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Firefighters from more than half a dozen local companies on Monday work to tame a house fire on Snug Harbor Road that claimed the life of one pet and left another missing. No other injuries were reported.

## Second fire this year strikes home in Snug Harbor

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(April 4, 2019) A house fire at 12332 Snug Harbor Road in Berlin on Monday claimed the life of at least one pet and another was missing as of Monday evening.

Berlin Fire Company 3rd Assistant Chief Robert J Rhode said it was unclear whether the homeowners were present when the blaze started, but no other injuries were reported.

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## Budget draft has spending cuts, but also tax hikes

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(April 4, 2019) Some departments were cut more than others, but the numbers in the staff-prepared draft of Berlin's general fund budget presented to the mayor and Town Council Monday night were 18 percent lower than the previous year's spending.

To go along with that, Mayor Gee Williams proposed a 20-cent increase in the property tax rate, from 68 to 88 cents per \$100 of evaluation, for both residential and commercial properties.

Williams said the general fund draft for the next fiscal year totaled roughly \$5.9 million, down nearly \$1.3 million from the current year's budget. He said discussions about increases in water, wastewater and stormwater fees would continue during a utility fund work session scheduled April 15.

"These increases are needed to ensure these three utilities no longer need to borrow from the general fund to support their operations," Williams said.

"Neither I, or the council, fully grasped the extent and persistence that borrowing from the general fund

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## John Viola named interim OP GM

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(April 4, 2019) The Ocean Pines Board on Saturday voted 4-0 to appoint John Viola as general manager on an unpaid, volunteer basis.

Viola has served as chairman of the association's budget and finance committee for several years. Last June, he was appointed association treasurer, a role he will apparently continue to fill.

Association Vice President Steve Tuttle made the motion to appoint Viola during the special emergency meeting, called during the prior evening. The session followed a two-hour town hall meeting and was also attended by Association President Doug Parks and Secretary Colette Horn.

Director Frank Daly participated by phone while two others, Esther Diller and Slobodan Trendic, could not attend.

In the motion, Tuttle said the appointment would comply with Ocean Pines bylaws that "require that the board of directors appoint an individual to carry out the duties of the general manager on a temporary basis."

"John brings a wealth of business, financial and management experi-

ence to this role," Tuttle said. "John Viola also has a significant knowledge of the Ocean Pines Association, having served the association in various capacities over the last several years.

"This is a voluntary, temporary appointment. It is very important that

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John Viola, left, on Saturday is named temporary general manager during a special emergency session at the yacht club.

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Fire and EMS personnel on Monday fought a Snug Harbor Road fire vigorously for about 40 minutes, but lingered for several hours to help tame the embers. JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

# Berlin fire claims life of at least one pet; one missing

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Fire alarms sounded just before 1 p.m. on Monday and eight local agencies responded. Rhodes said it took about 40 minutes to control the inferno, and fire and EMS personnel from Berlin, Ocean City, Ocean Pines, Showell, Bishopville, Newark, Willards and Selbyville were dispatched.

"I'm not sure where [the homeowners] were at, at the time of the initial call ... but it did not look like they were home at the time," Rhode said.

"They had two dogs in the house. One did perish in the fire and, at the time I left, the second dog was ... missing," Rhode said. "We're not sure if it's still in the house somewhere or if it had gotten out."

Rhode said the fire was contained to the original structure, adding it appeared the building had been added onto. "There was an attached garage and an extension off the garage as well, [but] it was just one structure that was involved," he said.

"I wouldn't say it's a complete and total loss, but there was significant damage throughout the house," he added.

The cause of the fire was said to be accidental and electrical in nature, according to Worcester County Fire Marshal Jeff McMahan.

This is the second major fire in the neighborhood this year.

According to the Worcester County Fire Marshal's office, a fire occurred on 12355 Snug Harbor Road on Wednesday, Feb. 20, when heavy damage was done to a second home owned by Susan and Richard Carmine. The home was not occupied at the time of the fire.

One firefighter was taken to AGH with a leg injury and later released, according to a press release from the county fire marshal.

"The cause is listed as accidental and contributed to an electrical malfunction," the release said.

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# Crowded field for 2019 Snow Hill Election

Three file for mayor, ten in total will vie for three seats

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(April 4, 2019) Voters will have plenty of options to choose from when they go to the polls for the 2019 Snow Hill General Election.

According to a Town of Snow Hill press release issued last Friday, the following candidates filed before the March 29 deadline:

Mayor: Gary Weber, Richard Thompson and Catherine Freeman.

Central District Council: incumbent Jenny Hall, Richard Mitchell and Melisa Weidner.



Gary Weber

to run for election. Mathews was appointed to replace

Western District Council: incumbent LaToya Purnell, Andrew Richards, Mark Nixon and Donald Cheeseman.

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# General fund budget cuts total 18 percent, \$1.3M

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has posed," he continued. "I do not believe any of us feel we can continue to borrow from our general fund for the foreseeable future."

Williams said the budget contained no raises or one-time payments for town workers, but did continue the tradition of offering \$50 Food Lion gift cards to employees during the holidays.

He said the budget contained few capital items and that street projects were 100 percent funded by highway user revenues provided by the State of Maryland.

"In your judgment, during this budget process, you can, as in the past, recommend adjustments to this proposed budget, but I do ask you to adopt a final budget that puts an end to continued borrowing from the general fund reserves," William said.

"By ending the borrowing from our general fund reserves, it will put us in a position to plan for the gradual rebuilding of those reserves over the next several years," he added.

Town officials had ordered 10 percent cuts in spending across the board, although some departments were slashed more than others.

The elected officials' budget, for instance, increased 0.29 percent, about \$500, while the administration costs were cut almost 20 percent, by more than \$317,000.

The finance department budget was lower by 7.49 percent, or about \$23,000, over the prior year. Finance Director Natalie Saleh said reaching the 10 percent goal in her case was difficult, because most of her budget was tied up in employee salaries.

Saleh said she ran into the same thing in customer accounts, where the budget trimmed 4.55 percent, or about \$16,800. She said cutbacks there included not buying an icemaker so public works and electric department staff could have cold drinks while working during hot summer events.

"I think [cutting] 10 percent's a good goal, but when we're getting to a spot when you're sitting here saying, 'my budget's as tight as it can be without cutting salaries,' that's what I like to hear," Councilman Zack Tyndall said.

Councilman Dean Burrell, however, suggested that Tyndall "speak to [his] understanding and not on behalf of the council."

"Leave my understanding to me," he said. "We have six folks sitting up and we could have six different opinions. So, I just want it clear that when you speak, you're speaking for Zack ... but you're not speaking for me."

Buildings and grounds had the deepest cuts by percentage, nearly 80

percent lower, with \$266,650 in total spending reductions. Human Resources Director Jeff Fleetwood said that was largely because the town will postpone renovations of Town Hall to save \$200,000.

Cuts in the police budget totaled just over 9 percent, or \$187,058.12. Police Chief Arnold Downing said officers would have to make some sacrifices in terms of training, but the cuts would not affect public safety.

Public works reductions were 4.44 percent, or about \$3,600, while sanitation costs were lower by more than 56 percent, or \$477,829.29. Public Works and Water Resources Director Jane Kreiter said the latter costs were lower because the town purchased two new trucks last year.

The streets budget was reduced 4.33 percent, or about \$35,000. Streets scheduled for repair in fiscal 2020 are: Tingle Road, Upshur Lane, Purnell Avenue, Middle Street, East Burley Street, Cape Circle, East Railroad Avenue, and West Germantown Road.

Economic Development decreases were more than 11 percent, about \$36,000, and included doing away with the July 3 fireworks celebration and the midnight New Year's Eve ball drop, both popular events for locals.

The council discussed instead cutting \$18,000 in funding for a billboard on Route 50 and restoring the ball drop, but Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said the business community would likely not be in favor of that. Still, she said the decision was ultimately up to the council's discretion.

The planning department was trimmed 3.73 percent, or just over \$7,300.

Parks and recreation spending is projected to increase more than 77 percent, or \$78,250, although that's largely because of grant funding being included in the budget.

Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen, who oversees that department, said the town is waiting on a \$114,000 grant for basketball court lighting for Dr. William Henry Park. If that goes through, the town would spend \$9,000 in matching funds, she said.

Bohlen added the parks budget could decrease slightly, because she's recommending the town no longer fund the annual Movies on Main Street serie. She said the series has been well attended, but the cost per person is unusually high.

Williams said everyone in town was "sharing the pain" in terms of cuts.

Burrell praised town staff, adding, "Overall, I think you all have done a fantastic job in trying to ... [reduce] spending."

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# Viola to take over as Pines GM, temporarily

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association members understand that John will not be a paid, full-time [interim general manager], but will handle the critical activities as needed to maintain the continued functioning of the OPA. John will be supported in this role by the Transition Management Team and the OPA staff, especially Michelle Bennett, Colby Phillips and Stephen Phillips," he added.

Attorney Jeremy Tucker, who also participated by phone, recommended a friendly amendment to Tuttle's motion "to appoint John Viola to assume the duties of a general manager on a temporary basis for a term to be determined by the board of directors in its sole discretion."

Because Tucker is not on the board, Horn officially offered the friendly amendment. Votes to approve the amendment and the original motion as amended both passed unanimously.

Viola officially became the fourth Ocean Pines general manager in four years.

Bob Thompson was fired in August 2016 and replaced, on an acting basis, by then director Brett Hill. Hill served in that role from Aug. 26, 2016 until Sept. 11, 2017, when John Bailey came aboard after being selected from a pool of roughly one hundred applicants developed during a yearlong search. Bailey left the position in February.

During the town hall on Saturday, several people called for Colby Phillips to be appointed general manager. Currently the director of aquat-

ics, parks and recreations and racquet sports, Phillips has helped oversee operations since Bailey departed, while Finance Director Steve Phillips has also seen his role elevated.

"We felt that, because of the success of the transition management team and Colby's role, [golf director] John Malinowski's role, Steve

Steve's understanding of both of them working together ... there's a lot of synergy there and the fact that that's producing results, we felt like all we needed to do is have some oversight of that at a very hands-off level."

Viola added he would have the authority to reevaluate the management structure, hinting Phillips could still

we have to comply with our governing documents," he said.

Hill was seemingly appointed on a temporary basis said to last only a few months, but then stayed on for more than a year. During his tenure, board members were hands off for the most part and the results were disastrous, as poor budgeting caused the association to accumulate a deficit in excess of \$1 million.

Asked what, if any, safeguards would now be imposed, Parks noted a request for proposals had already gone out to outsource management.

Horn said the board would also look into a search firm "to possibly hire a GM, so we're not just looking at management company options, we're going to be looking at individual manager options.

"There will be a motion on [April] 6 regarding that," Horn said.

"We're not sitting on our hands this time. We recognize and learned from the sins of the past the importance of addressing the issue as soon as possible," Parks said. "We have to adhere to the temporary notion and what we've created as the environment as per our governing documents."

Viola added a time limit probably would be imposed during an internal staff meeting on Monday, "as well as the communication to make sure that this type of role that the board is looking at ... is communicated, so that the community and the membership understands what I would be doing and that it would be different than a normal GM."



Newly named General Manager John Viola, left, with Association Vice President Steve Tuttle and President Doug Parks during an emergency meeting on Saturday consider what Ocean Pines' organizational structure will look like in the coming months.

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Phillips' role and [Police] Chief [David] Massey's role where that level of decision making on the day-to-day operations has been moved to the department head level, we've had tangible success that things are going well," Parks said on Saturday.

"The idea here is, we didn't want to upset the apple cart," he continued. "Part of the reason of that success is because of Colby's understanding and

see her role elevated.

"I will be making a recommendation on the management level once I assess it. That's something you can expect," he said.

Parks noted anyone appointed to the general manager role, even on a temporary basis, has the full authority of that office.

"We're not limiting the role of the general manager in anyway, because



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# Berlin Fire Co. budget ask totals over \$900,000

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(April 4, 2019) While the Town Council looked at a general fund budget proposal 18 percent lower than the current year's spending, Berlin Fire Company and EMS officials on the same evening asked for a significant funding increase.

Several town officials also questioned some of the fire company's accounting practices.

The Town Council a year ago approved a \$605,000 contract for services for fire and EMS, representing a large increase over previous years. From 2015-2017, the average annual funding was \$400,000.

This year, however, fire and EMS officials are requesting \$909,000 in total funding, which includes capital requests for several new vehicles.

Fire Company President David Fitzgerald said the total EMS budget was just over \$1.5 million, with the town's share being just about \$443,000. County grants and fundraisers also support fire and EMS budgets.

Fitzgerald said that did not include a \$116,000 capital request for a replacement ambulance.

According to Fitzgerald, about 58 percent of EMS calls were within corporate limits, but only 29.5 percent of revenue comes from the town.

He suggested the town allocate 10 cents from its property tax collections each year to fund emergency services.

Fitzgerald also said the town could use a portion of its casino revenues for fire and EMS, as it would be for the allowed use of "public safety."

The town had earmarked casino funds to pay back the cost of its new police station, but Fitzgerald said it would be better to spread out that repayment period to 12 years instead of the current eight-year goal.

The fire company request totaled \$250,000, plus an additional \$100,000 capital request to fund a replacement vehicle schedule. Fire Chief Jim Corron said new rescue trucks cost about \$1 million.

"We obviously can't afford that any time soon," he said. "We're making the best of what we are ... with upgrading older pieces of equipment."

"Major building repairs" listed in the budget were because of renovations to Station 1 on Main Street, which would include replacing the original paneling in the 1965 building and bringing at least one bathroom up to ADA compliance, Fitzgerald said.

He said \$40,000 for office supplies were for new computers, as well as for hardware and extra modules required for safety upgrades required by the county. Fire prevention also

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# Berlin Fire Co. requests significant increase

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had a big jump, Fitzgerald said, because the company wants to increase its presence at Head Start programs and in local schools, and to provide more life-saving education classes.

Fitzgerald said about 46 percent of fire calls during the last calendar year were in Town of Berlin limits. He did not comment on the funding breakdown between the town and county.

Fitzgerald suggested earmarking 6 cents of Berlin property tax collections to fund the fire company in the future.

Mayor Gee Williams said the request had much more detail than those of earlier years and overall praised the presentation.

Others on the council, meanwhile, questioned some of the accounting methods.

Councilman Dean Burrell said he

recalled previously seeing a "cash on hand or cash reserves" line item for fire and EMS. Fitzgerald said he did not print that page.

"If I said in the neighborhood of \$2 million, would I be off very much?" Burrell asked.

"For the fire company, yes, but not for [EMS]," Fitzgerald said, adding those two funds could not be "co-mingled."

"I've been with the fire company 31 years, since 1988, and they've always kept the fire and EMS money separate," he said. "They may do transfers ... but we stopped that several years ago."

Councilman Troy Purnell argued there was nothing keeping fire reserves from being used for emergency services. He also said fire and EMS would do well to finance larger proj-



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Berlin Fire Company personnel, from left, EMS Captain John Holloway, Fire Company President David Fitzgerald and Fire Chief Jim Corron present a fiscal 2020 budget request before the Berlin Town Council on Monday.

ects, rather than largely work on a cash accounting basis.

"As long as we have a way to pay it back," Fitzgerald said.

Purnell then said it was unclear how the fire company planned to pay for the new Station 3 on Route 50, near Stephen Decatur High School, because there was no balance sheet for that. He did reference a Berlin Fire Company statement of cash flow from the prior year.

"I see \$1.4 [million] in unrestricted cash and you've got \$660,000 in restricted cash ... it shows you've got \$2,072,000 in the bank," Purnell said.

Fitzgerald said the fire company raised funds and had several large donations to pay for the building, and had borrowed "up to \$800,000" to cover the remaining cost.

He added the fire company made a commitment not to use town funds for the building, which is currently outside of town limits.

Berlin Finance Director Natalie Saleh said she did not get a printout of the EMS budget, but also had a few questions. She said a previous financial document showed that health care for retirees was a new line item, for \$134,000 for two people.

"Do you have that anywhere in the budget going forward, and how many people are eligible to participate?" she asked.

Fitzgerald said that was a restricted fund that had already been designated.

"Whatever they do in an accounting world to show that it was restricted, that's beyond my accounting expertise," Fitzgerald said.

"Is it in your budget?" Saleh asked.

"It doesn't have to be in the budget. It's already been designated," Fitzgerald said.

"The money's gotta come from

somewhere, David," Purnell said.

Saleh agreed.

"When you pay the expense, if somebody decides to draw that benefit today, you would have to record the expense. And if you're recording the expense today, you have to plan that for fiscal 20-21, because it's a minimum 10-year plan, per person," she said.

Saleh also questioned the spending plan for the new Station 3, noting there was \$100,000 debt cost budgeted. She asked, if the life expectancy of the building was anywhere from 30-100 years, why were they paying it off in eight?

Fitzgerald said the company planned to repay the building loan "very aggressively."

"We're planning to budget \$100,000 a year toward that building," he said. "We don't know exactly where that loan is going to be ... we're getting donations every day. We just got another large grant and another large commitment for July, that's why I keep reiterating it's an \$800,000 line of credit, because that number keeps going down every month we get a donation or a large pledge."

Following the meeting, Purnell explained his rationale for questioning fire company officials.

He said a June 30 report from accounting firm PKS & Company showed the fire company had \$2.2 million in the bank. Purnell suggested some of that be used for operations, rather than spending so much cash to pay off a new building so quickly.

"They need to borrow more than that to go ahead and spread this out, and it eases the pain of all the taxpayers and the town," Purnell said. "I've suggested it before. I'm going to keep suggesting it."



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# Bennett Termite and Pest Solutions Leading the Field in Workplace Diversity



Lisa Mace, termite technician with Bennett Termite and Pest Solutions, examines the conditions in a crawl space.

In a growing industry, any business wanting to stay on top must develop a skilled and cohesive team. This entails hiring the best talent available and cultivating that talent to provide the best service possible. In certain industries, a pre-defined notion of what this type of talent looks like is endemic. In traditionally male-dominated fields such as pest control, only 8.4% of the workforce is made up of females according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. But this number is on the rise, up from only 3.7% in 2014. With the number of women entering the pest control field more than doubling in just under five years, it is important to understand the vital role this type of diversity plays in this historically male-dominated field.

At Bennett Termite and Pest Solutions, 29% of the staff is female, more than triple the industry average. Four women total are on staff serving in roles including bookkeeping, customer service, and field technician. Belinda Bennett, owner along with her husband Dean, says, "I strive to recognize greatness when I see it, and my goal was to put these ladies in the spotlight. They give our customers their undivided attention and go above and beyond to exemplify our mission at Bennett Termite."

When Lisa Mace entered the pest control field in 1994, there were notably less women in the field than there are today. At that point, her quest to be the best at getting rid of pests was a balancing act to ensure she had plenty of time for her kids. After thirteen years in the industry in Florida and taking some time off to be with her kids, Lisa is now going on three years with Bennett Termite and Pest Solutions as highly trained professional with state certifications for termite and general pests and a leading asset among their roster of experts.

"There have been plenty of times when I've gone to the home of a woman or a senior citizen who's been glad to see a woman



Lisa Mace, in the field, preparing for a treatment service.

at her door," she says on an early spring morning outside the home of a Bennett customer in Milton. "Sometimes people feel more comfortable bringing a woman into their house."

"I'm also one of those people who likes to move," she adds. "And that's good because in a typical day I could be working a hammer drill in a crawl space, or digging a trench for termite



The women of Bennett Termite: (left to right) Jennifer Sokola, Pam Robey, Michelle Wood.

work, or dealing with 350 feet of pressurized hose."

"You're constantly scooping it up and moving it around but you have to make sure you don't disturb flower beds. But even then you have to look out for other things. Some houses have the most beautiful decorations – like those glass bulbs that light up at night time. You do not want to knock those down."

As noted by longtime Bennett Termite customer Bob Kapke, it also helps to know your way around the deepest mysteries of the bug and rodent universe. "We've had the pleasure of dealing with many termite pest companies with our 32 houses during our life together, but I must say that Lisa of Bennett Termite Pest Solutions has raised the bar," he says. "Our family calls Lisa the Sherlock Holmes of the bug – she exemplifies honesty, integrity and professionalism."

Today, gender norms are being busted in the field and beyond. According to a survey done by Insight Pest Control, 83% of the women surveyed "feel that the industry at-large has become more welcoming toward women since they began their career." From out in the field to back at the office, women are having a greater impact in the world of pest control. The affect of woman in pest control is not lost on those at Bennett Termite and Pest Solutions.

None of this praise surprises Dean Bennett, who after 15 of

managing pest control companies founded Bennett Termite and Pest Solutions with his wife Belinda in 2011. In fact, it's the kind of quality service Belinda and Dean have always expected from the highly-trained and certified technicians who provide pest services to residential, commercial and hospitality properties. While customers see that same level of professionalism from all 12 men who work alongside Lisa on the technician and sales teams, Belinda is especially proud to support the women who are building and continuing successful careers in the pest control industry.

In addition to Lisa, Bennett Termite's office staff comprised of Pam Robey, Michele Wood and Jennifer Sokola always make an excellent impression. As Belinda sees it, "Pam and Jennifer work hard to keep daily schedules organized, and pride themselves on always being available to customers and to foremen on job sites and technicians with questions about routes. Michele keeps accounts receivable and payable ledgers precisely up-to-date while aiding in HR compliance. These technicians and sales people depend on them."

"Our job is to make our customers as happy as possible," says Pam, a customer service and scheduling specialist who's been with Bennett Termite since 2011. "We've treated commercial properties and residential homes with special needs where you have to provide all kinds of special care and have a lot of

*"There have been plenty of times when I've gone to the home of a woman or a senior citizen who's been glad to see a woman at her door."*

commercial accounts where everything is very time-sensitive. On any given day I could be dealing with a builder who needs termite pretreatment paperwork, or the city or county that needs business licenses before they'll even let us start a job. Each customer has unique needs that we're determined to meet."

Long-term customers like Beachwood, Inc., a custom home builder from Showell, MD, are able to testify to what these women bring to the table. "The service technicians are prompt, courteous and knowledgeable. In the office Pam, Jennifer and Michelle are great to work with, scheduling pretreats and termite inspections they are second to none. We very much enjoy our relationship with Bennett Termite and Pest Solutions."

"A lot of our success has come from our communication with customers," Belinda emphasizes. "They love the way Pam, Michele and Jennifer are, on the phone. They build such great relationships. Customer service – and the quality of our service – are the backbone of our business, so Dean and I are grateful for everything they do to make us better."

The entire team of technicians are as equally adept at the physical work required to treat pests at the source. Along with the sales force, they are proficient and knowledgeable of green and organic treatments for termites and general pests. The culture at Bennett Termite provides ample opportunity for both men and women to be successful in their respective positions.

According to the Insight Pest Solutions survey, 93% of the woman surveyed either "agree or strongly agree that pest management is a good industry for women." As the barriers are removed, and the industry stigma fades, it is expected that more women will enter this field once thought of a place only for males. As Belinda states, "a great employee is great to have and hard to find, Dean and I consider ourselves lucky to have these women sitting on the frontline each and every day."



# Pool cards make splash at Pines Town Hall

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(April 4, 2019) Ocean Pines Association leadership several times on Saturday promised to sort through a recent argument about pool access coupon cards.

Apparently, for many years the association offered refillable cards for access to Ocean Pines pools, with balances rolling over each year. Recently, however, some have found their cards will expire.

During Saturday's town hall meeting, homeowner Maggie Miller asked for a justification.

"It's been for years that you buy a [pool access] debit card and, if you use it, great, and if you don't, well, you can use it the next year," Miller said. "I'm not quite sure why it's being changed."

She also asked if the association had contacted its attorney on the matter.

"Essentially, you're taking people's money," she said. "It's a debit card. I give you \$100, it's my \$100 until I use it."

Association President Doug Parks said an attorney had been contacted and one of the issues was with some of terminology being used.

"It's not a gift certificate, so ... Maryland law about a four-year expiration for a gift certificate doesn't apply," Parks said, reading from a legal opinion. "It's actually a discount card, because there's a discount associated with you putting

money on that card ... and coupon cards can expire.

"Now, should that have been said when the coupon card was first given

implement this."

Parks said most of the cards only had a small balance and it was reasonable to expect cardholders to use that up before

going to take the money [and] say, 'sorry, you didn't use it before 2020, you're out of luck,'" he said, adding that Finance Director Steve Phillips was working on contacting people with larger balances.

"At the end of the day, we don't want to cause a burden and nor do we want to ethically or legally take any money that didn't provide a value for the reason you invested it in the first place," Parks added.

Newly appointed General Manager John Viola reiterated Ocean Pines had sought opinions from both an attorney and from Aquatics Director Colby Phillips.

"This board and the management team do not want anybody that has these cards to lose money," Viola said. "That was never the intent."

He went on to say some were under the impression the cards expired this April, which at least partly contributed to the objections.

"They will look at them ... and they will address it so nobody - me included, since I know there's a card somewhere in my house with a lot of money on it - will lose money," Viola said. "Believe me, this board and the management team ... doesn't want that to happen."

He said setting expiration dates for the cards would help streamline balance sheets and assist association leadership when it comes time to calculate annual

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Ocean Pines Board members on Saturday address a recent controversy regarding pool access coupon cards.

out? Yes," he added.

According to Parks, the change was being made for accounting purposes.

"We can't do revenue recognition without an associated transaction on the cost side," he said. "They're just trying to align our accounting for all our membership cards and it's the cleanest way to

the new expiration date, which he said was next April.

For those with a larger balance, Parks said the association would work with cardholders on a one-on-one basis "to come up with a solution that's fair and equitable."

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# Board promises no one will lose money on cards

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“That is the reason for that,” Viola said. “The money was there in the balance sheet, not recognized against the assessment ... this way it’s timely and it’s recognized. It’s the right way to do it [and] the accounting firm agreed, and it’s better for us.

“If it’s in that balance sheet, [under] a different board or a different treasurer ... I can’t guarantee what they’ll do with that money,” he continued. “They may allocate it to something else.”

Viola repeatedly assured people in audience they would not lose any money. Homeowner Charlie Walker, however, was not satisfied.

“I have about \$140 [on a pool card] and you’re giving me a gibberish answer,” he said. “Right now, today, am I going to lose any balance on those cards? It’s a yes or no answer.”

“I can tell you that this board and the management team ... will make sure nobody loses money with that year,” Viola said.

Walker asked if his cards could be redeemed.

“Not to my knowledge, right now,” Viola said.

“We’re going to have to make a decision on that,” Director Colette Horn said.

“As of now, no,” Viola added.

Walker said he refilled cards every year, primarily for his grandchildren to use, and each year staff assured him the balances would roll over. He held up several receipts that apparently read “no expiration.”

“If you people want to sit there and play Mickey Mouse games and try to finesse with words what’s going on here, then I challenge you ... if you don’t stand behind these cards, by the very actions of the staff of OPA, the directors of OPA and the written statements on these receipts, you have created an implied contract with me that these balances are not going to be lost,” Walker said.

“And yet you sit there and you say, ‘We have to talk about this.’ Now is the time to talk,” he continued. “I take it either by your silence you do not care, or by your silence you’re saying these cards will be honored.”

Viola again said no one would lose money on the cards.

“They will do whatever is possible to make sure at the end of the year if you or me or anybody else has money left from that year, you can roll it over or whatever. That’s what we’ve been talking about. Nobody will lose the money from that year,” he said.

“Nobody in Ocean Pines is planning on taking your money, my money, anybody else’s money,” he continued. “They will do what’s needed ... if somebody has a balance, bring it in. They will make sure you don’t lose the money that’s described on those receipts. Honestly, I don’t know what else to say.”



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Ocean Pines homeowner Charlie Walker hammers the board of directors during a town hall last Saturday about their handling of a policy change for pool access coupon cards.

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# How has controversy impacted Berlin's budget?

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(April 4, 2019) Berlin Town Administrator Laura Allen, in an interview last Thursday, weighed in on how expected tax and fee increases would affect the fiscal 2020 budget, and what will happen next in the process.

She also defended town staff after some workers were criticized during a well-attended budget hearing last week.

Public interest in the budget is unusually high this year, because of fee increases across several utilities and proposed property tax increases said to range anywhere from 20-34 percent. Allen said all the public comments received during recent months have factored into developing the budget.

"The mayor and council will take [public input] into consideration as part of their decision-making process," she said, adding that the staff on Monday would present general fund budget proposals that relate to real estate property taxes.

"I'm not sure if they'll give us any direction [on the tax rates] or not, but the tax rate conversation will continue," Allen added.

She admitted it "might have been easier, at least for staff-planning purposes, if the rate had been set by now," indicating the tax-rate controversy has had some impact on budget development.

"There's a lot of discussion and, I think, important conversation that needs to be shared, so it makes sense to me that it's taking a little bit longer than we had originally thought in terms of getting the rate set," Allen said. "It's a big decision and it affects a lot of people, so to me it makes sense that they take the time they need to, to make that decision."

Asked if town officials are considering a phased-in tax increase, as some have called for, Allen replied, "of course."

"I stand by what the mayor said Tuesday night, which is that we're taking all of this into consideration," she said. "I'm not a decision maker in this process, but I work closely with them and I see them taking all of that into consideration, definitely."

Allen said the final budget is a group decision of the Town Council, but "it's the mayor's budget" that would be presented publicly first.

"He will be the one who sort of makes the initial presentation, so I'm expecting that to happen on Monday, but it may not," she said. "For planning purposes, we're still in pretty

good shape, but we will need [the council] to give us some direction relatively soon. Hopefully, ideally, on Monday, but we'll just have to see."

The budget process began in January, when the staff examined the current fiscal year's finances and projected the final numbers, Allen said.

"We start looking at what our revenue sources may look like and we start planning from there," Allen said. "We look at what we need to accomplish and what we can fit into the revenue that we have."

She said the town "has developed a practice of tapping into reserves," that has now led to the need for tax and fee increases.

"That's not uncommon when you're talking about managing a city budget, especially when you're looking at tapping into reserves for one-time projects, which are typically capital projects [such as] a new culvert, a new well house [or] replacing a lift station. Those are all projects that have a beginning, a middle and an end," Allen said. "Where I think the town has developed some problems is tapping into reserves for recurring expenditures, things like employee salaries [or] office supplies, which are every year."

"If you start tapping into reserves for recurring expenditures it's a prob-

lem, because you're digging into your savings account on an ongoing basis and, in our case, there's not enough tax money coming in to replenish it," she continued.

Allen reiterated the recent assertion by Councilman Thom Gulyas that the town is not in crisis or close to running out of money.

"But we need to look at the way that we manage our money and look at doing things differently, for sure," she said.

When asked why it took so long for town officials to address the practice of spending reserve funds and their subsequent decline, Allen said, "The trend has been shared and conversation has been had on that topic for a while."

Asked why no action had been taken previously, she said, "It's hard to say."

"On that one, you should probably talk to the mayor," Allen said.

Some have called for the Berlin Falls park property, purchased for \$2.5 million in 2016, to be sold to replenish the general fund. Allen said the property would have to be sold for about \$3.4 or \$3.5 million just to break even.

"I'm not sure if there's a market for that," she said, adding she had received no direction to look into doing so.

"Not yet," Allen said.

As for whether the tax-rate debate has affected the departments' development of their budgets, Allen said, "It's never easy to hear people say that you're not doing a good job or you're misappropriating funds, or you're not using taxpayer dollars wisely."

"From that standpoint, each of the department directors – and I'll just speak for myself – it's hard to hear that, because I think they're all very responsible, very hardworking people. And we do our very best to stretch those tax dollars as far as we can," she added.

For example, regarding a resident question last Tuesday about a well house, Allen said bricks for the structure were taken from another project that was funded by a grant, "so those bricks actually didn't cost [the town] anything."

"There's those kinds of things that we're doing that we know about, but we're probably not doing a good enough job of sharing that information with the community," she said.

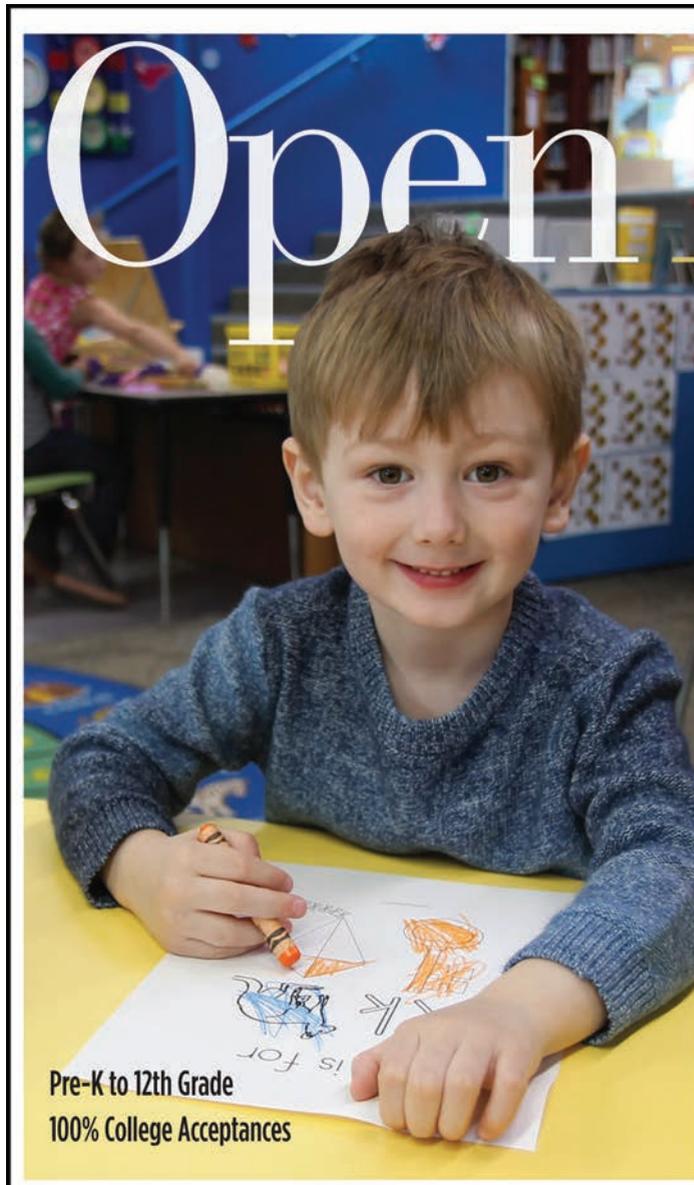
Allen also addressed a comment last Tuesday about town employees who appeared to be driving around aimlessly and, theoretically, wasting taxpayer dollars.

"One of the bigger challenges of our job is to make it obvious to people that we're not just driving around with nothing to do," she said. "Frequently, folks are either reading me-

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Laura Allen



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# Public can again weigh in during upcoming hearings

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ters or they've been called to a property to take a look at a particular situation, like maybe there's some sort of flooding or holes in the backyard.

"It's kind of a challenge to figure out how to let people know that what they perceive as somebody just driving around in a vehicle is actually hardworking employees getting to their next call, or getting to their next assignment," Allen added.

As for sharing information, Mayor Gee Williams recently spoke about ways to improve the flow of information to the public, including better efforts on social media.

Last Tuesday, those who attended the public hearing could scan a QR code with their smart phones that provided a link to the current fiscal year budget, a suggestion from Town Councilman Zack Tyndall. Allen also mentioned recording informational presentations and making them available online.

"I will say this, I think it's kind of a challenging conversation to have if the information is just going out one way," Allen said. "To really work on this, we need to have a two-way conversation, and that's really going to require people to be in a room and to talk to their neighbors about what their values are and what their priorities are, and what they really want the town to be working on."

"From my standpoint, the more of those conversations we can have, the better off we're going to be," Allen continued. "We're at a very interesting time and there's a lot of important work and good conversations happening, and I think people are much more interested in what's going on with the town's budget process. And

all of that, I think, is very positive.

"I think there's a way to have those conversations around priorities and what we should really be doing with the taxpayers' dollars," Allen said. "But I would suggest that it's not necessarily beneficial to have a large group of people all talking to us at the same time, as opposed to putting people in a room and having conversations amongst neighbors about what the town should really be doing. I'd like to hear what people think of in terms of their priorities and what they'd like to see us work on."

The general fund work session held on Monday, April 1 and a utilities fund work session scheduled for Monday, April 15 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall on 10 William Street generally do not allow for public comments, but are rather staff reports to the mayor and council. The meetings are, however, open to the public.

Allen said public comments are encouraged during every Town Council meeting, both during the public comment portion listed on agenda, and during discussion of individual agenda topics. To be recognized, a speaker needs to raise his or her hand and wait to be called, Allen said.

The next two Town Council meetings are scheduled Monday, April 8 and Monday, April 22, both at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

A public hearing to set the fiscal 2020 tax rate and constant yield rate is scheduled for May 13, and a public hearing to adopt the fiscal 2020 budget is set for June 10.

For more information on upcoming public meetings, visit [www.berlinmd.gov/maryland-government/council-meetings](http://www.berlinmd.gov/maryland-government/council-meetings).

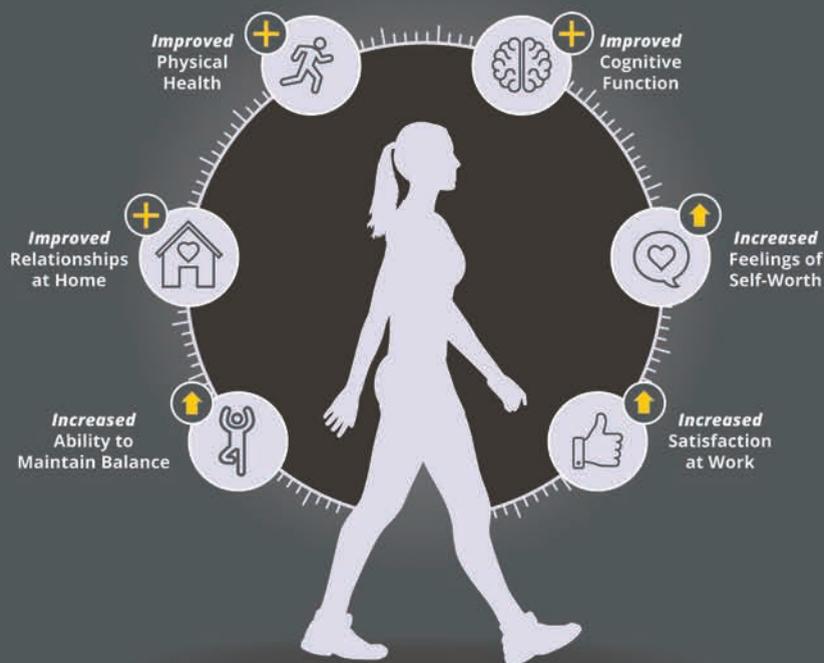
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# First look at proposed new 589 roundabout

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(April 4, 2019) Ocean Pines officials on Saturday unveiled a proposal for a new traffic circle at the North Gate entrance.

Association Vice President Steve Tuttle said Maryland Department of Transportation officials had asked if Ocean Pines would be willing to give them roughly three-tenths of an acre of land on either side of Route

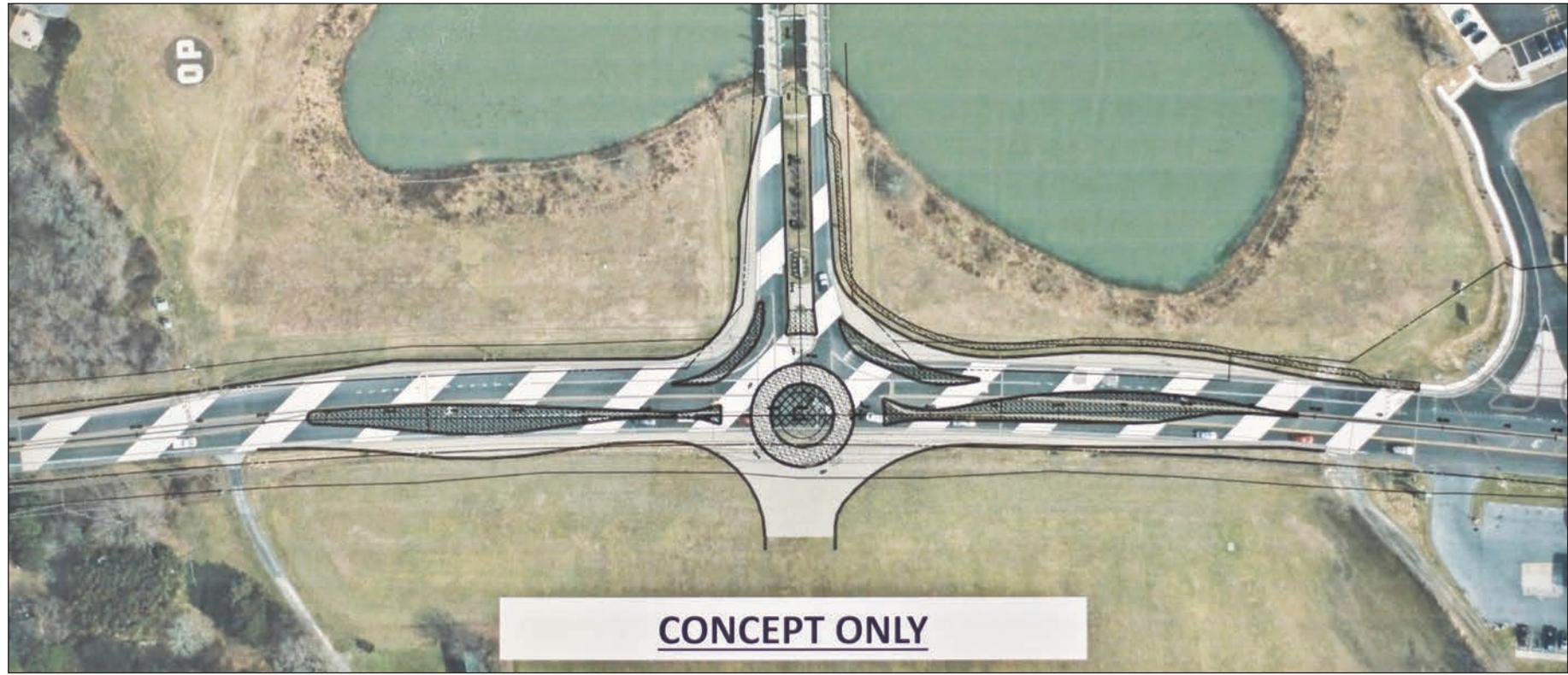
589 for the circle.

He said the design was preliminary and was at least a few years away from being realized.

Association President Doug Parks said the project has no funding, but

part of the state's process includes finding out whether the association and state could work together.

He said the state could claim eminent domain and take the land, but  
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Sitting on an easel during an Ocean Pines town hall meeting last Saturday at the yacht club was this Maryland Department of Transportation rendering of a proposed new traffic circle, on Route 589 near the North Gate entrance.

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# Pines in talks with state for circle

### Board will take comments by email and forward to Transportation Department

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he would rather work with the state to find something that's beneficial for both sides.

Homeowner Charlie Walker said he previously lived in the Cherry Hill area of New Jersey, where similar traffic solutions were tried.

"Twice a day I would have to go through the infamous Route 38 circle," he said. "You're smiling. You know what the Marlton circle was like and you know what the Berlin circle was like. And God forbid, you knew what the Racetrack circle was ... that was an impossible task to get around.

"I traveled them twice a day and, come tourist season and the beach season in South Jersey, it was impossible," he continued. "The circles in Jersey have been eliminated because of the chaos they caused."

Walker said he also lived in the Chicago area.

"We had a community where they put a circle like that right in the neighborhood - chaos," he said. "You think that's going to solve the problem on Racetrack Road in the summertime? You will not be able to get

in, out or around that circle ... and I would hope that this board of directors doesn't allow themselves to be bullied by the county or the state."

Parks said the association really had no jurisdiction in the matter, but Walker countered Ocean Pines could "strongly object."

"We can note things but, as I stated earlier, I'd rather partner with [the state] to get any potential benefit," Parks said. "Again, eminent domain - this is a state issue - it's not an Ocean Pines issue, it's not a county issue ... we don't have any authority, nor do we have any leverage."

"I've been conned by the best people - they're in Chicago," Walker said. "But I will give you credit - you're right up there with them."

Former director Cheryl Jacobs said the issue was discussed after Peninsula Regional Medical Center purchased land near the north gate for a new health center, which she called "a huge asset to the community."

Jacobs said association officials at the time were approached and asked to give up land so an alternate exit to the center could be constructed. It would have gone into the community and then back out through the North Gate.

"There was a great deal of turmoil in the community and we did what

we thought was best, and we said 'no,'" Jacobs said. "We [didn't] want that traffic coming in. That would create a terrible mess on the bridge."

Jacobs said she now laughs when people from other areas complain, "Oh my God, we have to wait for two lights to get out of the North Gate."

"Should the builder have taken care of this issue before he bought that land and built this complex? Yes, but here we are," Jacobs said. "And this is the state's answer to try to fix the problem, because anybody that uses that facility, when you come out of there, you can't go left ... this is the answer to allow that in the best way possible to happen."

Jacobs, an attorney, said Parks was correct in claiming the state could claim eminent domain, but added granting an easement could be another solution.

"Folks, this is the answer to not giving up our land originally and having them come through the community, and then create a tremendous bottleneck at the North Gate," she said.

Tuttle invited homeowners to send comments on the matter to board members, which he said would then be passed onto department of transportation officials for consideration.

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# Ethics complaint against Gulyas dismissed

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(April 4, 2019) The Berlin Ethics Commission dismissed a Feb. 28 complaint against At-Large Town Councilman Thom Gulyas.

According to a copy of the complaint by resident Jason Walter and received by this paper, Walter alleged that Gulyas insulted his character during a phone call with Christina Tucker. Tucker, who apparently is not a Berlin resident, then commented about the incident on Facebook.

"I'm not sure what our ethics regs for conduct of elected officials may state, but I am quite displeased he opted to call and reach out to someone on social media for the sole purpose of character assassination," Walter said in the complaint. "I feel his behavior is unbecoming of any elected official, [immature], unnecessary and absolutely uncalled for."

He included the social media post by Tucker in the complaint.

"I am so disgusted by a council member ... who messaged after 9 last night and before ... this morning wanting to talk about a post with a

newspaper article concerning tax rate hikes," Tucker said. "The conversation started with this person attacking the character of a person commenting on the post (a complete stranger to me). I'm disgusted because this wasn't the first time this person called me to talk s... about someone. It wasn't the second or third time either.



Thom Gulyas

"At the end of our conversation, I explained to him that I don't want to hear their personal opinions about another person, because it only makes me question their character, not the person's they are speaking so badly about," she continued. "The response? They said they don't care what people think about them (apparently, they are only concerned with how I feel about people they don't like) and then they hung up on me. What a lack [of] leadership. I'm so completely disgusted."

In a March 4 letter to Walter, Town Administrator Laura Allen wrote that the ethics commission reviewed the matter based on their "Procedures for Processing Ethics Commission Complaints" adopted in 2016.

"The members unanimously determined your complaint did not fall within their jurisdiction, therefore the Town considers this matter closed," Allen said.

The letter was co-signed by Town Attorney David Gaskill.

Allen, reached for comment last Friday, added, "The Ethics Commission reviewed the complaint and took action consistent with their adopted complaint procedures. The Town's Ethics Code meets the requirements of the State of Maryland."

Walter also brought the issue up during a March 25 Town Council meeting.

"When you meet new people because a councilman calls them to trash your character for having a differing view than the town might have on its spending is not really appropriate," Walter said.

Walter, reached for comment on Sunday, said he initially confronted Gulyas via Facebook messenger:

"Thom, despite your previous outbursts I've had no personal axe to grind with you. It does need to be pointed out that your recent behavior isn't just unbecoming of an elected official, it really just lacks maturity. If you have something to say to me, put your big boy pants on ... man up and say it. There is just no need to peddle back channel bulls..."

Walter said he's lived within a few thousand feet of Gulyas for about 13 years, but has had little or no discussions with him.

"I know him no better than I do a councilman [in] Berlin, Germany," Walter said.

"An ethics commission should work to keep public officials in check," he continued. "With the desire to nip Thom's juvenile behavior and help assure others were protected from unwarranted ad hominem attacks by their elected officials, an ethics complaint seemed appropriate."

He said the town ethics codes mentions "minimum standards for the conduct of local government business," but does not feel the matter got much consideration because of the fast turnaround, less than a week.

"Apparently, beyond financial conflict there are no actual standards in place," Walter said. "Bringing the matter up in public session was a last resort. The intent was not to air laundry, but to help assure comments made by public officials are kept above board and in check."

Gulyas, who said he only learned the complaint had been filed very recently, emailed a statement on Monday:

"I find it strange that he's carrying on about something 'I may have said' to another person who does not even live in the corporate limits of this wonderful town. The Town of Berlin Ethics committee did its job in returning what ANYONE would have felt was the right decision: The members unanimously determined his complaint did not fall within their jurisdiction and therefore considered this matter closed.

"Trying to bait me into an argument during a council meeting is inappropriate. The best thing anyone in a public service position can do is not risk an entire public comment session of an agenda over a personal attack on one member. It's just best to ignore someone like this. Not everyone is going to be happy with all of us sitting up there at any given time and that's OK.

"While Mr. Walter may not be pleased with the decision, it should be noted that the Town of Berlin Maryland follows the same standards as the State of Maryland."



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# Berlin resident to offer parking lot

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(April 4, 2019) Berlin's parking problems should improve somewhat, as resident and business owner Tiffany Lackner has pledged to create 50 new public parking spaces on her property that borders West and Broad streets.

Finding downtown parking during the busy summer can be difficult, and the Town Council acknowledged as much last October by awarding a \$24,480 contract to Sabra & Associates Inc. of Columbia, Maryland for a parking and mobility study.

Lackner, the owner of Dream Weaver on Main Street, made the announcement during a March 21 merchant's meeting.

She elaborated during an interview last Friday that her plans for the home, known as "The Robin's Nest," also include a downtown wedding venue and ice-skating rink.

Lackner said the former plantation house is the second oldest home in Berlin.

"It's eventually going to be an event spot, so I'm going to be able to do weddings there. And this winter there's going to be an ice skating rink brought in, and that's a three-and-a-half month deal," she said. "That's going to bring a ton of people into town in the winter, when there's no one here."

Lackner plans to open the rink in November, to coincide with the town's annual tree lighting ceremony, and keep it open seven days a week through February. She also hopes to offer some extras, such as s'mores and Christmas photos.

First, however, she'll open a portion of the yard as a parking lot, which she estimated could accommodate up to 50 spaces.

"The parking lot would be close to

the railroad tracks," Lackner said. "I'm going to have a little 'honor box.' I don't know what it's going to be — it could be \$3 or \$5 — but it has to be something to be able to fund the next project, which'll be the ice skating rink.

"The whole thing was to do weddings, concerts on the lawn, maybe an open air market and art walks. I want to do a lot of things on the property," she added.

Eventually, Lackner hopes to host weddings of up to 150 people.

"The weddings will come in about 20 months," she said. "But first, I've got to erect a gazebo on the property and I have a ton of things to do, so we'll start with the parking."

Lackner said town officials were receptive to the idea. She hopes to have an oyster shell-covered area finished within the next several weeks.

"I'm hoping within the month they can start parking there, because it's only going to take a day to lay the shells," she said. "The end of April is the goal."



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# Town Hall includes update on country club

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(April 4, 2019) Ocean Pines Board members are still considering what to do about the golf and country club, but indications are the board favors a new building that would support both golf and community events.

During a town hall meeting on Saturday, Harry Rutter of Nottingham Lane said amenities are supposed to add value to the association. He pointed to the swimming pools as a good example and praised Aquatics Director Colby Phillips.

Rutter said he was not happy the board had several requests for proposals out regarding the country club, with bids totaling more than \$2 million.

“The golf course 50 years ago ... was an advertising gimmick to sell lots,” he said. “Recently, in just the last couple of months, a golf course nearby has closed down [and] another golf course nearby has dramatically dropped its costs, because golf is dying.

“I’m not saying do away with the golf course, but I am saying \$2 million on a dying thing doesn’t make sense,” he continued. “I think what the board owes the membership is a true cost-benefit analysis on golf.”

Rutter said it would be unwise to run another restaurant there, the Tern

Grille, to compete with the yacht club. “I’m talking about common sense business,” he said. “I’m all for ... putting a new building up, but not a restaurant and a bar.”

He said many community groups are “dying for space” and a new building could help accommodate those groups.



**Ocean Pines Board members discuss plans for the golf and county club during a town hall meeting last Saturday.**

“That whole place should be set up to be a community thing,” he said. “The golf course does not need another bar.”

Association Vice President Steve Tuttle said no formal, final decision has been made regarding renovating or replacing the building.

He confirmed bids had been received for a new building, and said last Friday he and others walked through to determine if anything in the existing club could be salvaged.

“We estimate that’s probably upwards of \$120,000, just reusing the equipment that’s in the kitchen [and] bar,” Tuttle said. “We actually will be

meeting there on Monday with a design team that we’re talking to before we sign a contract, to try to get some hard numbers for what it would cost to do the country club and the cart barn, because they both are in desperate need of replacement.”

Tuttle said engineers hope to use

the existing 8,120-square-foot foundation in a new building to save additional money.

“We actually will have a backhoe onsite Monday, digging some test bits around so the engineers can look at the foundation to see if it’s usable, which will then effect their price for ... designing and building the building, which would be really helpful,” he said.

He said about half of the space of the new building would be for community use, with the other half designated for golf operations.

Tuttle added the design for a new kitchen would be “a warming kitchen” as opposed to “a full-blown restaurant.”

“It provides beverages and maybe a hamburger [and] French fries, that kind of thing. But nothing like what you have at the yacht club,” he said.

He said the clubhouse would have banquet seating for up to 140 people for golf tournaments, which would help support the operation.

“We’re looking at this as economically as we can [and] as community-centric as we can, to make sure that we’re providing ... for the whole community,” Tuttle said. “In my perspective, having that facility there ... is a benefit to our values of our properties in the community.”

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# OPA Board also weighs in on forensic audit

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(April 4, 2019) There's no new news yet on a forensic audit started around this time last year in Ocean Pines, although association President Doug Parks said that could soon change.

Parks, during a Saturday town hall meeting, said audit results were targeted by the end of this month.

He said Baltimore firm Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates was working with the Worcester County Bureau of Investigations and, by design, no board members have been associated with the examination of association finances. The firm was hired last April and the association budgeted \$225,000 for the audit, or roughly \$26.50 per homeowner.

The audit was triggered by several factors, including reports of several thousands of dollars in funds missing from the administration building, as well as concerns over whether \$1.6 million in deficits accumulated over two years was in any way linked with fraud.

In February of last year, then-Director Pat Supik suggested the audit was unlikely to find significant money had gone missing.

"I do not want the community to

think we're going to find \$1 million in fraud," she said, adding the deficit had accumulated because of "money going out the door legitimately.

"If we do this, we may find

Parks, on Saturday, said about the only information he had was that the audit looked at the finance department and public works, and auditors "went back one year as per their ac-

audit," he said.

"If the audit determines that there was any either theft or other things, certainly OPA will take the necessary action on advice from our attorney," Parks continued. "We're going to wait until we get the facts and then we'll get advice on the legal side, and we'll take the necessary action."

Parks said some new financial controls could be implemented based on the forensic audit results. He referred to a so-called "deep dive audit" several years ago that apparently contributed to the association improving its accounting procedures.

He said John Viola was instrumental in that process and added, of the former procedures, "it just wasn't as tight as it should've been."

Viola, the association treasurer and newly appointed general manager, said former association presidents Tom Herrick and Dave Stevens had been cooperative throughout the forensic audit process, and that Parks has also been supportive.

"Everything is being done properly. They have taken the measures that I requested a couple years ago and, at this point, just be assured that they are doing everything possible and there will be total transparency to the membership. I will assure you of that," Viola said.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

OPA President Doug Parks, right, last Saturday provides a forensic audit update. Also pictured, from left, are General Manager John Viola, Director Colette Horn and Vice President Steve Tuttle

\$50,000 in fraud and may spend ... a couple hundred thousand dollars on a significant forensic audit," Supik continued. "I do think we need to do it for the community."

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# Opinion

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## Ethics generally deal with actions, not words

The Berlin Ethics Commission's decision that At-Large Councilman Thom Gulyas committed no breach when he allegedly criticized a citizen in harsh terms during a telephone call is almost a head-shaker.

This isn't because the commission failed to do its job, or that Gulyas was right or wrong or that public officials just shouldn't criticize non-officeholders. It is because more than half this country's present elected officials, from the proverbial dogcatcher to the current president of the United States, would be out of office if that standard were to be applied.

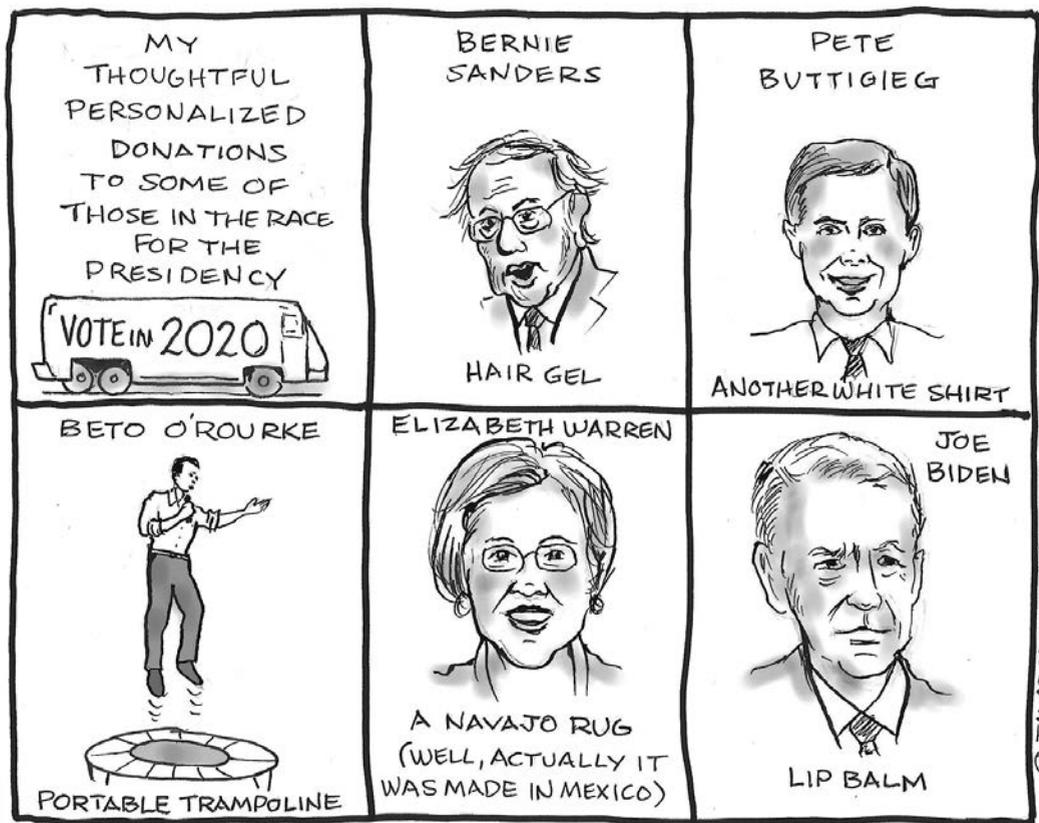
Whatever Gulyas did or didn't do, it's been established at the highest levels of government that a politician can say just about anything he or she wants about anyone else with impunity.

Never mind President Trump's Twitter assaults on others, President Harry Truman publicly called a critic of his daughter Margaret's singing a "an eight-ulcer man on four-ulcer pay." And if anyone really wants to hear an officeholder go off on individuals or whole groups of people, there's Nixon.

But for sheer shock value, there was President Lyndon Johnson, who, when asked by a reporter why the U.S. hadn't pulled out of Viet Nam, exposed himself and said, "This is why!"

Ethical breaches in government usually involve trading on a position or office for purposes of self-enrichment, and numerous politicians have been guilty of that over the years, with a few of them actually being caught.

But making disparaging remarks? President John Adams so disliked Federalist politician and former treasury secretary Alexander Hamilton that he took to calling him a "bastard brat of a Scotch pedler (sic)." Not nice, obviously, but perfectly ethical.



## Letters

### In support of Berlin Falls park

Editor,

Berlin has a budget problem. According to the mayor, for the last five years the town has been borrowing from savings to pay for higher than expected costs at the sewer utility.

That this ongoing problem has not previously been addressed by our elected representatives is an issue that the town's residents need to take up with the council and mayor, and the council and mayor need to address with the town.

But I am not writing to debate the ins and outs of how we got to this point. I'm writing to defend the town's purchase of the parcel that has come to be known as Berlin Falls Park, which I believe is being unfairly scapegoated for problems that go well and above the purchase of the property.

I did not live here when the chicken plant was in operation. By most accounts I've heard, the smell from the plant made the annual spread of chicken manure on the fields, and the monthly odors from the dog food

plant, seem like grandma's apple pie in comparison.

When I arrived in Berlin in 2013, the plant was already shut down, the main building crumbling, the ponds covered in layers of scum. From the street the plant was an eye sore. And behind it an environmental disaster was looming.

My wife and I moved here because we wanted to raise our children in a small town where they could walk the streets on summer evenings, where they could run outside, where they could play in grass, where the public schools were better than most, where neighbors talked to one another, where community was more than the street where you lived.

We were fortunate to find, almost by accident, this wonderful little town. We have called Berlin home for more than five years and we plan on continuing to call Berlin home well into the future.

Long after our current budget crisis is a distant memory, Berlin Falls Park – despite its ill-fitting name – will stand as a point of pride for Berlin and will provide immeasurable benefits for future generations.

The park is a boon, a gift to our children and our children's children, an open space that needs to be protected, programmed and carefully planned. The Falls has the potential to be a community gathering space, a place where we come together as one, where we recreate and celebrate all that makes Berlin great.

As we move forward with a plan for our future, we must remember that the Falls is a jewel in the crown of our town. Throwing it away for the sake of stopgap financial relief is short sighted and continues the poor planning that has brought the town to the deficient fiscal position in which it now find itself.

Jeff Smith  
Berlin

### Unhappy with Snow Hill gov't

Editor,

I'm writing to express my displeasure with the leaders of the Snow Hill community. It seems very odd to me that while this town has closed the doors of Toy Town, they still have radio ads inviting

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# Buckingham county's green school

By Morgan Pilz  
Staff Writer

(April 4, 2019) Buckingham Elementary, the only Maryland Green School in Worcester County, continues to conduct experiments and use resources to teach using low energy and cost.

A Maryland Green School is a school that creates a healthy environment conducive to learning, while saving energy, environmental resources, and money.

A presentation by Buckingham Elementary School Principal Karen Marx and second grade teacher April Eichelberger to the Board of Education on Tuesday highlighted the accomplishments the school has achieved for creating a sustainable Green School program.

Buckingham Elementary School began its journey to become a Maryland Green School in 2015, when Eichelberger cultivated inspiration for the title. At that time, she was running the after-school program, which served as the catalyst to launch the Green School initiative.

"People often ask me, 'Why Maryland Green Schools? Why are you so passionate about it?'" Eichelberger said. "It's because I've seen firsthand the impact that green schools can have on an organization."

Completed projects, including rain water barrels, the creation of a digital newsletter for the school, and designated trash bins for recycled paper and card-

board, serve as reminders to conserve energy throughout the school and an outdoor classroom space at the school. A video also presented the students' perception of what a green school is and why they are so significant.

Eichelberger offers three commitment levels for the eco-friendly projects offered throughout the school year: low, medium and high.

"Someone that just wanted to be one and done one at one event or donate one thing could do that," Eichelberger said. "There is a list of action items that someone who is a medium commitment might make phone calls or place orders, or do a project that they could do it at their own pace. Then, I have my high commitment level members, and these are people who teach classes or attend trainings and events, and have kind of been with me every step of the way."

The programs are sponsored by local organizations through grant funding or donations. Those businesses include the Art League of Ocean City, Maryland Coastal Bays, Stephen Decatur High School, Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, Worcester County Education Foundation, Sherwin-Williams, and Cool Contracting.

Several projects are being planned for this year.

"This year's students and the 2018-19 Green School team have worked on a

presentation that they will bring to the 2019 Youth Action Summit, which is the first one that's being held in our area this year on April 5 at the Ward Museum [in Salisbury]," Eichelberger said. "[The students] will be asking for funding to further improve our recycling process at our school and make it more streamlined.

"They would like to see every classroom have labels and the exact same options for every person in every room, throughout our school," she continued. "The students put together a budget and a slideshow ... we're talking about third and fourth graders, so it's pretty exciting to see them get involved. This is one action steps that will help make this program self-sustaining."

Most important for Eichelberger is the chance to encourage more people and schools to participate and become Maryland Green Schools. She said no matter how big or small the impact was, it contributes to the process.

"If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a Green School ... if there's other schools out there that would like more information, I'd be happy to get you started," Eichelberger said. "I can't tell you how many times people would say, 'Well, I really didn't do much.' [Then] I'd say, 'All those little things we had together are the reason that we became a Maryland Green School' and it meant a lot to me."

## Letters

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businesses to set up shop "On the River."

The ads mention some sort of benefits and fee reductions as an incentive to attract new businesses.

Toy Town arguably could be the largest small business to date to agree to operate there. It would seem to me that whatever safety issues there are, the leaders should have been able to find a resolution to keep this business open.

One thing is for certain, from the looks of that store, it appears that these owners have invested multiple thousands of dollars to bring this previous eyesore to life. It undoubtedly is safer now than it was before this business arrived.

Today, I heard this radio ad once again and chuckled at the thought of anyone considering doing business with these leaders. This kind of business partnership only sets the town back instead of moving it forward.

If there truly are issues involving patrons safety, one would think it could be resolved without penalizing this business in this manner.

Alan Brittingham Sr.  
Snow Hill

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# Snapshots



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## NEW MURAL

Berlin Intermediate School and Beyond After School Academy welcome parents to Lights On After School, Feb. 25-28. Bob Hulburt has lead students through designing and painting a new mural in the school. Pictured, from left, are Estefanie Hernandez Contrerez, Sofia Abu-Zaid, Wendy Nash, Allison Carmack, Judah Ponds, Alyssa Monteverde, Mallory Kerrigan, Hulburt, Rachael Plata and Julia Knerr.



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## DRESS UP

As a fun and memorable way to celebrate Worcester Prep's 100th day of school, Lower School students dressed up like they were 100 years old. Pictured are fourth graders Lily Dixon, Lara Owens, teacher Erin Shimko, McKenna DePalma and Bella Fernley.



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## FEATURED SPEAKER

Heather Lankford Hammond (WPS '90/Old Dominion University '94, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration) was the featured speaker at the 100-Day Breakfast celebration for the Worcester Preparatory School Class of 2019 on Feb. 15. Hosted by the WPS Alumni Association, the 100-Day gathering marks the senior class countdown to their last day of school. Four alumni are related to seniors from the Class of 2019, including, from left, Hammond, who is the mother of Graham Hammond, Alex Moore '86, father of Dakin Moore, and Cooper Richins, the nephew of Greg Steen '90. Not pictured: Ann Moore Bateman '82, mother of senior Virginia Bateman.



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## PREP GALA

Parents, alums, teachers and guests enjoyed the annual Worcester Prep Gala fundraiser held at Secrets, on 49th Street in Ocean City, March 1. Pictured are Anthony and Cynthia Betterson.



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## HUMANE SOCIETY BINGO FUNDRAISER

Worcester County Humane Society recently held its second annual Bingo Fundraiser on March 2. Funds raised directly benefited the homeless cats and dogs at the no-kill shelter in Berlin.

# Ocean Pines drones help find missing persons

(April 4, 2019) The Ocean Pines Police Department can now put an eye in the sky when surveying the area for reported missing residents.

An officer who doubles as a drone-certified pilot used a newly purchased drone on Thursday, March 28 to assist with the search of a missing 79-year-old woman. That's one of many uses Police Chief Dave Massey sees for it.

"Now, we also can utilize the technology to locate offenders who decide to flee from the police for criminal offenses," Massey said. "The bonus to our community is that through a grant from Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention of Maryland, we were able to acquire the drone – it did not cost our residents any additional expense."

Massey said the police department had two separate incidents of missing persons recently within the same week.

"There's a large retirement population in Ocean Pines, and the police department deals with its share of elderly residents with dementia who walk off and are reported missing," said Denise Sawyer, marketing and public relations director for the Ocean Pines Association. "These residents need to be found quickly, which is capable with the help of the new, unmanned aircraft system."

Sawyer said the drone has a trans-

mission system with a 4.3-mile range, five vision sensors, and a 4K camera stabilized by a 3-axis mechanical gimbal.

Sawyer said. "This as we have seen an uptick in service calls in the largest residential community in the county."

The 2018 year-end Ocean Pines

calls in 2017 to 13,589 in 2018 – which represents the largest number of calls for service workload on record.

"Service calls can be a variety of incidents, such as criminal complaints, checking on the welfare of our residents, mental health checks, residential property checks and even assisting our local residents when they accidentally lock their vehicles," Massey said.

Ocean Pines has a state-certified, full-service police agency that operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. All sworn officers attend 23 weeks of intensive police training at the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy in Salisbury.

Upon graduation, the Maryland Police Training Commission certifies all officers.



"Ocean Pines Police are leveraging new technology, like the Mavic Pro Drone, to be even more responsive,"

Police report, released Feb. 11, shows that there was a 10 percent increase in calls from 2017 to 2018 – from 12,277



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April 5: Beats By Jeremy, 10 p.m.  
April 6: Sean Loomis, 10 p.m.  
April 8: Beats by Jeremy, 9 p.m.  
April 11: Beats by Wax, 9 p.m.

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www.secrets.com  
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p.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; The  
Rockets, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.  
April 6: Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.; DJ  
Bobby-O, 6 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; Gas  
Station Disco, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ  
Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; My Hero  
Zero, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.  
April 7: Ocean City Bridal Show, 1-  
3:30 p.m.  
April 11: Full Circle Duo, 5-9 p.m.

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April 5: DJ Billy T, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
April 6: DJ Billy T, all day; DJ Jeremy,  
9 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
April 7: Opposite Directions, 2-6  
p.m.; DJ Billy T, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
April 11: Opposite Directions, 6 p.m.

## HOOTERS

12513 Ocean Gateway

# Church hopes new building helps expand congregation

By Victor Fernandes  
Staff Writer

(April 4, 2019) Much about Coastal Community Church remains unfamiliar to its congregation, even after waiting a decade for its completion.

Some still call the newly opened church on Ocean Gateway in Berlin by its once longtime name, Ocean City Worship Center. Others still head to the old church, a short drive to the west on Route 50, for Sunday service because two decades of good Christian habits are difficult to break.

Pastor Bryan Pagner, who has led this congregation for 15 years, even needs time to grow accustomed to the 25 acres of former soybean fields that he vows will serve as sanctuary for a steadily growing congregation of more than 500 congregants in ways other than the most obvious.

"We really want our church to feel like a family, like a living room, when people come in," Pagner said, referring to 20,000 square feet of space inside a main building that features a relaxing foyer and modern sanctuary flanked by eight classrooms and meeting rooms, but in his mind includes the covered outdoor pavilion, playground, Little League ballfield and sand volleyball court that reside behind that building.

Berlin resident Mark Pugh, a congregant for six years who teaches weekly youth classes, has witnessed the new church's immediate impact, specifically with the level of interest among local kids.

"They get a lot of kids that aren't regular attenders at that church. I have kids that involved in that Wednesday night ministry that aren't members of the church," he said. "It gives us a lot of outreach to people who aren't even members of the church. I am excited because it is a tool for God to reach more people in our community. That's how I see it."

Pagner marvels at the simplistic elegance, and the emphasis on function over extravagance, as he walks through the building that will enjoy its grand opening Saturday during its weekly 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services, but has been in operation since its opening service in February.

At times in past years, Pagner said, he wondered if the project would stay on course or fall short of completion because of overall cost, even as they attempted to meticulously follow a conservative, cost-effective approach since purchasing the property 10 years ago.

"We were close. There was one time in particular about three to four years ago when I told my wife that 'I think the dream is dead,'" Pagner recalled. "The bids were coming back.

The building was just too extravagant. It felt like we weren't going to be able to afford to build it."

But, Pagner and fellow church leaders kept the original plan in mind while reevaluating the roughly \$4.5 million project.

"We wanted it to be something for our entire community," Pagner said. "It would be something they would look forward to go to, something that would be a blessing to our community, keep our kids out of trouble [and provide] positive things to do."

Meanwhile, the congregation stayed faithful in church leaders and patient with the project.

"The congregation has a long-term outlook on things and realize that any big project is not done overnight," Pugh said. "It's just a congregation that has a long-term vision for the community."

Now, Pagner said he focuses on building the laid-back yet positive atmosphere that stems from Coastal Community Church's philosophy as a "contemporary, casual, Christian church." Pagner often wears jeans and a button-down shirt while giving sermons.

"Our youth pastor would be in sneakers. Members of our congregation would be in shorts and T-shirts," Pagner said. "Our approach, our language, the way we communicate is very much modern day. When I study in the course of a week, I look at Scriptures and (ask myself) how does this make sense to me. How can I communicate this to our congregation in such a way that we would grasp something out of it."

Still, Pagner said, church leaders are looking toward the future. The congregation reached 700 people for Sunday services two weeks ago. So the increase in size, from 9,000 square feet the church had for 20 years in its previous location to 20,000 square feet, already is being challenged, and likely will be to a greater degree with the anticipated move to three Sunday services starting in September.

Pagner hopes the project's opening phase leads to additional classrooms, and a gymnasium that doubles as a fellowship hall, which would allow the church to host special events such as wedding receptions and anniversary parties. The Coastal Community Church congregation deserves it, he said.

"People have been really kind and really faithful," Pagner said. "It's been average people just saying we believe in the mission of this church. We believe in the vision and direction, and we're going to sacrificially give to see this take place. I think everyone feels like we did this together."

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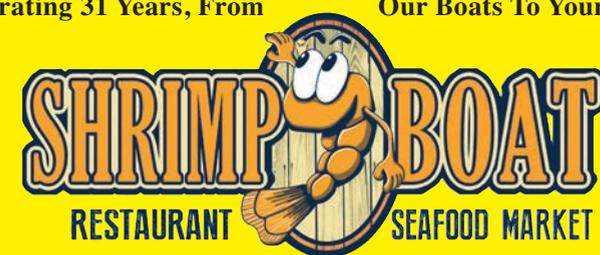
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**Business Briefs**

**Promotions**

Coastal Hospice recently announced the promotion of several employees.

Susan Olischar has been promoted to vice president of finance. She is responsible for optimizing the financial performance of the organization, providing accurate and timely reporting, financial planning and forecasting, and managing cash flow to ensure that the organization meets its financial commitments.

She has worked for Coastal Hospice for 12 years. During her time with the agency, she has assembled a talented team in the finance department and demonstrated her dedication to the overall mission of the agency.

She received her bachelor's degree in accounting from Salisbury University and is a licensed CPA with over 20 years of experience.

Staff member Stacy Cottingham has been tapped as the new senior director of Strategic Initiatives. Cottingham has been with the agency for five years. She originally started as manager of Quality/Performance Improvement and Education.

Before joining Coastal Hospice, she was a case manager at a regional hospital and worked in management in both the cardiac and oncology departments.

During her time with Coastal Hospice, she has grown staff in their education and was tasked with ensuring all regulatory requirements were met.

Cottingham is a nurse with over 25 years of experience and is certified in hospice and palliative nursing. She has a doctorate in Organizational Leadership from UMES.

Bob Miller will now serve as the senior director of Business Development.

Miller has been with Coastal Hospice for over five years. He worked as a chaplain and in bereavement services.

Afterwards, Miller moved into provider relations as an associate and eventually managed the department. He has successfully established and strengthened relationships with the community through effective education and outreach of Coastal Hospice services and programs.

Miller has a successful entrepreneurial background and holds a master's degree from Eastern University and a B.A. from Lee University.

Lauren Blair was promoted to Provider Relations manager after having been with Coastal Hospice since last fall.

Prior to joining the Coastal Hospice team, Blair worked at Salisbury Rehabilitation and Nursing Center for over nine years, where she most recently served as the Memory Support Program director.

She attended Salisbury University, where she received both a master's degree in Social Work as well as a bachelor of arts in Social Work.

She is a licensed master social worker in Maryland and a licensed clinical social worker in Delaware.

Founded in 1980, Coastal Hospice is a nonprofit health care organization that cares for individuals facing life-limiting conditions but who want to remain as active and engaged as possible. Coastal

Hospice cares for patients in their home, nursing home, assisted living facility or at Coastal Hospice at the Lake.

The organization serves Wicomico, Worcester, Dorchester and Somerset counties.

**Emeritus status**

Four members of the Coastal Association of Realtors recently earned National Realtor Emeritus status.

Edie Brennan of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices PenFed Realty in Ocean Pines, Bill Martin of ERA Martin & Associates in Salisbury, Bob Martin of Beach Real Estate in Berlin, and Linda Moran of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices PenFed Realty in West Ocean City were approved as National Realtor Emeritus during the 2018 National Association of Realtors Annual Convention.

A Realtor is eligible for Emeritus status after holding membership in NAR and Coastal for a cumulative period of 40 years.

Emeritus members must also complete at least one year of volunteer service for an NAR committee. However, through 2019, the one-year service requirement may also be met through service at a local or state association.

Other Emeritus Realtor members of Coastal include Randall Bandler of Bandler Realty Corp in Ocean City, Lester Chandler of Coldwell Banker Residential on 64th Street in Ocean City, James "Bud" Church of Coldwell Banker/Bud Church Realty in Ocean City, Paul Faulstich of Century 21 New Horizon in Ocean City, Frederick Nicoll of Frederick Nicoll and Associates in Ocean City, Dean Richardson of Richardson Enterprises in Ocean City, Chuck Shorley of Shore-Lea Realty in Ocean City, and Michael Weisner of Weisner Real Estate in Salisbury.

For more information about CAR, visit [www.coastalrealtors.org](http://www.coastalrealtors.org).

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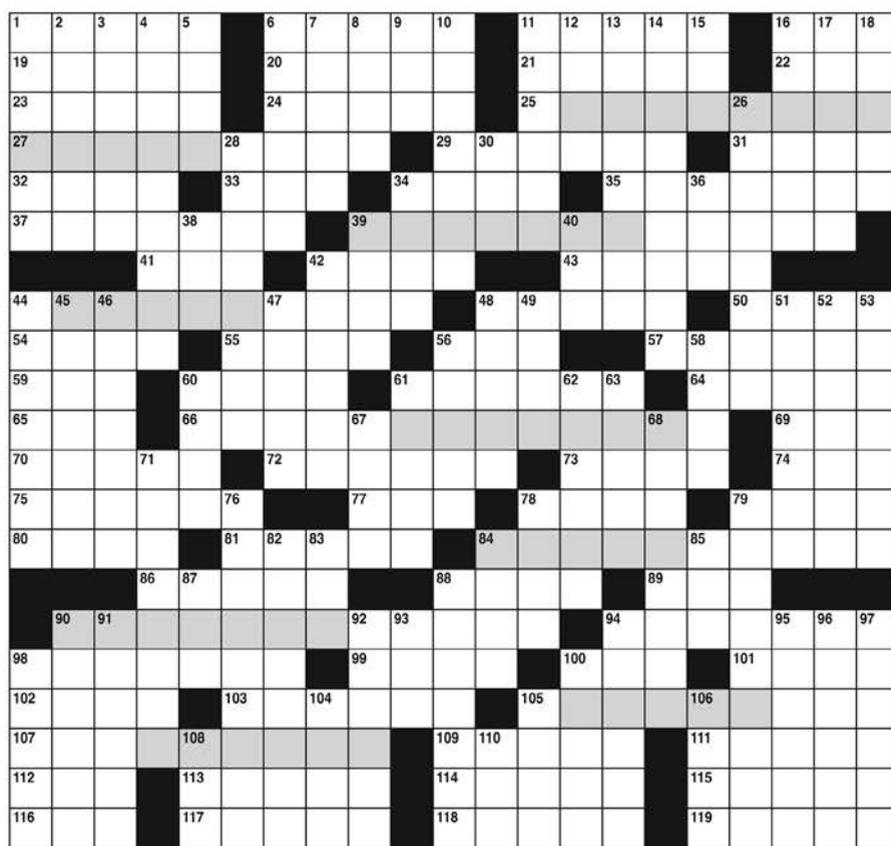
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# Puzzles

## TAKE ONE FOR THE TEAM BY ANDREW J. RIES / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

This crossword by Andrew J. Ries, of La Pine, Ore., comes with special instructions: Drop one letter from each set of shaded letters in the grid to name a major-league baseball team. The letters thus removed, in order from top to bottom, will spell an appropriate answer at 76-Down. Andrew is a lifelong baseball fan — his favorite teams are hidden in 90- and 107-Across. He's excited about the new season, which has just started. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Top 10-rated sitcom each season from 1972 to 1976
  - 6 Chilling
  - 11 Payment vouchers
  - 16 Dugout propeller
  - 19 Mexico City daily
  - 20 Dish of cooked buckwheat
  - 21 Site of a 2019 Trump/Kim meeting
  - 22 \_\_\_ hug
  - 23 Moved stealthily, colloquially
  - 24 Not a nice look
  - 25 Pronounces breathily
  - 27 Hearty pasta topping
  - 29 Absolute truth
  - 31 A singer can carry one
  - 32 Some plumbing joints
  - 33 Ask too-personal questions
  - 34 Tailor's tool
  - 35 Uses as a perch
  - 37 Mold into something new
  - 39 Historic San Francisco thoroughfare
  - 41 \_\_\_ y Plata (Montana's motto)
  - 42 Aid in tapestry-making
  - 43 Itinerant sorts
  - 44 Outfits in the operating room
  - 48 Stockholm stock unit
  - 50 "Look at me — I did it!"
  - 54 Precisely
  - 55 Saint in a children's rhyme
  - 56 \_\_\_ Maria (coffee liqueur)
  - 57 Sister in a children's story
  - 59 Small pain
  - 60 Upright building support
  - 61 Travel group
  - 64 Big name in 1950s politics
  - 65 "Flowers" and "Sticky Fingers" for the Stones
  - 66 Some Sunday broadcasting
  - 69 Cakes and \_\_\_ (simple material pleasures)
  - 70 Buncha
  - 72 Hockey venues
  - 73 Wonka portrayer
  - 74 Rock band with the 1994 4x platinum album "The Downward Spiral," for short
  - 75 Many Jazz fans
  - 77 Elusive sort
  - 78 Smooth-talking
  - 79 \_\_\_ Reader (quarterly magazine)
  - 80 Prefix with scope
  - 81 Bestow
  - 84 "The Wonder Years" star
  - 86 Goldman's partner in banking
  - 88 Symbol of poverty
  - 89 Unwieldy boat
  - 90 Visited out of deference (to)
  - 94 Bright light in inclement conditions
  - 98 Doesn't bring up again, say
  - 99 "Sad to say ..."
  - 100 Go off
  - 101 Dodgers broadcaster Hershey
  - 102 K-12
  - 103 Casting choice
  - 105 Colorless mode at a copy shop
  - 107 Strong servings with dessert
  - 109 Bit of dental work
  - 111 Where the Firestone tire company was founded
  - 112 "\_\_\_ Beso" (Paul Anka hit)
  - 113 Sharp
  - 114 Bull \_\_\_
  - 115 Tilted, in Stilton
  - 116 Barbecue bone
  - 117 Awful-smelling
  - 118 Went back, as a tide
  - 119 Like the Chelsea neighborhood in Manhattan
  - 120 Variant of a gene
  - 3 Unsurprising people to show up
  - 4 "Inside voices, please"
  - 5 \_\_\_ Lodge
  - 6 "All right, why not"
  - 7 With 90-Down, first woman to lead a major party in Congress
  - 8 "Mm-hmm"
  - 9 Narrator of "Evita"
  - 10 Tremendous auditory pleasure, in slang
  - 11 Drink after drink?
  - 12 Trunk fastener
  - 13 Not remotely
  - 14 Traveler's holder of bathroom supplies
  - 15 "Kind \_\_\_" (term of politeness)
  - 16 Thickheaded
  - 17 Playground comeback
  - 18 Nevada senator Jacky
  - 26 Sworn (to)
  - 28 Fitting
  - 30 Make a decision
  - 34 New Mexico county or its seat
  - 36 Hit sign
  - 38 Wall St. professional
  - 39 Hotel rollouts
  - 40 "Look what I found!"
  - 42 Schubert compositions
  - 44 Burning the midnight oil
  - 45 Dessert with a sugary syrup
  - 46 Drake, for one
  - 47 Something seen with a tiny flashlight
  - 48 What cowboys are, in poker lingo
  - 49 High praise
  - 51 Home of Spelman College
  - 52 Business transaction
  - 53 Property recipient, legally
  - 56 Related to pitches
  - 58 Intensify, with "up"
  - 60 Hall-of-Famer Musial
  - 61 Like some porch chairs
  - 62 Popular radio format
  - 63 Farmer's concern
  - 67 Turn sharply
  - 68 John le Carré specialty
  - 71 "No turning back now"
  - 76 [See note]
  - 78 List for charitable givers, for short
  - 79 Sunscreen ingredient
  - 82 Something removed when changing a tire
  - 83 Pompous sort
  - 84 Domino, familiarly
  - 85 8/
  - 87 Throw in
  - 88 Former Indianapolis sports venue
  - 90 See 7-Down
  - 91 Pulsating
  - 92 Analyzed
  - 93 "Xanadu" band, briefly
  - 94 Loose around the edges
  - 95 Peak in Genesis
  - 96 They have thick skins
  - 97 Good supply
  - 98 Outcast
  - 100 Make blank
  - 104 Legendary humanoid
  - 105 Shapeless mass
  - 106 Hacienda room
  - 108 Mil. program discontinued in 1976
  - 110 Head, in slang



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



# Cuisine

## Only March lamb is in this Shepherd's Pie

"In like a lion, out like a..."

Oh, shut up, March and go home. You're drunk. Usually one to moderately mock people who

publicly and regularly bemoan the winter season, I am now ready to raise my pitchfork to Mother Nature and demand summer! Of course, I do remember past springs when we were shoveling driveways in the waning days of the month, but with our brutal cold snaps, one of which blessed me with a busted water pipe at the restaurant, I've had just about enough.



By Paul Suplee,  
MBA, CEC, PC-3

Of course, it hasn't stopped me from taking the boat out, with three trips so far (with one a couple miles offshore and another just outside the snotty Inlet on an outgoing tide just to see how my little boat would handle. Apparently, she can catch some air quite readily, so at least I know she's seaworthy for a little thing).

But at the end of the day, it just doesn't feel like the weather has broken. Even as I type this, it feels a solid 20 degrees colder than it should be. And yet, the peach tree in front of the restaurant is blooming wildly this year, testament to the fact that seasons change, blossoms bring fruit and fruit brings a touch of sweetness into our lives.

Growing up in a family that frequented the Skyline Drive for vacation on a shoestring budget, we picked our fair share of wild berries to use in everything from pancakes to the famous Pillsbury biscuit donuts. Mom would make a fruit compote (pretty sure she didn't call it that, but that's what it was) and we would all bask in the deliciously sweet & crunchy, deep-fried morsels smothered in the runny mess.

Simply reminiscing on these memories brings a broad smile to my tired and ragged face. Oh, the halcyon days of youth, during which I would march around wishing the wisdom of age on me. Now in my 50s, however, I align with George Bernard Shaw in one area, and that is certainly not in prose. I am an occasional hack who uses this platform more as therapy and entertainment, than to actually affect change in humanity. No, I merely feel his pain when he quipped that youth is wasted on the young. If only I could go back 40 years, I would ruin my life in very different and possibly more entertaining ways.

So once again: In like a lion, out like a lamb. We usually see a bit of respite, and while Saturday was certainly a gloriously wondrous day, Sunday was a miserable, gloomy and chilly moment in time. It was a cruel joke, Mother Nature, you are mean-spirited.

Where was the lamb, I wanted to know? Speaking my mind aloud, I was met with "in the Shepherd's Pie." I chortled. That's exactly where it is; it certainly is not in the air, or at least not quite yet.

Yes, my girlfriend's joke was a nice reset button for my little brain on a busy night, and I got back to work.

What an amazingly simple and delicious dish; warming, filling, hearty and quite divine if you take



the time to make it correctly. Follow each step and don't rush it. Slow and steady wins the race with this one. Topped with a heap of mashers, you can't go wrong on those frigid days of spring. Ha! The frigid days of spring.

Come on summer, you can do it!

### Shepherd's Pie

serves 6

1/2 pound Hot Italian sausage, crumbled  
1/2 pound Good ground beef  
1/2 pound Ground lamb  
3 cloves fresh garlic, minced  
1/2 med. White onion, minced  
1/2 cup AP Flour  
1 rib celery, peeled and minced  
1/2 pound mixed vegetables (carrots, peas, beans and corn)  
1 quart Good quality beef stock  
2 cups Good quality chicken stock  
Salt & Pepper to taste  
6 cups Mashed potatoes (recipe follows)  
Shredded cheddar blend (as needed)

1. Cook the sausage, beef and lamb until well-combined and cooked through
2. Add garlic and white onion and cook for about 4 minutes
3. Add flour and cook for about five minutes
4. Add celery and vegetables and cook until hot
5. Slowly add stock and cook until thickened. If you have to thicken it a little bit more, make a simple roux and add it in stages

6. When the filling is done, simply fill six ceramic crocks with them, leaving it about one-inch from the top

7. Add the mashed potatoes (either pipe them on or scoop them on and smooth it out)

8. Sprinkle with some cheese and melt in a broiler or bake until the cheese and potatoes just barely start to brown

9. Serve with garlic bread and enjoy the warmth from the ultimate comfort food

### Mashed Potatoes

makes about 2 quarts

2 pounds Russet potatoes, peeled and quartered  
1 stick unsalted butter  
1/2 cup Half & half or milk  
Salt & Pepper to taste

1. Place the potatoes in lightly-salted water and bring to slow boil, turning down to a simmer and cook until they are quite tender

2. Strain and spread out on a sheet pan for just a couple minutes to steam out. This will give you nice, fluffy mashers

3. Place the potatoes and other ingredients in a stand mixer and use the whip attachment to make them nice and smooth

4. Adjust seasoning and set aside until ready to use

— 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).

# Calendar

Submit calendar items to: [editor@oceancitytoday.net](mailto:editor@oceancitytoday.net). Submission deadline is 5 p.m. Monday, the week of publication. Local submissions have priority. Area event listings are subject to space availability.

## Thurs., April 4

### PLAY TIME

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 AM. Children, infant to 5 years old, learn the meaning of words, how to express themselves and other early literacy skills by playing with educational toys. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### STORY TIME 'HEALTHY EATING'

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

### WOMEN'S CLUB'S FASHION SHOW

Bayside Skillet, 7701 Coastal Highway, 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM. For \$35 enjoy a lunch, fashions by Chico's of West Ocean City and raffles. Price includes soda, coffee, tea, a dessert, tax and gratuities. Reservations: Kay Hickman, 410-600-0552, [soonerkay@gmail.com](mailto:soonerkay@gmail.com) no later than March 29. There are three choices for entries. Proceeds benefit the Women's Club of Ocean Pines.

### FREE SCREENING OF 'EATING ANIMALS'

The Globe, 12 Broad St., 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Featuring a Telluride International Film Festival 2017 Selected Film and Sundance Selects film, presented with the Lower Eastern Shore Engagement Network (LESEN). A meet and greet, with film stars Craig Watts, Rick Dove and Larry Baldwin, will take place from 6-6:30 p.m. The screening begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by dessert, coffee and film discussion at 8 p.m. The Globe is donating a portion of the evening's dining receipts to LESEN, so join the group for dinner from 4:30-6 p.m.

### BEACH SINGLES

*Thursdays* - Ropewalk Restaurant, 8203 Coastal Highway, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577 or Kate, 410-524-0649. [BeachSingles.org](http://www.BeachSingles.org), <http://www.BeachSingles.org>

### GRIEF SUPPORT

*Thursdays* - Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 11:00 AM. 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., April 5

### FIBER FRIENDS

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

### LEARN TO PLAY MAHJONG

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. Experienced players will teach the basics of Mahjong in a two-session course, April 5 and 12. Current and beginner players welcome. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### STEM FOR HOMESCHOOLERS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. Special STEM program for homeschoolers, ages 5-12 years. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### FIRST FRIDAY

Lower Shore Land Trust office, 100 River Street, 4:30 PM. An evening for fun with hands-on crafts, exhibits and Cascading Carlos. Visitors, of all ages, are invited to make their own Monarch Seed Ball and hang around for some plant giveaways. Drinks and light refreshments available. Free event. First Friday offers around Snow Hill include light refreshments, wine tastings, local musicians, street vendors and more.

### FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION

OC 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. <http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org>

## Sat., April 6

### REACH THE BEACH NATIONALS: OC - DANCE

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM. National dance competition hosted by American Cheer & Dance Academy - EPIC Brands. Cost is \$23 for adults and \$16 for children and seniors. Info: [www.acdaspirit.com](http://www.acdaspirit.com) or [www.theepicbrands.com](http://www.theepicbrands.com). 877-322-2310

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### 22ND ANNUAL TORTOISE & HARE DARE 5K WALK/RUN

Pocomoke River State Park - Shad Landing, 3461 Worcester Highway, 9:00 AM. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Manokin Pavilion, adjacent to Shad Landing Marina. The first 100 runners/walkers to check in will receive a commemorative T-shirt. Free and open to the public. Pet friendly event. There will also be health and community exhibits. Register: [WorcesterHealth.org](http://WorcesterHealth.org) or 410-632-0056. Rain date is April 13.

### CRAFTY SATURDAY MAKE & TAKE 'KINDNESS'

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Drop-in and show off your creativity. For all ages. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### FREE TAX PREPARATION

Ocean City Senior Center, 104 41st St., 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM. Call for an appointment: 443-373-2667. The service is open to all ages and non AARP members.

### 10TH ANNUAL EARTH DAY CLEANUP

City Hall, Gazebo, 301 Baltimore Ave., 10:00 AM. Garbage bags, gloves and a commemorative T-shirt are provided (while supplies last). Volunteers are encouraged to pre-register to allow for an accurate number of supplies and assignments. Register: [sandis@mdcoastalbays.org](mailto:sandis@mdcoastalbays.org) or 410-213-2297, Ext. 106. Registration will also be taken on the day of the event. A clean-up area will be assigned at registration.

### FIRST SATURDAY WRITERS

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:00 AM. Novice and established writers gather to share their writing projects. Structure includes critiques and appreciation, market leads and writing exercises. Drop-in welcome. This month's theme (optional) is shower. Jean Marx, 443-880-0045, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### PITCH, HIT AND RUN

Newtown Park, 2001 Groton Road, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. A one-day skills competition that is open to boys and girls, ages 7-14 at fields 4 and 6 at the park. Participants may stop in at any

time for their skills assessments on pitching, hitting and running. The assessment takes about 5 minutes. Winners of the event will move on to sectionals, with hopes to move on to partake at the big league bar park. Pre-registration is recommended: [www.pitchhitrun.com](http://www.pitchhitrun.com). Jacob Stephens, [jstephens@co.worcester.md.us](mailto:jstephens@co.worcester.md.us), 410-632-2144, Ext. 2506, <http://www.worcesterrecandparks.org>

### ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN BUFFET

Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, 36536 Mount Pleasant Road, 11:00 AM. Menu includes chicken, vegetables, beverages and desserts. Cost is \$14 for adults, \$7 for children and free to those 5 and younger. Bake table and carry outs available. Nelda Dennis, 443-614-9898

### SATURDAY STORY TIME

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 11:00 AM. Featuring books, singing, dancing and fun for all ages. Stay to do the Saturday Make & Take craft afterwards. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### GROW A GARDEN

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 11:30 AM. Learn about gardening. Soil, seeds and pots to decorate will be available. For kids of all ages. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### SPRING QUARTER AUCTION

Ocean Pines Yacht Club, 1 Mumford's Landing Road, 5:00 PM. Featuring Big Ticket Boards, 50/50, Chinese auction, food and beverages. Tickets cost \$5 in advance or \$8 at the door. Tickets available at the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department South Station and on Saturdays at the Ocean Pines Farmers Market. [opvfd@mchsi.com](mailto:opvfd@mchsi.com), 410-641-8272, <http://www.opvfd.com>

## Sun., April 7

### LPGA AMATEUR GOLF EVENT DEADLINE

Bear Trap Dunes, 7 Club House Drive, 12:00 AM. The LPGA Amateur Golf Association Eastern Shore will hold it 2019 Kick Off Event on April 14 at 11 a.m. Includes a buffet lunch and 9-holes off golf for a golf clinic and prizes. All ladies are welcome. Pre-registration is required: [www.lpgaamateurseshore.com](http://www.lpgaamateurseshore.com) by April 7. Info: [MemberRecruitLPGAAmateursEASH@gmail.com](mailto:MemberRecruitLPGAAmateursEASH@gmail.com).

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### CHURCH GRAND OPENING

Coastal Community Church, 10900 Ocean Gateway, 8:30 AM. Services held 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Formerly known as Ocean City Worship Center, the church announces the grand opening of their new facility. As part of the celebration, the church will feature special music from the children, contemporary worship and a biblical message. The public is invited. 410-641-3325, <http://www.coastalcc.org>

### OCEAN CITY BRIDAL SHOW

Seacrets, 117 49th St., 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM. Featuring lively music, entertainment and runway fashion show by Sandals Bridal of Ocean City at 2:45 p.m. DJ Ed Zarubo will be showcasing the newest dance crazes. In addition to free samples from vendors, food and cocktails are available for purchase. Brides will get to meet up to 30 vendors and win prizes including a free Caribbean Cruise for two. Tickets cost \$10 and are available at the door or in advance at [www.roxbeachweddings.com](http://www.roxbeachweddings.com).

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Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Call for an appointment: 443-373-2667. The service is open to all ages and non AARP members.

### HOMESCHOOL BOOKCLUB

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 1:30 PM. Homeschools, ages 8-12 years, are invited to this monthly book club. Call or come in to reserve a copy of

the book. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### WRITING FOR WELLNESS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30 PM. This group uses exercises to stimulate the process for creative expression. No prior writing experience needed. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### THE MOBILE MENTOR

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. The Mobile Mentor provides one-on-one assistance to those who want to make the most of their tablet or mobile device. Learn how to explore digital library resources such as books, magazines, audiobooks, music, movies and TV. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### STEAM PM 'ART BOTS'

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 3:45 PM. Build a simple robot that draws with markers. Engineering and art fun for children 5 years and older. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### FAMILY TIME 'STEM EXPLORATIONS'

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 4:00 PM - 6:00 P., Explore STEM stations at this unstructured, drop-in program. For all ages. <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 Hearing Health, presented by Dr. Rachel Pomycala, Au.D. of Chesapeake Hearing Centers. Reservations are requested but not required. Michelle, 410-641-9268, <http://www.atlanticgeneral.org/MedicalMonday>

### BERLIN COMMUNITY MEETING

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Join the group to help continue their fight to prevent the building of a 126-unit apartment complex being proposed. This could mean an influx of 400-500 people in these 3-story buildings.

### 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., April 9

### NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway. Special crafts, activities and prizes all week, April 7-12. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Learn more about the services the library offers. Informal sessions discussing library resources including eBooks, databases and the library catalog. Coffee and donuts provided. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### PLAY TIME

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 AM. Children learn the meaning of words, how to express themselves and other early literacy skills by playing with educational toys. For infant to 5 year old children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### POT LUCK CIVILITY CIRCLE DISCUSSION

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 1:00 PM. The group will identify local needs and discuss how to encourage civility and improve the community. Bring a dish. RSVP: 410-524-1818. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### UPCYCLE CLOTHING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. Gather up your shirts and get ready to make something old ... new again. Bring two or more garments to class. Register: 410-208-4014. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### FAMILY TIME MOVIE 'HOP'

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. The movie will begin at 4:30 p.m. Before, during and after the movie enjoy crafts and activities related to the movie. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### 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.delmarvaparkinsonsalliance.org>

### MYSTERY IN THE LIBRARY PARTY

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 6:00 PM. Solve the mystery and have some fun with your friends while doing some sleuthing. Party size is limited to 12 participants ages 10 and older. Register: 410-632-3495. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### 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. No registration or enrollment obligation necessary. Carole Spurrier, 410-208-4003, or [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 educa-

tional group promoting weight loss and health lifestyle. [jeanduck47@gmail.com](mailto:jeanduck47@gmail.com)

## Wed., April 10

### NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway. Special crafts, activities and prizes all week, April 7-12. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### WITTY KNITTERS

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Knitters, crochet enthusiasts and needle artists of all skill levels are encouraged to join this casual morning of sharing. Work on your favorite patterns and exchange ideas. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### CANCER SCREENING GUIDELINES

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:00 AM. A representative from Atlantic General Hospital will discuss the latest recommendations for cancer screenings, where they can be done locally and free resources for patients with financial barriers. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### STORY TIME 'FEELINGS'

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

### COZY LAP QUILTS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. A four-week initiative held March 20 through April 10. Make lap quilts to deliver to those living in local nursing homes. Bring a sewing machine if you have one. All fabric and materials will be provided. Attend as many as possible. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### OCEAN CITY BOOK OF THE MONTH

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. This month's selection is Convenience Store Woman by Sayaka Murata. To obtain a copy of the book, call 410-524-1818. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### PUFFY CLOUDS AND FLOWERS

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 3:30 PM. Use paper to make and decorate this three-dimensional craft. Suitable for all ages. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OP/OC

*Wednesdays* - Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 AM. Doors open at 7 a.m., meeting begins at 8 a.m. 410-641-7330, <http://www.kiwanisofopoc.org>

### 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. Members and their guests welcome. [dance@delmarvahanddancing.com](mailto:dance@delmarvahanddancing.com), 410-208-1151, <http://delmarvahanddancing.com>

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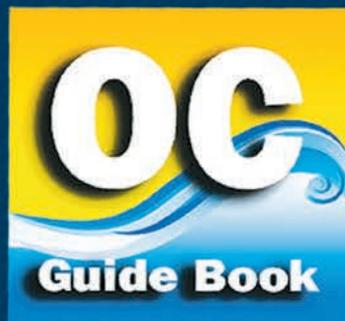
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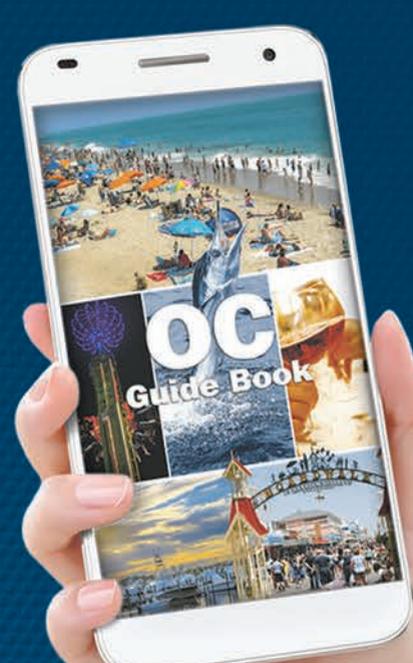
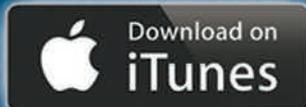
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Sat. & Sun. 11-2pm	Muirfield Lane., River Run	3-4BR/2-3.5BA	Single Family	\$399,900-\$479,900	Ed Wehnert/Coldwell Banker
Thurs-Mon 10-4pm	9800 Mooring View Lane, Unit 32, OC	3BR/2.5BA	Duplex/Townhouse	From \$299,900	Kathleen Clark/Monogram Realty
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