an organizational restructuring project ordered by the board of directors.

The figure was not included in the proposed budget’s bottom line and an executive summary added, “Because the organizational restructuring involves changes to the existing personnel structure, the Board will be discussing the restructuring proposal in closed session.”

“Exactly what is that?” O’Connor asked.

“It’s not included in the budget and, based upon other discussions that I’ve had with the board, I do not anticipate it will be put [into the budget],” Bailey said.

“But, what is it?” O’Connor asked. “They asked you for an organizational structure. From my viewpoint, just make up a chart ... am I missing something?”

Bailey said he could not comment further because it impacted “existing personnel.” Pressed for more details, he replied sternly, “It’s personnel.”

“It’s speculative. It doesn’t need to be an issue to be discussed,” Bailey later said. “It’s speculative, so, it doesn’t matter.”

Resident Joe Reynolds countered, “If this person doesn’t exist, it’s certainly not a personnel issue.”

“Does it exist? No, it doesn’t!” Bailey said. “Don’t create a ruckus out of something that doesn’t need to be created a ruckus about.”

Bailey also became aggravated when asked for details about the Matt Ortt Companies contract to oversee food and beverage operations – particularly, how the bonus structure works.

Several committee members and others attending the meeting said it appeared certain expenses were not included in the profit and loss figures the Ortt Companies would be held to, potentially including rent, marketing and facility renovation fees.

At the yacht club, Reynolds said, it appeared all utilities were excluded from the bonus calculations, adding, “I

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find that rather disturbing.”

“The net result of moving all utilities out of the cost of operating ... could result in giving them \$50,000 in association member assessment money,” he said.

O'Connor later singled out refuse fees as also being excluded.

“We don't charge them for that? We're eating that expense?” he asked. “Garbage, especially, is even worse than utilities. If you've got a restaurant, you've got garbage.”

“I want to remind everybody where we were – because everybody's forgetting that,” Bailey said. “Look at the 2018 actuals ... negative \$677,000! We're operating in the black, for crying out loud. What is the problem?” he added.

Finance Director Steve Phillips said the Ortt Companies profit bonus is “calculated off a different number than what

the [profit and loss] actually shows here,” adding the budget forecast for the current fiscal year was “pretty much break-even” for food and beverage operations.

Viola then asked Bailey to prepare “a straightforward example, so that's clear for everybody” on how the bonus is calculated under the current Ortt Companies contract.

“That's what I'm asking,” he said.

Members of the golf advisory committee also confronted Bailey, with committee Chairman Larry Davies saying he was “really disappointed with this budget” and that Bailey had been unresponsive to his requests.

“We've asked questions [and] not gotten answers, and we pretty much feel we've been ignored,” Davies said, singling out Bailey.

“Have you not gotten answers, or are you disappointed in the answers that



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Ocean Pines Budget and Finance Committee Chairman John Viola speaks during a fiscal 2020 budget hearing on Monday.

you got?” Bailey asked.

“John, you don't even answer emails from me,” Davies said.

“I beg to differ,” Bailey said. “If you want it in five minutes since you sent it to me, no, you're not going to get a response from me. You might not get it the next day, depending on what I've got going on.”

Davies said he didn't “bring this up to piss [Bailey] off.”

“Well, the way you said it, you did!” Bailey said.

Davies later apologized, but added, “we don't feel we've been heard.”

Also notable during the meeting, Bailey said the majority of the nearly \$800,000 proposed increase in drainage spending, \$620,000, would go toward the replacement of four pipes underneath association roadways.

Viola said costs for legal, information technology and overall administration were going up and questioned if enough had been budgeted for each.

He also said there was no working plan for road depreciation and, if one was not presented, that item would likely be excluded from the final budget.

Phillips said the latest fiscal 2019 forecast showed a roughly \$15,000 loss for the year. A prior forecast released last month was for a \$10,000 loss.

On the golf and country club, Bailey said planned renovations there would likely not have a significant impact on golf operations during the next fiscal year, but would affect revenues at the Tern Grille.

There was, however, discussion on how overall uncertainty with the golf amenity

had harmed the operation. Last year, one board member mentioned temporarily closing the course and another briefly proposed outsourcing golf operations.

Golf Director John Malinowski said he'd received several phone calls asking if the course would be closed, while Bailey said restoring or replacing the country club could only help.

“I think the biggest change will be impacted when we have done something – I don't care what anymore – but something [done] with that building,” Bailey said. “We've got to make an impacting difference to how the people view Ocean Pines Golf.”

Bailey also said the budget process was just beginning.

“We've got three days – today and tomorrow and the next day [with the budget and finance committee] – then three days with the board of directors next week,” he said. “In between, on Saturday, we have a member hearing for everybody. And then, after the board's budget meeting, they'll have another member hearing.”

He said all of the meetings would be streamed online and broadcast on television, and homeowners who could not attend the meetings would “have an opportunity to weigh in by email.”

Additional meetings with the budget and finance committee were scheduled on Tuesday and Wednesday.

A proposed budget hearing hosted by Bailey and Viola is scheduled this Saturday, Jan. 12, at 10 a.m. in the Assateague Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center on 235 Ocean Parkway.



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Ocean Pines Director Slobodan Trendic, speaking during the public comment portion of a special board meeting last Saturday, addresses an employee complaint against him. The board later discussed the matter in a closed session and found Trendic had violated no association rules.

# Board finds no wrongdoing by Dir. Trendic

Statement said directors 'found no violations' and matter considered closed

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Jan. 10, 2018) A closed session of the Ocean Pines Board on Saturday included discussion of an employee complaint against a director, but the

person in question, Slobodan Trendic, was found not to have violated any rules.

Before the meeting, there was some speculation as to exactly what the complaint was, while others wondered why Trendic was named in the published agenda released several days earlier.

According to a motion proposed by Director Colette Horn, the closed por-

tion of the meeting would be held "to discuss matters pertaining to employees and personnel ... specifically to discuss an employee complaint regarding actions by Director Trendic and specifically to discuss potential employee impact from proposed organizational restructuring."

Several sources said Trendic had told a public works employee how to do his or her job – something gener-

ally not done by a board member – but that was not revealed publicly.

However, Trendic did address the matter during the public comments portion of the meeting.

"I wanted to make sure the community understands the situation and is aware," Trendic said. "I'd like to minimize any speculations as much as possible."

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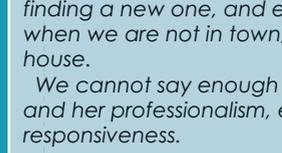
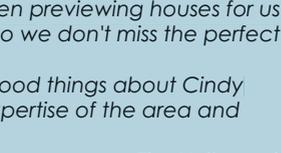


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## Trendic: best to handle complaint in closed session

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Trendic said he initially wanted the discussion to be held publicly during the open session, but reconsidered after realizing “the subject involves employees and personnel.”

“I think we, as a board, have a duty to have that kind of a conversation in closed session in order to protect the privacy of those involved – including myself, since I’ve been named as a party related to the matter,” he said.

Trendic went on to say his name was “improperly disclosed to the public” and worried doing so “might send the wrong message as far as future issues and concerns that might come forward to the board in order to be addressed.”

“I want to make sure that the employees or anybody that’s involved is not discouraged from speaking freely in the future, when certain situations demand that, in fear that the same will happen to them, like it’s happening to me now,” Trendic said.

“I want to go on record to say that I have no issue with the employee that has brought this forward,” he continued. “I understand why that might be the case, and I also want to make sure that in the future the employees are comfortable in reacting to a problem ... that might cause them to feel uncomfortable themselves – whether that involves their fellow colleague, whether that involves their supervisor or general manager or one of the board members, it doesn’t matter.

“We should treat everybody equally and we should also respect the privacy of those individuals involved,” Trendic said.

He said it was the board’s job to review all the facts “and then take any actions necessary, including disciplinary actions, if those are warranted.”

“I’m looking forward to sitting down with my colleagues in closed session, reviewing all the issues, and then collectively the board will, I’m confident, come up with the right course of action – if any is required,” Trendic said.

Following the closed session, Association President Doug Parks emailed a statement regarding the closed session.

“In accordance with resolution of B-08, the matter was investigated by the board to include the HR department, the affected Board Director, the appropriate department head and the Board found no violations of B-08 or the by-laws. The matter is closed,” Parks said.

Trendic, reached for comment on Sunday, again said he was “ready and willing to have this issue reviewed in an open meeting.”

“However, in order to protect the privacy of others, it was best to handle the matter in a closed session,” he said.

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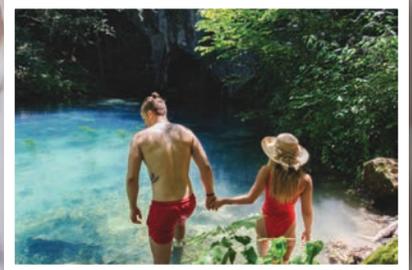
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# OP Board votes 7-0 to proceed with Northstar

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Jan. 10, 2019) After several years of searching for a solution to outdated financial and operational software, the Ocean Pines Board on Saturday voted unanimously to allow General Manager John Bailey to begin negotiations to purchase Northstar Club Management Software.

The 7-0 vote was based on a motion by Director Ted Moroney “to accept the General Manager’s recommendations to implement the IT software solution.”

Funds for the purchase would come from general replacement reserves. Bailey is to present a contract to the board no later than Feb. 16.

Moroney said Ocean Pines representatives spoke with two other homeowners associations that are clients of Northstar and “received really good input and backup.”

Three directors previously critical of Northstar said they were now on-board, but still had one reservation. Directors Frank Daly, Esther Diller and Slobodan Trendic all said they were concerned with the implementation process.

“I do want to caution the management team ... to take this project very seriously,” Trendic said. “This is [an] IT project [and] most IT projects fail

because of poor planning, poor management [and] poor implementation.”

Trendic said it is important to have a sound project plan, an experienced project manager and the right contingency in place.

“This is not a single purchase of a vehicle that you can dispose of in a few years,” he said. “This is an

investment that’s going to impact the operation of this association for years to come and it’s a huge investment over a period of time. So, I think we

need to be very careful. It’s not about the vendor — it’s really a lot about the project planning and project execution.”

**‘This is an investment that’s going to impact the operation of this association for years to come.’**

Ocean Pines Director  
Slobodan Trendic

Association President Doug Parks said discussions with references led him to conclude that the need for an effective project manager “was pretty apparent.”

Parks, who has more than three decades of experience working in the information technology sector, added, “that is not uncommon in my real-life job.”

“That will drive that project to ei-

ther successful completion or utter failure,” he said.

Parks said the Northstar timeline to have new systems running by April was probably too aggressive, but did mention May 1 as hypothetically being more realistic.

Daly said the new systems would drive “every aspect of the business and the way to manage it for years to come,” but cautioned board members and staff to “saddle up.”

Parks said that was a fair point.

“The staff needs to understand they’re going to have to go above and beyond the regular day-to-day activities,” he said. “Coming in at 9 and punching the clock at 4:30 is probably not going to be the norm, at least for a little while.”

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# Diller to OP GM: 'we're not your babysitters'

### Bailey apparently did not act on previously approved motion on auditor services

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Jan. 10, 2018) A 6-1 vote by the Ocean Pines Board on Saturday to rescind a directive came with several notes of caution and a fiery dig at General Manager John Bailey.

A previous board, on Jan. 27 last year, approved a motion to "instruct the General Manager to issue an RFP [request for proposals] for auditing services no later than September 1, 2018 to audit the Association's financials for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2019."

That action was apparently never done.

Several directors on Saturday said they were in principle against rescinding the actions of previous administrations, but in this case it was necessary, at least for administrative cleanup.

Director Slobodan Trendic cast the only vote not to rescind the prior motion and argued it "should still be honored by the board."

Trendic introduced the Jan. 27, 2018 motion, which was later amended by Director Ted Moroney

and unanimously approved by that board of directors.

In arguing to honor that directive, he said SC&H Group Inc. from Ellicott City, the auditing firm currently under contract with Ocean Pines, had entered a bid that was 50 percent higher than proposals from two local firms.

Trendic said the current auditor also had "certain relationships [that] were not disclosed and made aware of to the board."

Former Director Pat Supik, in 2017, said the firm had a prior working relationship with Brett Hill, who at the time of the selection was both a board member and the acting general manager.

"I felt it was my duty as a director to revisit the whole process and to make sure that we get the best, most competitive, financial offer for auditing services," Trendic said. "The intent of my motion, that was unanimously approved by the board, was really to correct what happened earlier - and that still stands."

Trendic said Treasurer John Viola

had argued, "This is not a good time to change the auditing firm."

"Well, the auditing firm has been with us for two years," Trendic said. "Furthermore, that particular argument assumes that they will lose in this new procurement process. It is up to that auditing firm to submit a competitive proposal. If they are as competitive as others, they might be selected again."

He added, for the sake of newer board members, the history of everything that previously occurred should be kept in mind.

"I think it's the wrong thing to do and it will set precedents that ... question the judgment of previous boards if we start rescinding motions that, at the time, made all the sense [in the world]," Trendic said. "In the case of this motion, it still does."

Association Vice President Steve Tuttle said he was "not in favor of rescinding motions as a normal practice," but this was a unique circumstance.

Tuttle said the Sept. 1 date to issue

the request for proposals had already passed, the association was now in the middle of a forensic audit, and changing auditors before the end of the current fiscal year "doesn't make a lot of sense to me."

"I think that we definitely should put an RFP together after the close of the fiscal year to get competitive prices for an auditor for the coming year after this one," Tuttle said.

Several other directors agreed this was a unique case. None, however, were more direct in their displeasure than Esther Diller, who pointedly jabbed at Bailey for apparently not seeking bids despite having been directed to do so.

"J.B., we're not your babysitters. You're a grown man who knows his job. So, when an RFP is given, get it done," Diller said.

"It's not our job to babysit you and I don't want to babysit you, so ... I understand about taking responsibility as a board, but I don't think you really want seven people up your butt every single day to get your job done. So, my feeling is, do your job," she continued.

"Do your job, we'll do ours. RFPs are issued - do them. That's it," Diller said.

Bailey did not respond to requests for comment.

**'I don't think you really want seven people up your butt every single day to get your job done. So, my feeling is, do your job.'**

Ocean Pines Director  
Esther Diller

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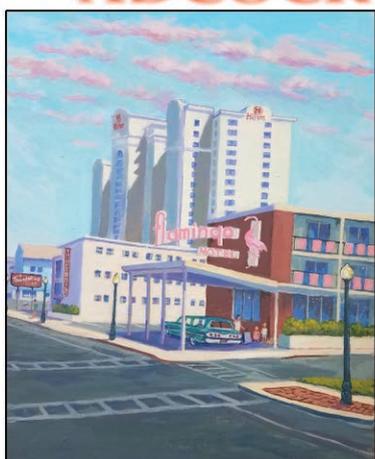
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# Berlin Restaurant Week runs through Sun.

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Jan. 10, 2019) Fifteen local restaurants are taking part in the 2019 Berlin Restaurant Week, which began on Monday and will continue through Sunday.

The event began in 2016 to encourage patrons to try new eateries and to dine during the offseason, as restaurants offer special menus and discounts in an attempt to attract new customers.

The Town of Berlin hosts the event and Cam Bunting and Bunting Realty sponsor Berlin Restaurant Week.

“I wanted to do something to help the community and nobody was doing a restaurant week, so I thought I would take my time and organize it, and here we are,” Bunting said.

Patrons who dine in three or more restaurants may also be entered into a drawing to win \$100 and a basket of gift cards to participating restaurants. Entry cards are available at each restaurant and can be stamped with each visit, and then returned to the Berlin Welcome Center on 14 South Main Street.

Restaurant owners say the event has been successful, Bunting said.

“They enjoy doing it and you can get some good meals at good prices,” she said. “People can sample all the

different restaurants in town, and I look forward to it as well, and to seeing what all the restaurants are doing.”

Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells has been

Early response from the public has been strong, Wells said.

“I’m really excited about the response we’ve gotten and Restaurant Week hasn’t even started yet,” Wells

partakes.

“Just come to Berlin,” she said. “It’s a quiet time of the year, and you can bring some friends and have some good food and good fellowship.”

Participating restaurants and specials as of press time include:

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Micalene Dorcak, left and Sarah McCree toast the start of Berlin Restaurant Week at the Burley Café on Jefferson Street. More than a dozen downtown restaurants are offering specials through Sunday, including bottomless mimosas and choice of three small plates for \$30 at the Burley Café.

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said last Wednesday. “People are already making plans to come to Berlin for it.”

Bunting said the desired takeaway is simple: a full belly for anyone who

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# Specials offered at downtown restaurants

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The \$4.99 "sweet special" includes a sample plate of Baked Dessert's signature cupcake bread pudding, croclair and peach dumpling.

**DiFebo's Restaurant** (104 North Main Street)

Specials include two entrees: carved flat-iron stake served with crab mac and cheese with peas and pancetta, \$18; or house-made pappardelle pasta Bolognese served with seasoned ricotta and melted mozzarella cheese, \$18. Additionally, the restaurant is offering half-price pizzas and \$6 house wines, sangria and dessert specials.

**Crush N Crab** (525 South Main Street)

\$5 breakfast items, from 7-11 a.m., include two pancakes and two eggs;

two egg and cheese bagel sandwiches or one egg and meat sandwich; cheese omelet with toast; and biscuits and gravy with potatoes and one egg.

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pound of steamed mussels; or grilled tuna. Dinner includes coffee, tea, soda or lemonade; a choice of two sides; homemade dessert or a scoop of any ice cream.

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Three-course meals for \$20 per person feature a caprese salad, eggplant rollatini appetizer and main-course choice of fettuccine Bolognese or chicken pesto.

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Three-course meals are \$30.

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Second-course choices include: wild red snapper; steak frites; shrimp Thai curry; hand-cut pappardelle pasta; shrimp risotto; and crispy duck

breast.

Third-course options are: flourless chocolate torte; Key lime pie; bundt cake of the day; and fried banana cheesecake.

**Main Street Deli** (10 South Main Street)

Specials include spaghetti and meatballs, \$4.50, and a meatball sub for \$6.50.

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The lunch special is fish and chips with coleslaw and tartar sauce for \$10.

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# Opinion

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## Pines budget process confusing and messy

The Ocean Pines budget process makes a traffic jam look coordinated and its blare of honking horns sound symphonic. The good intentions of everyone notwithstanding, this overly complicated procedure makes it difficult to understand who is accountable to whom.

After the financial mess of a couple of years ago, along with the continuing desire to keep assessments in check, the increased scrutiny of budget development is understandable.

Yet, the number of budgetary watchdogs to whom the administration apparently has to answer leaves unclear how this vital business is supposed to proceed and who, exactly, is responsible for establishing the budget's goals and objectives that the administration is supposed to pursue.

The meeting between General Manager John Bailey and the Budget and Finance Committee this week was not so much a review of the budget's first draft as it was a confrontation.

The hostility toward the administration's first effort was evident, and the tone of the session suggested that he revise his numbers, or else. Additionally, demands for information about and criticism of matters already settled — the bonus plan for the Ortt Company's food and beverage operations, in particular — seemed more like an ammunition-gathering exercise for some future disagreement than it did the review-and-recommend approach assigned to the committee in the bylaws and resolutions.

Accordingly, if the committee doesn't like the draft Bailey presented, and apparently it didn't, it's job it to recommend to the board that changes be made rather than tell Bailey what he needs to do.

As it is, the administration is being called upon to serve two masters, which makes setting the budget an unnecessarily grueling business. If Bailey and his finance department fail to produce the kind of budget the directors want, that's between him and the people who hired him.

Similarly, if the committee doesn't like what it sees, that's between its members and the board.



## Letters

### Upon exit, Mathias thanks constituents

Editor,

As I write this on my last full day as your State Senator for District 38, I want to thank all my constituents and our neighbors in Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester counties for the privilege of serving you and our Lower Eastern Shore.

My 2018 campaign provided you, the voters of our district, a summary of my accomplishments, my leadership, and my relationship-building across our local, state, and federal governments and agencies:

- In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, I secured critical FEMA aid to Crisfield and Somerset County residents.

- I protected our legacy agriculture and poultry industries.

- For our loved ones entrenched in a fight against cancer, my legislation offered enhanced access and more timely treatment.

- My legislation continued to fund the dualization of Route 113, the one of most dangerous roadways in Maryland.

- My work provided opportunities and respect for our veterans.

- I helped to protect our environment — our oceans, bays, and open spaces — that are so important to our Shore legacy and tourism industry.

This list only scratches the surface of the accomplishments we achieved together through your efforts and support during my 12 total years as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates and Maryland Senate, as well as my 16 years spent in service

to the Town of Ocean City as the Mayor and a member of the City Council.

The need for effective leadership for the Lower Shore, Eastern Shore, and all of Maryland continues. I remain fully committed to the successes of the people of our Eastern Shore, its legacy, and its future as we establish our goals and priorities for the continued success of our families here. All People. All Maryland. Always.

Respectfully yours,  
Jim Mathias

## Worcester County offers Christmas tree recycling

(Jan. 10, 2019) The Solid Waste Division of Worcester County will host its annual collection of Christmas trees through Jan. 15.

Area residents can drop off Christmas trees at the Central Landfill in Newark and the Berlin, Pocomoke and Snow Hill Homeowners Convenience Centers at no cost.

Businesses and organiza-

tions that sold trees will not be permitted to drop off trees at the convenience centers, but may take them to the Central Landfill where applicable tipping fees will be assessed.

The trees will be ground into mulch for use at the Central Landfill. For more info, contact Recycling Coordinator Mike McClung at 410-632-3177.

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# Art opening Friday to get 'Surreal'

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Jan. 10, 2019) The Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee on Friday will present its fifth annual collaborative art show and fundraiser at the Globe from 6-9 p.m.

Both the subject and the title of the show is "Surreal."

Committee Chairwoman Heather Layton said Brian Robertson, who co-organized the event, comes up with the names and is a fan of vague titles.

"I love that, because I feel like it leaves a lot of room for interpretation," Layton said. "This year's theme I am particularly excited about. I mean, when the word 'bizarre' is literally in the definition, how can this not be a fun show?"

Layton said the exhibition serves to both help local artists get exposure and to drum up downtown traffic during an otherwise slow time of year.

"It's definitely a slow time and you never know if the weather is going to hold out," she said. "Generally, people don't want to bundle up and walk all over town when it's freezing out, so we've got some live music happening on stage and the intent is to get as many of the artists that are participating out for a meet and greet as well."

She said about 20 artists would participate, with mediums including "everything from photography to painting to 3-D mixed media."

"I think we're going to have a really cool array of art on display," she said. "And there might be some really large pieces as well as some tiny pieces."

Thirty percent of all sales will be donated to the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee, which supports everything from public art installations to the "Artists Giving Back" event that each year helps feed hun-

dreds of local people in need.

"We're all volunteer run, and we're our own 501(c)(3) nonprofit and every little bit helps," Layton said. "We've got some new public art that's coming up and some more bike racks that we would like to put forth in town."

"One thing we keep saying is, if anything, we're very community driven and with every project that we have we ask how is it going to help the community and what are the positive benefits on the community," she added.

Layton said the committee is essentially the same core group that it started with, but are always looking for new volunteers to help plan and run events. The outdoor Maker's Market resumes in May and an indoor market is planned next month, for Valentine's Day.

"Surreal" will open in the upstairs balcony gallery of the Globe, on 12 Broad Street, and remain on display throughout the month.

For more information on the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee, visit [www.artsinberlin.org](http://www.artsinberlin.org).



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Works by about 20 artists, including Patti Backer's dreamlike paintings, hang in the "Surreal" exhibition opening Friday at the Globe in Berlin. A portion of proceeds from the show will go to the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee.

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# Poli tackles wheelchair ramp and downtown shop windows

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Jan. 10, 2019) With only one item on the agenda last Wednesday, Historic District Commission Vice Chairman Robert Poli turned his attention to several items he said had been nagging him.

Poli was filling in for Chairwoman Carol Rose, who could not attend the meeting.

After the commission unanimously approved renovations on 101 South Main Street, Poli asked Planning Director Dave Engelhart about several projects the commission had considered previously.

Chief among those was a home on 201 South Main Street owned by Antonio and Deborah Benito. The commission approved a wheelchair ramp for the home more than a year ago, with the understanding it would be temporary.

Approval was not on an agenda and at the time was considered an emergency, as one of the residents is disabled and was coming home from the hospital.

“Can we get rid of that handicapped ramp?” Poli asked. “Can we give them a 45-day notice to remove the ramp and then they’ll get a daily fine or something like that?”

“Let me talk to them first,” Engelhart said, adding the ramp was put up about a year and a half ago.

“Let me reach out. And, if not, then

we go on a notice ... and it’s a fine,” he said.

“I don’t want to fine anybody,” Poli said. “I want people to be able to enjoy this town, but I think enough is enough already.”

He also brought up a building on 2 South Main Street occupied by the business Dream Weaver. A window on the first floor of the building was replaced about two years ago after an accident downtown that Poli and his wife witnessed.

Poli said he hadn’t been inside the store since it was the Waterline Art Gallery, but was displeased with how the building owner had replaced the window.

“She matched the other window by putting a fake muntin in there,” he said. “I looked at those muntins from the inside – they are horrible, the way they did that.”

Poli admitted it was probably too late to do anything about it, but added, “I think that was wrong the way that was done.”

“If you look at all the historic windows in town ... that store there just ruined the whole look along the whole line of all the stores,” he said.

Commission members also discussed a work session to go over proposed new architectural guidelines for the town. The meeting was tentatively scheduled for Jan. 16 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall on William Street.



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# Historic Main St. home approved for renovations

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Jan. 10, 2019) One of the older homes in downtown Berlin, on 101 South Main Street and said to be a “sister house” to the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, will get a restored, two-story front porch after earning unanimous approval from the town’s Historic District Commission last Wednesday.

The highly visible home is on the corner of Main and Tripoli streets, where downtown traffic turns toward Stephen Decatur Park. Large boxwoods that reach the second-floor foundation flank the porch, which looks onto Main Street.

Nate Reister of the Burley Building Company, which was hired to do the work, said the home was built in 1836. According to Reister, the first story of the porch is original to the home and the second story was likely added during the 1940s.

He said water damage over the years had cracked the foundation and the porch was now “pretty close to falling in on itself.”

“Our goal is to kind of salvage the two-story porch, maintain the roofline the way it is, [and] add a little architectural detail,” he said, adding those details would be closer to the period of the home’s original construction date.

“We’re leaving the upper roofline... but then we’re going to redo pretty much everything from there down,” he continued. “We’ve been doing some research. I’ve looked at columns and things we can get that are fairly similar to the [original] style.”

Reister added he and the homeowner, Mark Harris, “don’t really want to mess with the boxwoods” and none of the windows would be replaced.

“The second-floor porch kind of gives the house a view of Main Street, because the boxwoods pretty much block it all out. So, it’s a handy porch to have,” Reister said.

Commission members said they were impressed by what they saw in the plans.

“It will be nice to see that home come back to the way it should be looking and hasn’t for years,” Mary Moore said. “It’s such a focal point [in the town].”

“This is going to make a huge improvement,” Laura Stearns added.

Norman Bunting said he couldn’t wait to see the finished product.

“I’m glad to see this house getting some attention. It’s well deserved,” he said.

Harris said it was his first old home, and Moore compared owning a historic house to having another child to care for.

“It’s just like adopting a child. We have four children and we always refer to our house ... like it’s our fifth child,” she said. “Certainly, there’s nothing like it.”

She added the best approach to caring for an older home was twofold: using quality materials and tackling renovations “a little bit at a time and doing it right the first time.”

“It makes such a difference,” she said.



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The Berlin Historic District Commission last week unanimously approved renovation plans for a South Main Street home, to include replacing the two-story front porch.



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# Ocean Pines Board considers D&R overhaul

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Jan. 10, 2019) Director Frank Daly on Saturday said it's time to "crap or get off the pot" in terms of meaningful reforms to Ocean Pines' declarations of restrictions, while others said that's easier said than done.

The declarations are the legal documents laying out a community's rules. As they're currently written, each section of Ocean Pines has its own, unique declarations and none allow the administration to impose fines for violations.

The directors on Saturday discussed recent recommendations from the architectural review committee to do just that.

According to committee liaison Ted Moroney, the chief recommendation was to "strongly recommend a system of fines be established."

"Any change here has to change the

declarations, because they're different for every section here," Moroney said. "But, there is no way for us to be able to fine across the board currently and it's a tool that they are recommending we consider adding."

He said the committee also recommended adding another full-time staff member to enforce compliance, permit and inspections, or CPI, guidelines.

Daly, in reacting to the recommendations, said he'd spent much time since moving to the community in 2013 sitting in the audience and mulling such changes. He was elected to the board in August.

"I have watched a number of boards spend countless hours talking about menial things, because at the end of the day the root cause is we cannot enforce our declaration of restrictions. I think it's ei-

ther time to crap or get off the pot," he said. "Put it in front of the people – either live with the problem or give us the tools to solve the problem."

Daly added he was prepared to spend the money to hold a required referendum vote to change the declarations.

Association President Doug Parks said he'd already emailed the Ocean Pines attorney for a cost estimate to do so.

"He said, it depends on how deep you want to go," Parks said. "Maybe it's time that we really do have that discussion [and] see where it takes us. I see some benefit in making everything consistent, across all the DRs."

If that could be accomplished, he said, future boards would not have to worry about things like, "Oh, by the way, this is Section 14. It's a little bit different

than Section 1."

Director Esther Diller agreed and said the same rules should apply to everyone in the community, but Director Slobodan Trendic said he was unsure that could legally be done.

Resident Joe Reynolds, meanwhile, called the proposed overhauls "an interesting thought, but ... a nonstarter."

"Believe me, you're going to waste a lot of time, effort and money," he said. "Every section is independent. If it applied to everybody, every section would have to approve it. You could end up with some sections approving and some not, which creates even more of an ... administrative nightmare."

"We have so many things in this community that need attention, I think maybe you oughta put your time into those," Reynolds added.

## Special events scheduled for OPA Aquatics

(Jan. 10, 2019) The Ocean Pines Aquatics Department is encouraging area residents and guests to kick off 2019 at two upcoming special events in January.

Fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers or father figures can treat their little ladies to an annual Father-Daughter Swim on Friday, Jan. 11 from 6-8 p.m. at the Sports Core Pool, located at 11144 Cathell Road in Ocean Pines.

The evening will include swimming at the heated indoor public pool, crafts, souvenir photos, pizza and cookies.

"We added the swim event to our

events last year and it was such a great night we wanted to bring it back again," said Colby Phillips, aquatics and recreation director for the Ocean Pines Association. "There is something really special about having that time together and making memories that will last a lifetime."

The entry fee for the Father-Daughter swim event includes a father and any daughters he brings. The price is \$10 for Ocean Pines swim members, \$12 for Ocean Pines residents and \$15 for non-residents.

"The fun doesn't stop with the Father-Daughter Swim," Phillips said.

She and her team are working to make waves with a dive-in movie showing of "Charlotte's Web" on Saturday, Jan. 19 from 6-8 p.m. at the Sports Core Pool.

Guests will be able to watch the family-fun movie on a blow-up screen while splashing and swimming or floating on inflatable rafts in the heated indoor pool. Popcorn will also be for sale.

The cost to attend the dive-in movie, which is open to the public, is \$3 for

Ocean Pines swim members, \$5 for Ocean Pines residents and \$7 for non-residents. Families of more than four may pay a flat rate of \$20.

Information regarding additional Ocean Pines aquatics programs, including an online version of the Ocean Pines Activity Guide, is available at [www.OceanPines.org](http://www.OceanPines.org).

For more information, contact Denise Sawyer, director of marketing and public relations for the Ocean Pines Association, at 410-641-7717 ext. 3006 or [dsawyer@oceanpines.org](mailto:dsawyer@oceanpines.org).



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### NEW RABBI

Rabbi Estelle Gottman Mills, left, was formally installed as the new rabbi of Temple Bat Yam in Berlin on Nov. 10. Joining in the consecration of Rabbi Mills as the new Rabbi was Rabbi Sharyn Henry of Temple Rodef Shalom in Pittsburgh and Fr. Matthew D'Amario O.P., Rector of St. Paul's by the Sea Church in Ocean City.



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Jan. 17: Opposite Directions, 6 p.m.

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Ocean City  
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Jan. 11-12: First Class

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Ocean City  
410-289-4891  
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Jan. 11: Beats By Jeremy, 10 p.m.  
Jan. 12: Elephants Dancing, 10 p.m.  
Jan. 14: Karaoke w/Jeremy, 9 p.m.  
Jan. 17: Beats by Wax, 9 p.m.

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410-524-4900  
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to 1:50 a.m.

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# Cuisine

## Extra fish pieces? Time to make fish bites

Few things can be more therapeutic to a chef than cleaning fish. Granted, a week in Costa Rica may indeed be a close second, but you get the idea. No, wait; a week in Costa Rica is a much better option, improved greatly by cleaning some fish that you just caught.



By Paul Suplee,  
MBA, CEC, PC-3

Alright, barely having made my way through a half of a cup of coffee, I'm starting to see things a little more clearly. Sometimes I just have to sound it out, knowing that I look like a maniac as I read to myself. On occasion, some noise will emit from my mouth, but mostly I'm silently sounding out words, my lips forming themselves in silence. I would say that my children look at me as though I am insane, but they are well used to it by now.

Luckily, I am certain or at least hopeful that they do not have the countless thoughts muddling up their thought processes as do I, so I doubt that they do the same thing when they are doing their homework. If they did, I would be a proud father, indeed, but I will not hold my breath.

So back to the task at hand: cleaning fish and utilizing all of those lovely little chunks that happen to be leftover. Seafood is quite expensive now, so it is important to utilize what you can, cooking head-to-tail as much as possible. Stock can be made from the bones of a white fish, and you can take a spoon and scrape the skeleton clean to use in a seafood pate or terrine. Then, as you may have guessed, you have the little chunks; what to do?

Bouillabaisse comes to mind, as do Cioppino and seafood chowder. You could always smoke the fish chunks if you have enough, so that you can toss them in a little mayonnaise and make a delightful smoked fish salad, but with the pieces being so small, you do stand the chance of over-bringing and having a salty mess on your hands.

Or you can do what I did quite a bit at Reel Inn in 2012, which was turn them into little fish bites. Just imagine a crispy fried chunk of fish, perhaps reminiscent of a box of your favorite freshly fried chicken nuggets that you wash down with a grapefruit crush or a Natty Light. Either way, it makes for a great summer day. Yes, I



know we are in the dead of winter, but just play along. Suspension of disbelief will help us all get through the next 70 days.

My boat was purchased from a retired gentleman who used to live in Harbor Island. He frequented the restaurant and was an experienced angler, conveying upon us some cool fish to work with. On more than one occasion, he brought us the coveted Golden Tile, a sweeter and more delicious relative to the Black Tile, the latter of which rolls much closer to the ocean's surface.

He, like other anglers, were more than happy to let the kitchen crew keep a few bites so that we could sample the recently harvested fish. But, of course, the guests salivated as they waited for the platter of fish bites to show up.

Obviously, you want the fish to be as bone-free as possible so that there are no unpleasant crunches, but otherwise this recipe is seriously as simple as it gets. Bread, fry and serve with a simple chipotle mayonnaise.

Last week, I was lucky enough to buy some Golden Tile and it was an absolute treat. Bringing in more unique fish has been fun for us, and

our guests have enjoyed trying bronzini and a few other uncommon seafood items. We're not getting too crazy; we're just trying to have fun and maybe broaden a horizon or two.

So, as you work your way through a great deal at the seafood market, or if you are breaking down your own catch, just remember that there is always something that you can do with even the most minute of pieces. After all, these things cost money. On top of that, there is just a level of respect for the animal to ensure that nothing goes to waste.

But, now that I've read this again, I think I'm just going to pack my bags and go to Central America. Sounds good to me.

### Fried Mahi/Tile Bites

*Serves 4*

1 pound Chunks of fresh mahi or tile  
Oil for frying  
1 cup Seafood breader such as House Autry's  
Chipotle Mayonnaise (as needed and recipe follows)  
Greens for garnish

1. Place breader in a bowl and add the fish chunks

2. Lightly toss them, ensuring that they are evenly coated. This is not a battered or breaded product. Rather, this is just dredged or lightly dusted

3. Heat the oil to 375°F

4. Carefully add the fish bites to the oil in small enough batches to ensure that they don't crowd and the oil stays hot

5. Fry until golden brown and remove to paper towels to drain

6. Serve with chipotle mayonnaise

### Chipotle Mayonnaise

*Makes about 3/4 cup*

1/2 cup Mayonnaise (preferably Duke's)

2 tsp. Fresh lime juice

1/2 tsp. Paprika

3 tsp. Spicy adobo sauce from a can of chipotles

1. Combine all ingredients, thinning with a little water if it is too thick

2. Adjust seasonings and refrigerate until ready to serve

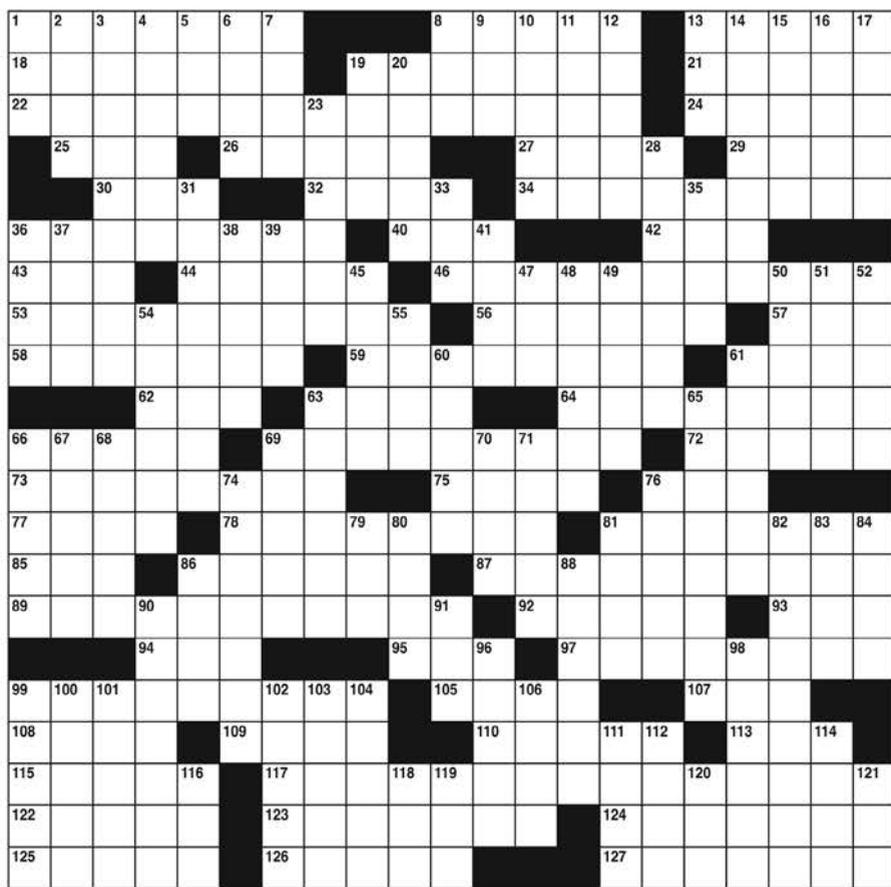
— Paul G. Suplee is an Associate Professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College. Find his ePortfolio at [www.heartofakitchen.com](http://www.heartofakitchen.com).

# Puzzles

## BREAKING NEWS

BY ZHOUQIN BURNIKEL / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 19,000+-foot Peruvian volcano
  - 8 Husband of Lara in "Doctor Zhivago"
  - 13 Quarters
  - 18 "That's way better than I can do"
  - 19 As we speak
  - 21 Moisturizer brand
  - 22 \*Stereotypical movie outcome
  - 24 Instigated, with "on"
  - 25 "The Matrix" character
  - 26 Wallops
  - 27 Thought-provoking
  - 29 Reveal
  - 30 [Poor, pitiful me!]
  - 32 "Contact" org.
  - 34 \*Startling disclosure
  - 36 Demands serious effort (of)
  - 40 Vacation spot offering a warm welcome?
  - 42 Fig. usually expressed as a percentage
  - 43 \_\_\_-Town (city nickname)
  - 44 Gave a
  - 46 \*Bringer of cold weather
  - 53 \*Law-enforcement target
  - 56 Grammy winner Morissette
  - 57 Constitutional Amendment about presidential election procedures
  - 58 Get soaked, say
  - 59 Duke and others
  - 61 One of eight in "Old MacDonald Had a Farm"
  - 62 Polish off
  - 63 \_\_\_ Valley
  - 64 Pilot follower, maybe
  - 66 According to
  - 69 \*Battery boost
  - 72 "\_\_\_ makes man wiser and clear-sighted": Vladimir Putin
  - 73 Fish dish that Nobu restaurants are noted for
  - 75 Ref. works that can run \$1,000+
  - 76 Bill Clinton or Barack Obama
  - 77 March \_\_\_
  - 78 Like priests
  - 81 Morning fix, slangily
  - 85 Like Benadryl: Abbr.
  - 86 Ticks off
  - 87 \*Moved closer to home?
  - 89 \*Help for users
  - 92 Plains tribe
  - 93 Ticked off
  - 94 Rain-\_\_\_ (bubble-gum brand)
  - 95 Continental trade grp., once
  - 97 Without principles
  - 99 \*Very soon
  - 105 Criticism
  - 107 \_\_\_-mo
  - 108 Cross
  - 109 Nirvana, e.g.
  - 110 Biblical son who was nearly sacrificed by his father
  - 113 Woman famously evicted from her home
  - 115 "No way!"
  - 117 Things used for dumping ... or a literal hint to the answers to the starred clues?
  - 122 Adorable sort
  - 123 Sun block?
  - 124 "In a perfect world ..."
  - 125 Sitting posture in yoga
  - 126 Enter again, as data
  - 127 Many East Asian World Heritage Sites
  - 14 Continuing source of irritation
  - 15 Radio City Music Hall has a famous one
  - 16 Caterpillar alternative
  - 17 Box \_\_\_ (tree)
  - 19 Beat by a nose
  - 20 Pieces of three-pieces
  - 23 Booted
  - 28 Pricey mushroom
  - 31 Roughly estimated
  - 33 Many a craft brew
  - 35 Common email attachments
  - 36 Height: Prefix
  - 37 Prison weapon
  - 38 \_\_\_ anchor (stay still, nautically)
  - 39 "Sounds good!"
  - 41 Sea whose Wikipedia article is written in the past tense
  - 45 It's in your jeans
  - 47 The Browns, on scoreboards
  - 48 Increasingly outmoded circus roles
  - 49 All thumbs
  - 50 Rust, e.g.
  - 51 Course halves
  - 52 Hand-carved Polynesian statues
  - 54 Empire once spanning three continents
  - 55 Lopsided win
  - 60 Range rovers
  - 61 "I know the answer!"
  - 63 Out-of-the-blue
  - 65 Symbols of sovereignty
- DOWN**
- 1 Suffix of ordinals
  - 2 Bird with blood-red eyes
  - 3 Big name in notebooks
  - 4 Houses that may include tunnels
  - 5 Sushi sauce
  - 6 Triple-A jobs
  - 7 Massive star
  - 8 Stock holder?
  - 9 Plus
  - 10 Cutting
  - 11 Mead ingredient
  - 12 "That's so kind of you!"
  - 13 Course rarity



- 66 Can't stand
- 67 Shade of gray
- 68 Leave thirsty
- 69 Peru's \_\_\_ Chávez International Airport
- 70 Some intersections
- 71 Supplement
- 74 Dream up
- 76 "Hasta \_\_\_"
- 79 Works in a museum
- 80 "Gotcha"
- 81 One keeping a secret, metaphorically
- 82 Apollo 13 commander
- 83 Word-of-mouth
- 84 Drain feature
- 86 Up to it
- 88 Pitcher Hideo Nomo, e.g., by birth
- 90 Be a good designated driver
- 91 Flag thrower
- 96 Pitchers' awards?
- 98 Certain keg attachment
- 99 Female friend: Lat.
- 100 Connection
- 101 Buttinsky
- 102 "Oyez! Oyez!" e.g.
- 103 Princess Charlotte, to Harry
- 104 Handyperson
- 106 Lead-in to "-ville"
- 111 Came from on high
- 112 Give up
- 114 First name in courtroom fiction
- 116 Verily
- 118 \_\_\_ Bravo
- 119 Image file extension
- 120 Pro \_\_\_
- 121 Method: Abbr.

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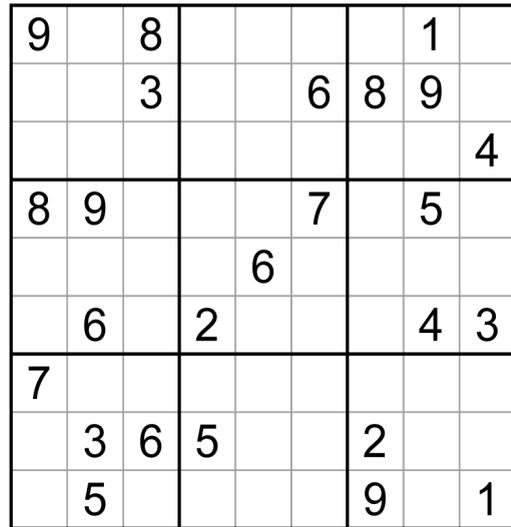
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**HARD - 17**

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

8	5	1	3	7	9	2	4	6
6	3	4	5	8	2	9	7	1
9	2	7	6	1	4	5	3	8
5	7	8	4	2	1	3	6	9
4	9	6	8	3	5	1	2	7
2	1	3	9	6	7	4	8	5
3	8	9	2	5	6	7	1	4
7	6	5	1	4	3	8	9	2
1	4	2	7	9	8	6	5	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., Jan. 10

### AARP MEETING

Ocean City Senior Center, 104 41st St., 10:00 AM. Social time is at 9:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Worcester County State's Attorney Kristen Heiser. An optional luncheon will follow at the Horizons Restaurant. New members welcome. Bob McCluskey, 410-250-0980

### IPAD CHICKS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:00 AM. Explore the world of iPads while learning from each other. Register: Norma Kessler, 410-641-7017. Men also welcome. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### STEAM STORY TIME 'ATTRACT AND REPEL - A LOOK AT MAGNETS'

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 AM. For 3 to 7 year old children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### STORY TIME 'COMMUNITY HELPERS'

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 AM. Enjoy stories, movement, songs and crafts. For ages 2 to 5 years. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### SOUP & SANDWICH SALE FUNDRAISER

Atlantic United Methodist Church, 105 4th St., 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Menu includes ham and bean soup, vegetable beef soup, chicken salad sandwich, ham salad sandwich, desserts, biscuits, coffee, tea or soda. Carryout available. Cash or check accepted. [atlanticumc@atlanticumc.org](mailto:atlanticumc@atlanticumc.org), 410-289-7430

### COOKBOOK CLUB

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 1:00 PM. Choose a cookbook in the library's collection containing recipes in the monthly theme. Pick a dish, make it and bring it the meeting. The library will provide eating utensils, plates/bowls and soft drinks. There is a small microwave for reheating. This month's theme is Salads an Light Fare. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### O.C. WRITERS' GROUP

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. The group meets monthly to share independent work and receive encouraging feedback from fellow participants. All writers are welcome. <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>



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### AGH DONATION

The Synepuxent Post #166 American Legion and Unit #166 American Legion Auxiliary of Ocean City have donated to Atlantic General Hospital's community flu clinics. Rosie and Sarge Garlitz presented the checks for the second year in a row during an Atlantic General Hospital community flu clinic at Holy Savior Catholic Church, Oct. 25. Rosie Garlitz is the chair of community service for Unit #166 of the American Legion Auxiliary of Ocean City and Sarge is the public relations officer for Post #166 and the commander of the American Legion's South Eastern Shore District. The presented \$1,100 to Tracey Mullineaux, BSN, RN, employee health and wellness coordinator.

### GRIEF SUPPORT

Thursdays - Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. Coastal Hospice provides grief support and education. Participants work together to help each other navigate through grief at their own pace. Free and open to the public. Nicole Long, 443-614-6142

## Fri., Jan. 11

### 4TH ANNUAL MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, Crystal Ballroom, 10100 Coastal Highway, 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM. Featuring retired football placekicker David Akers as the keynote speaker. Akers is currently a free agent and Christian speaker. Tickets are \$20 a person. Tickets: [www.chamber.oceancity.org/events](http://www.chamber.oceancity.org/events).

### LUNCH AND LISTEN STORY TIME FOR ADULTS

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 1:00 PM. Featuring selections by H.G. Wells. Bring your lunch (soft drinks will be provided). <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### OCEAN PINES BOOK OF THE MONTH

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. Featuring The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls. Copies of books are available in advance at the library.

### STEM FOR HOME SCHOOLERS "3D PRINTING"

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. Learn how a 3D printer works. All participants can select an object to have the library print for them. For ages 5 to 12. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### CRAB CAKE DINNER

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM. Single crab cake sandwich, green beans, baked potato, coleslaw and drink is \$12. Carryouts and bake table available.

### ANNUAL FATHER-DAUGHTER SWIM

Sports Core Pool, 11144 Cathell Road, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers or father figures can treat their little ladies to swimming in the heated, indoor pool, crafts, souvenir photos, pizza and cookies. Tickets include a father and any daughters he brings. Cost is \$10 for Ocean Pines swim members, \$12 for Ocean Pines residents and \$15 for non-residents.

## Sat., Jan. 12

### INDOOR FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

Saturdays - Northside Fire House, next to White Horse Park, which is located at 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, Jan. 5 through March 9, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Featuring quality fruit, vegetables, meat,

eggs, poultry an daily products, as well as, baked goods, jams, cider, wine, honey, maple syrup, coffee, sauces, soups, kitchen ware, treats for pets, unique finds and live music. Open to the public. 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006

### CRAFTY SATURDAY MAKE & TAKE 'DRAGONS'

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>

## Sun., Jan. 13

### ART LEAGUE FREE OPEN HOUSE

Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Enjoy refreshments, experience hands-on art projects with resident artists, visit the gift shop and view the art shows currently on display. Staff will be on hand to talk about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, art classes and workshops for all levels and exhibition opportunities for working artists. 410-524-9433, <http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org>

## Mon., Jan. 14

### HOMESCHOOL BOOK CLUB

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 1:30 PM. Homeschoolers ages 8 to 12 are invited to join this monthly book club. Books are available at the library. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### WRITING FOR WELLNESS

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

### STEAM PM 'MEASURING AND MORE - MATH FUN'

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 3:45 PM. Hands on science and math activities 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 Raising the Standard of Care in Breast

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Reconstruction with Dr. Vincent Perrotta and Dr. Christopher Pellegrino of Peninsula Plastic Surgery. Registration is encouraged but not required. Michelle, 410-641-9268, <http://www.atlanticgeneral.org/MedicalMonday>

## ANNUAL CASH BINGO

Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department, 10709 Bishopville Road, 6:00 PM. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., early bird starts at 6 p.m. Featuring 20 regular games, 2 specials, jackpot and 4 early birds. Concessions for sale. Cost is \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Advance tickets: Tina, 443-880-6966. Must be at least 18 years old to play.

## 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., Jan. 15

### COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Informal session where participants discuss library resources including eBooks, databases and the library catalog. Coffee and donuts provided. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### STORY TIME 'LOVE IS IN THE AIR'

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 AM. For 2 to 5 year old children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 9715 Healthway Drive, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM. Support group for caregivers of Alzheimer's patients. It meets the third Tuesday of each month. Open to the community. Jo Davis, 410-629-6123

### SCREEN PAINTING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Learn the art of screen painting. Register: 410-208-4014. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### COLOR ME CALM

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. Monthly adult coloring session. Research has shown that coloring has therapeutic potential to reduce anxiety and create focus or mindfulness. Explore different patterns. Bring your own or use those provided. Colored pencils, gel pens and felt tips available, along with coffee and cookies. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### FAMILY TIME 'MINUTE TO WIN IT GAMES'

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Join the group every Tuesday for Family Time. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

Tuesdays - Worcester County Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive, 5:30 PM



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## LEO CLUB

The Ocean City/Berlin Leo Club recently installed new officers for the 2018-19 year. The Leo Club is a youth group sponsored by the Ocean City Lions Club and is based at Stephen Decatur High School in Berlin. Every year the Leos assist the OC Lions in raising awareness and funds for its many eyesight programs, including the National Lions Leader Dogs for the Blind program. The Leo Club is also involved with the Wounded Warriors Supply Drive and various food and clothing drives around the community. Picture, from left are Treasurer Logan Townsend, President Kennedy Duke, Vice President Samantha Short and Secretary Halle Friedman.

- 7:00 PM. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and health lifestyle. [jeanduck47@gmail.com](mailto:jeanduck47@gmail.com)

## Wed., Jan. 16

### MARYLAND VA REPRESENTATIVE

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs representative Michelle Licata offers outreach services to veterans and their families on the third Wednesday of each month. No appointment necessary. 410-713-3482, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### PLAY TIME

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 AM. Learn new skills while playing with educational toys. For infant to 5 year old children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

John H. 'Jack' Burbage Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center Conference Room, 9707 Healthway Drive, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM. Women Supporting Women/AGH Support group for women and men who are battling breast cancer (current patients and survivors). Lunch is provided. RSVP: 410-548-7880.

### KNAPPING

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. A basic class teaching the methods of making arrowheads. Learn how to do an old practice know as pressure flaking. Bring lightweight leather gloves. Regis-

ter: 410-641-0650. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### COLORING AND COCOA

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM. An afternoon of coloring and conversation. Hot cocoa, light refreshments and coloring materials provided. Suitable for teens and adults. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### OPEN HOUSE AND RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Atlantic General Orthopedic Surgery, 314 Franklin Ave., Suite 201, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM. The practice of orthopedic surgeon Sean Hooker, MD. He specializes in shoulder, hip and knee replacements, rotator cuff repairs and sports medicine procedures. Ribbon cutting held at 4:30 p.m. <http://www.atlantic-general.org>

### SNOWMEN ON WINE BOTTLES

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 5:30 PM. A painting on wine bottle program. Bottles and materials provided. Register: 410-641-0650. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB

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### KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OP/OC

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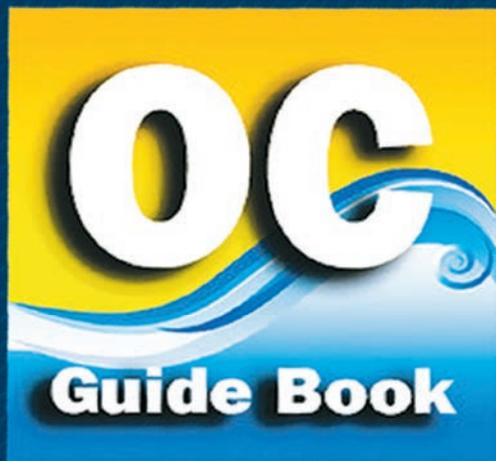
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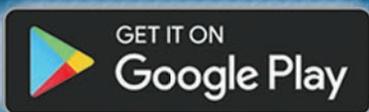
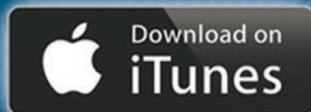
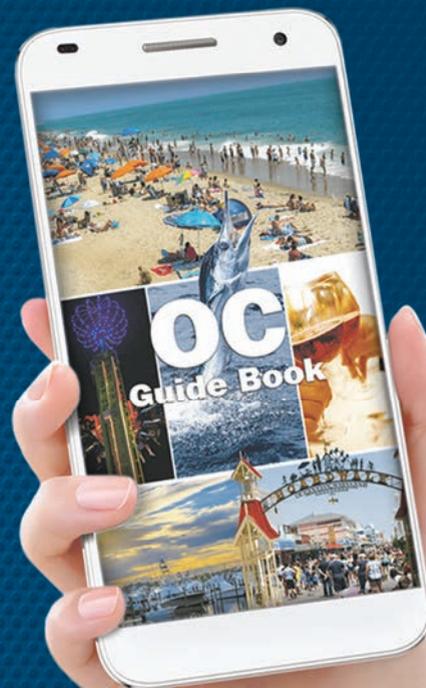
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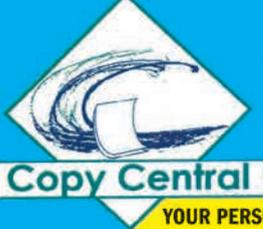
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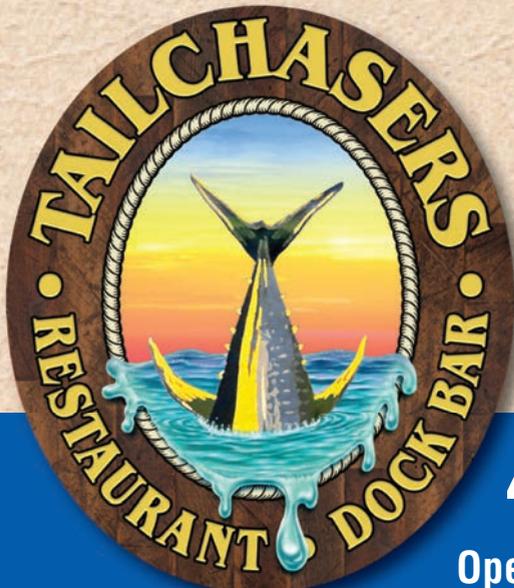
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