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WHAT'S UP DOCK

Land lovers and water enthusiasts take in the view while soaking up the sun on a decidedly breezy, nearly autumn-like Sunday by the marina at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club.

New directors get run-down on finances

Building reserve fund will come up for discussion

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 29, 2019) Detailed explanations of financials, budget processes and long-term fiscal goals were presented to newly elected Ocean Pines Association Board of Director members Tom Janasek, Larry Perrone and Camilla Rogers as part of an informational session Monday at the Beach Club on 49th Street in Ocean City.

OPA General Manager John Viola told the board newcomers that monthly financial statements are broken down by department with current numbers stacked up against the prior year figures.

Viola said doing thorough monthly reports helps make compiling OPA annual financial report much easier.

"It's pretty much exactly what was reported each month," he said.

Director of Finance Steve Phillips said monthly financial balance sheets are posted to the OPA website after

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Another grant enables town to pursue wetland project

Money from Coastal Bays eliminates need to borrow from Berlin's water fund

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Aug. 29, 2019) A submerged gravel wetland project designed to reduce flooding on Graham Avenue took a step forward Monday evening after The Town of Berlin secured additional funding from the Maryland Coastal Bays Program.

The Town Council unanimously agreed to proceed with the project, after Frank Piorko, of the Maryland

Coastal Bays Program, offered \$54,500 via the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

The town already received a \$75,000 grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust for the project, and "the town committed \$40,000 in stormwater funds as a match, bringing the total budget to \$115,000," according to a staff report.

The project was also approved in the fiscal year 2020 adopted budget, according to the staff report. That amount, however, turned out to be less than needed.

Darl Kolar, an environmental con-

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OPA GM John Viola reviews financials with Director of Finance Steve Phillips, right, on hand during a meeting held for new board of director members, Monday at the Beach Club in Ocean City.



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OP, state, county discuss drainage

Plans formulated following meeting last week will be presented to board, Sat.

(Aug. 29, 2019) A plan to address some of Ocean Pines' drainage difficulties will be presented to the board of directors Saturday by Operations Director Colby Phillips, who, along with Public Works Director Eddie Wells and Public Works Operations Manager Nobie Violante, has been assessing the situation for the past several months.

"We know we can't alleviate every drainage issue," Phillips said last week, "but we're going to do everything we can to improve it."

In addition to the fact-finding by the operations team, association officials met with county and state offi-

cialists last Friday to discuss possible solutions to the perennial problem.

Phillips said the new plan will involve educational components, creation and implementation of a ditch maintenance list, and replacement of failing pipes in the community.

She, Wells and Violante also developed a longer-term plan to address major drainage problems over several phases, she said. Phase one, scheduled to start in fiscal year 2020-2021, would include replacing four large pipes each in the Pinehurst and Sandyhook areas, and replacing two pipes in Beacon Hill.

Also a possibility during this phase are pipe replacements at the inlet and outlet of Bainbridge pond, and building a weir at the pond's outfall and a larger berm around the Beacon Hill side.

Phillips said plans for additional phases are being developed, although their implementation will depend on their costs and the workforce needed.

Presently, Public Works has three employees assigned to clean drainage ditches, although the association has begun hiring outside contractors to help with the larger ones

Phillips said the project team had reviewed every Ocean Pines drainage study conducted since 1997, and has consulted the local engineering firm, Vista Design Inc.

"Drainage isn't a problem we can solve overnight, but we do have a plan and we are working hard to find solutions," Phillips said.

Also attending the Friday meeting were Association Vice President Steve Tuttle, Justin Riner of Ocean Pines

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Solutions sought for water retention with long-term proposals

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Public Works, county Natural Resources Administrator Jenelle Gerthoffer, Robert Shockley of county stormwater management, county Deputy Director of Environmental Programs David Bradford, county Director of Environmental Programs Bob Mitchell, Tracey Gordy and Keith Lackie from the Maryland Department of Planning, County Commissioner Chip Bertino, and Pat Schrawder, of Sen. Mary Beth Carozza's office.



Ocean Pines, county and state officials on Friday discuss the community's drainage problems during a meeting at the Public Works building.

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Improper recycling costly for environment and residents

By Elizabeth Bonin
Staff Writer

(Aug. 29, 2019) Improper recycling in Worcester County is harming the environment and increasing the cost of recycling, Anthony Spirito, division manager for refuse hauler Republic Services said in response to questions regarding glass recycling in Ocean Pines.

Spirito said company personnel frequently find non-recyclable items in recycling bins, such as plastic bags and yard waste, which includes tree limbs and grass clippings. Spirito said recyclables must be cleaned if they once contained any sort of liquid or food.

“You could have clean cardboard that’s getting stained and contaminated,” Spirito said.

When materials are contaminated, they can no longer be properly recycled. Though the old saying was “When in doubt, recycle,” Spirito said the new saying is “When in doubt, throw it out” to avoid possible contamination.

Contaminated materials and misplaced non-recyclables must be separated and hauled to a landfill. This drives up the cost of recycling.

Republic is running a program called Recycling Simplified. According to Spirito, the program calls for only recycling clean cardboard, paper, clean colored plastics, household plastics and alu-

minum containers. Household plastics include Tide bottles and soda bottles.

Confusion over glass recycling arose last Tuesday when Commissioner Chip Bertino mentioned that Ocean Pines residents were confused on whether to recycle glass. Bertino said he supports the Keep Worcester Clean campaign and that Ocean Pines would do “anything we can do to lessen confusion. It created a real dust-up for five or six days.”

According to Spirito, Republic continues to accept recyclables from Ocean Pines residents, but said the glass eventually ends up at a landfill.

“At this point in time, there is no market for broken glass recycling,” Spirito said.

Spirito said that the glass in residential recycling containers always breaks when it hits the truck. If it were to be recycled, the shards would have to be separated between colored and clear. It is then melted and reprocessed.

However, shards of glass make this a laborious task. Instead, the glass is separated from the other recyclables and transported to a landfill center. Because of the cost, Spirito said it makes more sense to simply throw glass away with other non-recyclable materials. He confirmed that intact glass can be recycled at Public Works located at 1 Firehouse

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Ocean Pines residents can recycle intact glass at Public Works located at 1 Firehouse Lane near south station fire department.

Recycling affected by trade war

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Lane near south station fire department.

Spirito said that the trade war with China is also driving up the cost, as China used to be the primary purchaser of American recycled material. Since it is no longer buying, the U.S. is selling to other countries, such as countries in southeast Asia. According to Spirito, these countries have a higher standard for recycled materials, so recycling services are not making up for losing China as a buyer.

A year and a half ago, Spirito said, it cost \$30 a ton to recycle material. Though he couldn't say exactly how much it costs per ton today, he did say that it has increased and could continue to rise. The cost typically fluctuates between \$80-120.

Ocean Pines has a three-year contract with Republic. Residents can pay a quarterly \$60.81 fee for single-stream recycling with a three percent increase to account for inflation and employee benefits every year.

Though an increase cost per ton to recycle doesn't currently affect resident fees, Spirito said it could in the future. He thinks that re-educating people on recycling can help turn the situation around.

"We still want to be able to do the right thing and recycle," Spirito said. "We just got to get smarter with it."

In contrast to Ocean Pines, Berlin does not have single-stream recycling pick-up for residents. Residents must separate their own recyclables: glass, plastic (no bags), aluminum, tin cans, paper and cardboard.

Berlin also does not provide recycling containers. There is no recycling fee for residents.

Jeff Fleetwood, managing director of Berlin, said he sees items in recycling bins that cannot be recycled, particularly construction materials, such as lumber and shingles.

He said if a household has a significant amount of recycling material, there is a single-stream bin next to Heron Park.

"It cuts down on the amount of waste that's dumped into cells in the landfill," Fleetwood said.

To save money, Ocean City dropped its recycling program nearly 10 years ago. Instead, almost 90 percent of Ocean City's waste is sent to the Energy Resource Recovery facility, owned and operated by Covanta, located in Chester, Pennsylvania.

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Fresh OPA Board members get HOA legalities overview

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 29, 2019) Looking to hit the ground running, newly elected Ocean Pines Association Board of Director members Tom Janasek, Larry Perrone and Camilla Rogers attended an hours-long informational session at the Beach Club on 49th Street in Ocean City on Monday.

OPA legal counsel Jeremy Tucker opened the session with a crash course in homeowner association guidelines and OPA-specific governing documents.

Tucker said the OPA was legally established through covenants, which include automatic membership in the association when property is purchased and an obligation to pay annual assessment fees.

Although people in arrears on assessment payments may plead ignorance regarding their financial



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OPA legal counsel Jeremy Tucker, right, reviews guidelines for home owner associations while, from right, OPA Vice President Steve Tuttle, Board of Director members Tom Janasek, Larry Perrone, Camilla Rogers and OPA President Doug Parks focus on the presentation during an informational session at the Beach Club on 49th Street in Ocean City on Monday.

obligations, Tucker said those claims lack legal merit.

"I think most people buy into Ocean Pines knowing the benefits," he said.

The OPA Board of Directors oversees covenant enforcement, most notably related to individual property

maintenance issues or violations of use restrictions, Tucker said.

"We, as the board, cannot change covenants," he told the new directors, adding that changes to governing documents require a majority vote of property owners.

Ocean Pines is a common interest community, he said, and is organized through its Declaration of Restrictions, underneath which comes the OPA Charter, followed by bylaws that are further delineated by rules and restrictions.

To qualify for tax-exempt status, Tucker said the OPA is designated a 501C4, which mandates common areas and facilities are open to the general public.

Tucker said the OPA is regulated by federal, state and county codes, which for the former includes meeting requirements for the Americans With Disabilities Act and the Fair Housing Amendments Act.

The federal legalities often involve limiting an HOA's ability to restrict architectural modifications requested by a resident with disabilities.

"We have to allow modifications or accommodations to our rules," he said.

Tucker said if a property owner, in light of a physical disability, required a lift or ramp to gain access to his or her residence, the OPA would have to grant the request.

"The premise under the FHA Act is equal use," he said. "Everybody gets equal use regardless of their disability."

At the state level, Tucker said Maryland HOA law restricts the ability to prohibit placement of solar panels on an individual property.

"We can adopt reasonable rules regarding placement," he said.

For example, Tucker said, an HOA could limit placement to a back yard

or other designated yard area if the rules did not interfere with solar collection.

Although the board of directors is granted overall control of the OPA, Tucker said the general manager's position has hands-on management duties.

"The bylaws specifically delegate the general manager a significant amount of authority," he said.

Tucker said the intent of outlining specific duties and powers for the general manager is to avoid micro-management by board members.

"Each side has its own responsibilities," he said.

In answer to questions regarding the merits of maintaining the OPA's tax-exempt status, Tucker said while abandoning the course would allow restricting non-resident membership, the cost could be substantial.

"The money that we make from the restaurant is tax exempt and you would lose, potentially, all that revenue from the outside memberships," he said

Worse still, Tucker said budget ledgers would be tilted far askew, likely requiring less-than-palatable alternatives.

"The net effect ... your assessments would skyrocket," he said.

Without the 501C4 qualifications, Tucker said only homeowner assessments would remain tax exempt.

"There's a number where it might make sense [but] if you limit who comes in, at what point do you start losing significant money and your operating costs are still the same?" he said.

Janasek estimated nonresident pool usage is in the single-digit percentiles, while noting that dropping the tax-exempt status would permit restricting their presence from further

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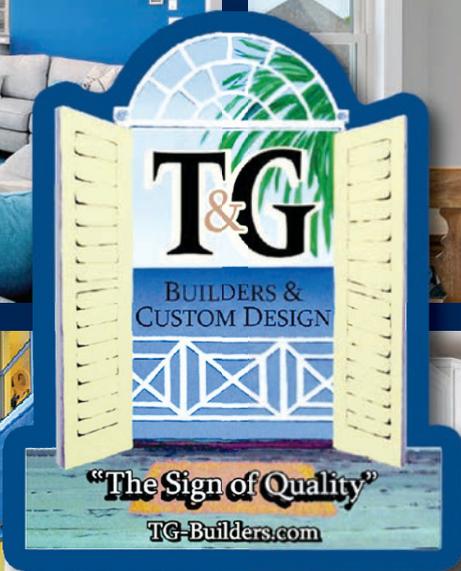
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Heron Park clean-up racks up additional \$30K invoices

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Aug. 29, 2019) The saga of the caustic chemical clean-up at Heron Park continued Monday evening after the Berlin Town Council unanimously agreed to authorize two more payments totaling \$30,453.50.

“This is an ongoing clean-up that we expect to be completed by the end of this week,” Berlin’s Mayor Gee Williams said.

So far, the town has spent \$164,918.56 on the problem at Heron Park, formerly known as Berlin Falls Park, according to invoices from Chesapeake Environmental Services.

The company is managing the disposal of an undetermined amount of sodium hydroxide 50 percent (caustic soda or lye), which has industrial applications.

An Aug. 9 invoice for \$29,963 to the town listed services to “provide equipment and labor to transport soil

contaminated with caustic to the landfill for disposal.”

The work for this task started on Aug. 5 and took four days to complete.

An Aug. 2 bill to the town cost \$490.50 for crews to “pick up all three poly storage containers and bring back to the Connelly Mill Facility” in Delmar, Maryland.

The council previously approved a series of payments to Chesapeake Environmental Services following the incident at the town-owned park on Old Ocean City Boulevard.

In addition to the most recent payments, an invoice for \$107,524.83 was approved during a July 22 meeting, and the council authorized funds for two other invoices, \$24,809.23 and \$2,131, during an Aug. 12 meeting.

Berlin officials said they learned of the incident around 11:45 a.m. on

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overcrowding the aquatic facilities.

While the IRS does permit HOAs to charge slightly different rates for non-residents, Tucker said there are limits.

“It cannot be something that can be seen as a deterrent by the IRS,” he said.

Future fees adjustments could be examined in more detail, Tucker said.

OPA President Doug Parks said while the issue is worthy of discussion, the percentages for user groups would have to be established first.

Tucker said the OPA Code of Ethics is more restrictive than state laws regarding board members’ potential conflicts of interest.

The general rule under Maryland law is a contract is not voidable due to a conflict of interest if the involved party does not cast the deciding vote.

“Directors should be able to take

advantage of their connections, as long as it’s disclosed,” he said.

Despite the legal wiggle room provided at the state level, Tucker said the OPA rules prohibit a board member from making a recommendation if he or she has a material interest.

“This is to eliminate any appearance of favoritism,” he said. “If there is a conflict of interest, you cannot participate in the conversation, unless recommending not using.”

Tucker said the OPA Directors Code of Ethics also includes a provision that prohibits board members from directing association employees unless agreed to by the entire governing body.

This is meant to prevent employee confusion by having various managers and officers giving different directions.

“There’s a difference in calling to notify and calling to instruct,” he said.

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Berlin Falls Park remains temporarily closed following a chemical spill earlier this summer at the site on Old Ocean City Boulevard in Berlin. The Town Council approved two more invoices totaling more than \$31,000 during a meeting Monday evening.

Mayor: town to receive final bill

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June 26 after a Facebook post began circulating about the spill, according to Berlin's Managing Director Jeff Fleetwood.

Town staff then proceeded to contact the town's consulting firm, EA Engineering, Science and Technology Inc., Chesapeake Environmental Services and the Maryland Department of the Environment

The spill was located "adjacent to two ponds," according to a statement from Williams. He said tests were done and "no chemicals were found" in the ponds.

Williams added that a chain link fence, silt fencing and an absorbent buffer were installed around the spill site following the chemical removal.

After the initial clean-up, Berlin's Town Administrator Laura Allen said "we received clearance from the fire marshal to have the fireworks" on

July 3 at the site on Old Ocean City Boulevard.

However, Allen said additional conversations between Chesapeake Environmental Services and the Worcester County Fire Marshal's Office last month prompted the closure. She anticipated the park would be shut down for about two-to-three weeks, although the park remains closed more than one-month-later.

Williams said the Town of Berlin is expecting a final invoice for about \$11,000 on Thursday for additional work at the site.

It remains unclear how the spill happened or when the park will re-open. As for the cause, Williams didn't say much about it during an Aug. 12 meeting.

"We're very restricted in what we can say because of potential legal issues," Williams said earlier this month.

Wags & Wine fundraiser for Wor., Wic. humane societies

(Aug. 29, 2019) Windmill Creek Vineyard and Winery presents the first Wags & Wine event benefiting the Worcester and Wicomico County humane societies, on Saturday, Aug. 31 from 4-7 p.m.

Attendees should bring their furry friend, while they shop local vendors for pet products and services, and sip on some Windmill Creek wine.

There will be live music, a "Smooch Your Pooch" photo booth, wine and food available for purchase as well as snowballs from The Snowball Stand.

Guests are encouraged to bring their friendly, leashed dogs, but pets

are not required.

Many dogs and cats from Worcester and Wicomico County humane societies will be available for adoption.

The first 100 people to adopt a pet or make a qualifying donation to the shelters will receive a matching event T-shirt and doggie bandanna.

Windmill Creek Vineyard and Winery is located at 11206 Worcester Hwy. in Berlin.

For more information, contact Tina Walas, Worcester County Humane Society PR coordinator, at walastina@gmail.com.



On behalf of the Berlin Police Department, we would like to thank everyone who participated in the Twenty Sixth Annual Golf Tournament. All of the proceeds from this event go to the crime prevention fund, which supports activities that include sponsored holiday events, little league baseball teams and youth football, the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, the Greater Berlin Minority Scholarships Fund, Worcester County Youth and Family Counseling Services, and a host of other organizations in an effort to encourage community partnerships.

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Frank Piorko, of the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, addresses Berlin's Mayor and Council during a meeting Monday evening to present \$54,500 in additional grant funding through the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for the continuation of the Graham Avenue Submerged Gravel Wetland project on town-owned property. Elected officials unanimously approved the grant allocation and construction for the project.

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Coastal Bays grant saves project

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sultant from E.A. Engineering, Science, and Technology Inc., said the main objective of the submerged gravel wetland project would be to reduce flooding along Grant Avenue, treat stormwater runoff and to reduce runoff pollution.

He previously addressed Berlin's mayor and council on June 24 about two bids that came back much higher than expected. Of the two, Goody Hill Groundwork Inc. was the low bid at \$157,000 as compared to Barker's Landing's offer at \$299,580 to do the project.

Kolar previously recommended accepting a re-priced bid from Goody Hill Groundwork for \$105,000. However, it did not include "measured pay items,"

according to the bid report. If no other grant opportunities became available, the town would have needed to transfer roughly \$37,500 from the town's water utility fund to the stormwater fund.

This prompted concern from Councilman Zack Tyndall and residents. Council members Thom Gulyas, Troy Purnell and Tyndall then formed the majority to reject the project in a 1-3 vote.

During the meeting Monday evening, Gulyas asked Berlin's Financial Director Natalie Saleh about the potential funding consequences associated with rejecting the proposal.

"Well, we [could] potentially lose the grant that allocated \$75[,000] in August and \$54,500 that is needed from

DNR," Saleh said. "So the project would come to a full stop."

Gulyas also asked how it could affect the town's changes of receiving grant funding in the future, and Saleh did not appear optimistic.

"I see [that] as a definite yes," she said.

Councilman Zack Tyndall moved to accept the \$54,500 grant funding from the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, and to award the construction project to Goody Hill Groundwork, Inc. for \$105,000.

The project is expected to finish by Dec. 30, 2019, according to the memorandum of understanding between the Town of Berlin and the Maryland Coastal Bays Program.

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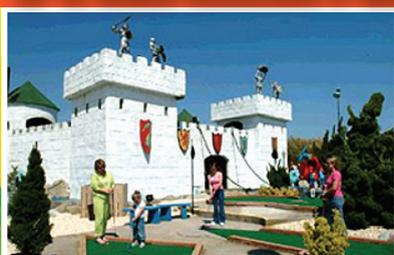
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Berlin town clerk gets municipal certification

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Aug. 29, 2019) Kelsey Jensen blazed her own trail to become not just Berlin's town clerk, but a certified municipal clerk with the credentials to back it up.

Jensen, 30, of Ocean Pines, came to Worcester County nearly nine years ago after graduating from Frostburg University in 2011 with a degree in social work. She began working as a courtroom clerk for the Circuit Court of Worcester County, and later received a master's degree in business from the University of Maryland University College in 2018.

Three years ago, Jensen saw an opening for a position with the Town of Berlin, and started doing administrative work. But after expressing an interest, Jensen began her training to receive certification to become a municipal clerk.

Jensen said it typically takes three years to get certified, but she was able to do it in about two years because of her education and court experience. Throughout her training, she attended clerks institutes and conferences in order to receive the 50 experience points and 60 education points needed to complete the certification.

As a town clerk, Jensen said she sees

herself as a "behind-the-scenes person." She is responsible for several duties including working with public records, ordinances and administrative support.

"Basically we are preserving the history of the town when we manage our records properly, and training for that is necessary," she said.

She also emphasized the need to "keep us in compliance with Public Information Act [and] Open Meetings Act."

Jensen said accuracy and transparency are key when it comes to taking meeting minutes.

"We try to keep action minutes, not word for word, but it is also important to have some information around the action so in 100 years if someone looks back and wonders why something is in place, we have a little information around it," Jensen said.

The job is not without its challenges, Jensen said, one of which was the recent agreement annexing roughly seven acres near the intersection of Route 50 and North Main Street for a proposed gas station and convenience store. Shortly after it was approved, resident Jeff Smith launched a petition for a referendum.

"So, not only was it the first annexation I've seen, but it was the first petition to an annexation," she said.

Jensen belongs to the Maryland Municipal Clerks Association, which meets



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Berlin's Town Clerk Kelsey Jensen sits at her desk in Town Hall on William Street and displays her certified municipal clerk certificate.

quarterly, and serves as a source from which its members can get advice should some unfamiliar situation arise.

"It's just nice that you don't have to reinvent the wheel every time," she said.

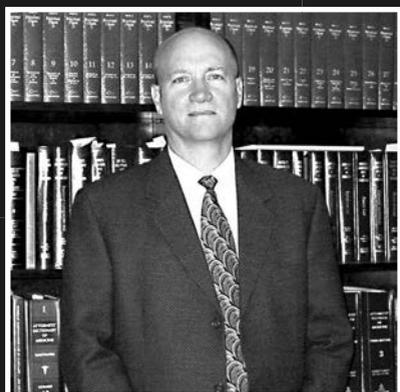
With the association's guidance, Jensen worked to implement a system for public comment at Town Council meetings when the need arose earlier this year during the fiscal year 2020 budget process.

"I think that's when we were getting a lot of questions," she said. "People weren't sure when they could speak up during the meetings and express their opinions."

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Aquatics mulls upcoming projects

Committee reviews number of potential upgrades, plus raising non-resident rates

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 29, 2019) Although hot, humid weather urging people to seek relief in the water is winding down, the Ocean Pines Aquatics Committee this week discussed potential projects at the Sports Core Pool and Mumford's Landing Pool.

Committee Chairwoman Kathy Grimes went into new business matters during the meeting on Monday by receiving an update on work to replace pool decking and parking lot improvements at the Sports Core complex.

Ocean Pines Operations Manager Colby Phillips said parking lot striping would begin in the next few days contingent on weather conditions.

"We gained a few more spots," she said.

Phillips also noted a new drainage pipe was installed at the location.

By next week, Phillips anticipates the Sports Core Pool will be reopened after installation of new flooring is completed.

Although draining the Sports Core Pool is usually done after Labor Day, Phillips said next year the procedure will be completed on a weekday before Labor Day.

"Staff-wise, closing the week before Labor Day makes sense," she said. "We know we're going to lose staff."

With next fiscal year budget preparations about to get underway, Phillips also discussed nonresident rate changes for pool facilities operated by the OPA.

"My thought process was to present to [General Manager] John



OPA Operations Manager Colby Phillips, left, reviews ongoing upgrades at the Sports Core Pool, while Aquatics Committee member John Noonan and Committee Chair Kathy Grimes provide insights about product selections on Monday.

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[Viola] daily cost rates for nonresidents," she said. "Not only for nonresidents paying at the door, but also with the coupon card."

Phillips also said guests of residents would receive the lower rate.

"When people are using the swipe card we can look and see how people get in," she said. "It gives me the data of the usage."

Despite the high percentage of non-resident use at the Beach Club pool, Phillips said the majority of users are residents.

"The Sports Core Pool is maybe 30 percent non-residents because of the classes," she said.

Grimes agreed the data collection was crucial.

"That's useful information down the road for us," she said.

Phillips said she is not necessarily suggesting raising rates.

"I don't want too big of a price difference to discourage use," she said. "Also, we upped membership prices last year."

Phillips said when rates were last raised, they went from \$9 to an even

\$10 charge.

"Do we raise it to \$12?" she said. "I'd rather have less than none."

Grimes concurred that altering prices should be done diligently.

"We don't want to be too greedy," she said.

Phillips noted the coupon card does knock \$1 off the entrance price.

"People have asked about couples memberships," she said. "We can discuss that as we're opening conversations."

Phillips also suggested the Beach
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Ocean Pines gym closed Sept. 9-13 for renovations

(Aug. 29, 2019) The Ocean Pines Community Center gym will close for renovations from Sept. 9-13.

During that time, ICP Construction will sand and repaint the gym floor to add a third indoor pickleball court.

“They have to redo the whole floor in order to add that court, so they’ll start on the 9th sanding and it’ll take all week for it to be painted and to settle, before we can walk on it again,” Recreation and Parks Program Supervisor Debbie Donahue said.

Donahue said the fiscal 2019 budget included \$18,000 for the project. With taxes and freight, the actual cost will be slightly higher, at \$18,600.

Fall activities scheduled to start during the second week of September



The gym inside the Ocean Pines Community Center will close from Sept. 9-13 for renovations, including the addition of a third indoor pickleball court.

were rescheduled to the following week. Normal activities will resume upon reopening of the gym, on Saturday, Sept. 14.

Pickleball players, Donahue said, couldn’t be happier about the project. “They think it’s great. They’re re-

ally excited that they can bring in more people and they’ll have more room,” she said. “Being able to put three courts in there and moving them away from the bleachers just makes it better for them.”

For more information, call the

Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052. For information on recreation programs, including an online version of the Ocean Pines Activity Guide, visit www.oceanpines.org/recreation-and-parks.

Aquatics Committee talks upcoming tasks

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Club pool rate could be raised separately from other facilities.

Phillips mentioned several inquiries have been received about adding a children’s slide at the Mum-

ford’s Landing Pool.

Further research is needed to determine the feasibility of the proposal, Phillips said.

With autumn approaching, Phillips said swimming activities tend

to lessen.

“We were busy ... obviously in July ... and the beginning of August,” she said. “Now is the slowest time with people prepping for school.”

Regardless of which future projects

are undertaken, Phillips said regular pool maintenance needs are minimal.

“Everything we’ve needed thus far ... has been fully supported by John [Viola] and the Board,” she said. “As I need it, it’s been granted.”



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Actors from the Brown Box Theatre Company perform William Shakespeare's "Measure for Measure." Those interested can check out the show Saturday evening in downtown Berlin and several other performances throughout September in Worcester County.

Free Shakespeare production to come to Berlin, Worcester

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Aug. 29, 2019) Residents and visitors can have a night out at the theater for free this Saturday at the production of William Shakespeare's "Measure for Measure" on Pitts Street in Berlin.

The Brown Box Theatre's seventh annual performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the intersection of Main and Pitts streets. Pitts Street will be shut down during the production.

Audience members are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs to the show.

Artistic Director Kyler Taustin said Saturday night's show is accessible for all, and would be a sight to see.

"I firmly believe that Shakespeare is meant to be seen, and heard," Taustin said. "Coming to see Shakespeare the way it's meant to be seen is a completely different experience and indeed can be for everyone."

"Measure for Measure" is "one of Shakespeare's lesser known works," according to Taustin, who said the play tells a story of Isabella, a woman fighting to save her brother after he is arrested for impregnating his fiancée.

Isabella, a religious woman with plans to become a nun, attempts to appeal to the town's leader, Angelo.

"It is a story of surrounding consent, and it is a story that really analyzes the hypocrisy of power by those who are meant to uphold it," Taustin said. "And, it's a very interesting concept to think that a play that is over 400 years old can be so relevant to the headlines of today."

While the show is open to the public, Taustin said viewer discretion is advised due to some of the mature topics that are addressed in the play.

He also said he chose this play as a way to help facilitate conversations about difficult topics.

"No matter what side of the aisle you may fall on politically, no matter what gender you might be, these are conversations that we believe need to be had, and we're excited to hopefully be catalysts for those conversations with this productions," he said.

Taustin said attendance rates at performances vary from 70 to 400 people, See PLAY Page 17

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Play performed on street in Berlin

Continued from Page 16 and depend on several factors, including the date and venue.

Ivy Wells, Berlin's community and economic development director, said audiences have grown to crowds of up to 300 people in recent years.

"It's a great experience and it is just top-quality entertainment," Wells said.

Wells also said she hopes theater buffs take advantage of this rare opportunity to go to the theater without leaving their own backyard.

"When do you ever get to go see Shakespeare on the Eastern Shore? With [Berlin's] ... historic buildings in the background, it just adds to the ambiance of the night," Wells said.

Taustin agreed. "It's a great time," Taustin said. "You go outside, and experience some outdoor theater under the stars, and it is unlike really other experience you can get right now in that area."

Taustin, co-founder of the Brown Box Theatre, also said projects like these are important because he's able to give back to his community.

"I was born and raised in Berlin, which is really why the company was founded - this idea of bringing theater and culture back to my hometown," Taustin said.

In addition to the show in Berlin this weekend, the Brown Box Theatre will

perform "Measure for Measure" at 7:30-9:30 p.m. several times over the course of the next month in Worcester County:

- Sept. 5 at Cypress Park on 7 Bridge St. in Pocomoke City
- Sept. 6 at Sturgis Park on River Street in Snow Hill
- Sept. 8 at Sunset Park on 700 S. Philadelphia Ave. in Ocean City
- Sept. 19 at Northside Park on 200 125th St. in Ocean City

"What we bring to each performance is identical, but what the community or what the venue brings to the performance is different," Taustin said.

The Worcester County Arts Council also provided a \$2,500 grant through the Community Arts Development Program, which provides money to local agencies bringing cultural experiences to Worcester County. Executive

Director Anna Mullis added that the Maryland State Arts Council supported the grant funding.

Mullis praised Brown Box Theatre for bringing these types of productions to Worcester County.

"We are proud to support such a quality and professional theater as an accessible source of performing arts that is available to all audiences, regardless of income level or location," Mullis said.

Taustin also expressed his excitement about how Berlin's art scene has grown to include art, music and live performances.

"We have really been excited to be a part of the theatrical component of bringing about that vibrancy," he said.

For more information about the Brown Box Theatre, visit the company's website at brownboxtheatre.org.

OP Chamber to offer corn hole tourney, Sept. 7

(Aug. 29, 2019) The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce presents the inaugural Corn Hole Tournament at the Berlin Lions Club on Saturday, Sept. 7, from noon to 5 p.m.

Teams of two will compete in a double elimination event. Register online at OceanPinesChamber.org before Thursday, Sept. 5. The cost is \$30 per team.

Food and beverages will be for sale. Spectators are encouraged to attend.

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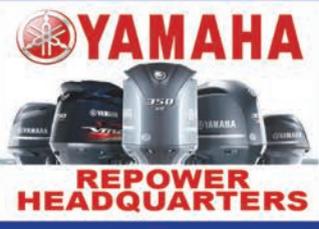
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New OPA directors given financial snapshot

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being reviewed by the chief financial officer, followed by the general manager and then the board of directors.

"The big drivers on revenue is \$306,000 for the combined food and beverage," he said. "From an expense standpoint, we're pretty much right on budget."

By listing department specific numbers, Phillips said substantial increases or decreases are easily isolated.

"We break down each department [with] any variances of \$10,000 or more [to see] what the driving factor was," he said.

In addition to largely sunny forecasts bolstering attendance at pools operated by the OPA and at the Beach Club, Phillips said parking revenues, while slightly down this summer, were up overall.

"The marina has been doing extremely well, once again this summer, and setting record levels," he said.

The monthly financial reports provide performance data for the past 30 days and year to date, while also offering a comparison to the prior year.

Phillips said the top three revenue-earning departments or amenities are the Yacht Club, Recreation and Parks and Public Works.

"Overall, just about everybody is favorable, some more so than others," he

said.

Viola said a proactive approach has been adopted to forecast future impacts on balance sheets.

"We don't just give you what we spent today in detail, but also what's forecast," he said. "The reserve study ... projects what spending will be spent on."

While the OPA budget currently sets aside just over 15 percent in reserve funds, Viola said the goal is to increase that number.

"We'd like to see the reserves stay somewhere between 22-28 percent," he said.

Viola estimated that mark could be reached within 4-6 years.

Perrone, who serves as Budget and Finance Committee Chairman, said new capital projects added to the budget this year have had costs divided evenly among homeowner assessments.

In light of four current capital projects, totaling around \$4.3 million, Perrone said membership may incorrectly conclude the OPA is operating at a substantial profit.

"You'll hear from certain individuals that we have all this money," he said. "Well, yeah, we had all this money at the beginning of the year."

After making project-related expenditures, Perrone said by the end of the

fiscal year the tally for reserve funds was roughly \$2.9 million.

"From a placement standpoint, our obligation is to make sure that going forward, if we have to build something, [or] if we're replacing a building like the Country Club, if we do our job appropriately, the money should be in the bank," he said.

Unlike previous campaigns to revamp the Yacht Club that involved a special assessment, Perrone said with boosted reserves the process to finance new capital initiatives would likely be smoother.

"Whatever we do for new capital, anything that we don't own ... or spend money on, goes directly to the annual assessments," he said.

The total related spending for capital projects can be divided among the membership base and added to assessment charges, Perrone said.

"The problem we've had historically is past boards wanted to limit increasing assessments," he said. "I'm not saying that's a bad thing, but the first thing that the board looks to cut from the budget process is the capital spend because that has the first impact on the assessment."

The result is that improvements are delayed or abandoned, Perrone said.

Looking ahead and hoping to avoid previous pitfalls, Perrone suggested

creating a new reserve funding stream to finance capital improvements of limited dollar amounts.

"What I'm proposing we're going to do is establish ... a new capital reserve fund," he said.

Perrone said the plan would set aside 10 percent of incoming depreciation for the additional reserve fund.

"For this year, after we make a spend of \$4.2 million, we'll be down to 15.6 percent, which is below what we want but we knew that going in because we're spending a lot of money this year," he said.

By enacting his proposal, Perrone said earmarking the 10 percent figure would drop the percentage of reserve funds a touch next year before beginning to trend upward.

"Getting us back to 22.6 percent would take us to fiscal year 2022/2023," he said. "In my mind, we knew it would take us two years to get there."

Foreseeing critics characterizing the proposal as a "slush fund," Perrone said controls would be included to limit the fund from growing over \$1 million with a maximum expenditure of \$500,000 annually.

"I had [Director of Finance] Steve [Phillips] run the numbers for the last six years on what we actually spend on new capital," he said. "That number is under \$200,000 per year but does not include projects cut to avoid raising assessments."

In closing, OPA President Doug Parks reviewed expectations about meeting preparations with the trio of new board members.

"One of the things I've done in the past is share information prior to a meeting," he said.

Parks said in many instances rudimentary questions can be addressed prior to delving deeper into issues included on meeting agendas.

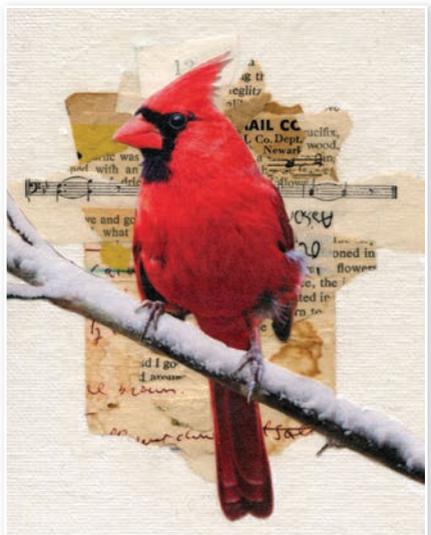
"I try to engage as much as possible. That way we spend meeting time on more interesting points, not the minutiae," he said. "If we can turn a four-hour meeting into a two-and-a-half-hour meeting that's a good thing."

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Animal hospital construction starts

(Aug. 29, 2019) Gillis Gilkerson, construction management, general contracting and development firm, announced the start of construction for the new Precious Paws Animal Hospital at 11843 Ocean Gateway in West Ocean City.

“What a great opportunity to help a local business expand and double their space to meet customer needs,” said Dwight Miller, president, Gillis Gilkerson. “Our team is dedicated to making the process as easy as possible so the client can focus on their patients and make a seamless transition into their new space upon completion.”

The 4,800-square-foot, one-story building will have stone and vinyl siding.

The new space will have four exam rooms, a comfort room, two surgery suites, a lobby and two waiting rooms, one for cats and one for dogs.

Project manager Don Murray and superintendent Tim Swift expect to have the new veterinary hospital completed by the end of 2019.

“We outgrew our space and with our current location being over 50 years old, it was time to expand,” said Brenda Maniatty, Precious Paws Amal Hospital owner. “Gillis Gilkerson has been great to work with. They are handling everything so we can continue to serve our



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customers.

“We knew they had veterinary experience because of the work they did for Pets ER and therefore have the foresight to think the project through to meet the needs of our staff and the animals we care for,” she continued.

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Farmer suicide prevention program expands

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 29, 2019) Since launching the “Save a Shore Farmer,” campaign last year, the Jessie Klump Suicide Awareness and Prevention Program has seen the approach resonate throughout the area, with renewed funding helping to finance an expanded approach in year two.

Ron Pilling, treasurer for the Jessie Klump Memorial Fund, said the initial program tracked better than expected in the first year.

“Its’ taken on a much greater lifer than we ever anticipated,” he said.

Looking to promote the cause in 2019, Pilling said that hope became a reality after the Rural Maryland Council awarded additional grant funding for a second year.

Pilling said the impetus for the famer initiative was based on a report from the Center for Disease Control in 2016 listing suicide attempts by profession.

Since that time those figures have been adjusted by the CDC to separate farm workers from agricultural ownership.

“The result of that is the suicide rate among farm workers rose dramatically,” he said.

Factors behind the trend include employment uncertainty, low pay and physically demanding work, Pilling said.

“In the administrative category, it turned out that farmers themselves had an elevated and rising risk of suicide,” he said.

These points were confirmed previously to the CDC report, Pilling said.

“The University of Iowa did a study looking at data between 2010-2013 and concluded that the farmers that work their own farm are three times as likely to make an attempt on their lives compared to the national average,” he said.

Aware the demographic in question would be unlikely to admit, as many people are, that they are struggling with suicidal thoughts, Pilling said a different approach was adopted.

“We started this campaign without deluding ourselves into thinking that we were going to get farmers out to public suicide prevention workshops,” he said.

In addition to the stigma surrounding the topic, Pilling said farmers are typically fiercely independent.

Hoping to educate its audience about available resources, Pilling said two billboards were erected last year on Route 13 between Salisbury and Crisfield.

“The whole goal was to send people who needed information ... to the website www.saveashorefarmer.org

The oversized visuals had an immediate impact, Pilling said.

went up we had five visits to the website,” he said. “The day after ... we had 35 visits to the website.”

Those metrics were further boosted with more than 1,000 public service announcements on television and by placing brochures at 19 sites on the lower Eastern Shore and making appearances at farm-related events.

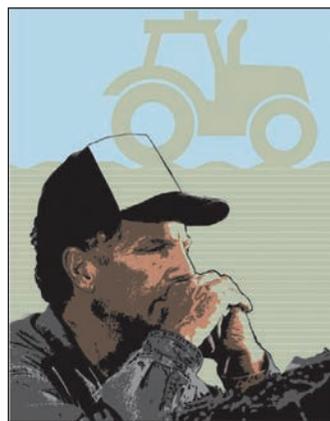
“We’re working with the Future Farmers of America kids but not reaching directly to a farmer,” he said. “We really thought the spouses and farm kids were our audience.”

In addition to website traffic, the media blitz also garnered phone calls from far and wide.

“I interviewed with “Lancaster Farmer,” which is a professional journal for central Pennsylvania farmers,” he said. “I did two or three radio interviews here and one in Mount Airy.”

The outreach yielded better results than envisioned when the University of Minnesota Rural Health Center reached out, Pilling said.

“They have a contract with the USDA to create a suicide prevention tool kit that will become part of the national arsenal to prevent farmer suicides,” he said. “Save a Shore Famer’, our little program down here, will be cited in the tool kit as a model



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The “Save a Shore Farmer” campaign was initiated last year by the Jessie Klump Suicide Awareness and Prevention. The program is running again in 2019 after the Rural Maryland Council awarded grant funding to continue the outreach effort for a second year, with organizers now working to provide the tools to launch comparable undertakings in other rural regions.

campaign.”

Pilling said on tap next month are two speaking engagements at the Maryland Suicide Prevention Conference and the Maryland Rural Health Association Conference.

“Anybody who is anybody in suicide prevention or rural health care goes to these two conferences,” he said.

The aim this year is to provide information for others interested in following suit.

“Hopefully, when they walk out of that conference if they’re interested in launching their own campaign di-

rected at their local famers and the agricultural economy, they’re going to have from us everything they need to get it off the ground for free,” he said.

Involved organizations will be provided graphic arts images to produce a brochure, posters and billboards. Also MP4 files will be given to use for producing public service announcements.

“From all these files we stripped out the local stuff so what remains is the basic facts,” he said. “We’re also translating to Spanish.”

Additionally, Pilling said “Save a See SAVE Page 23

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Labor Day weekend boat safety stressed

Labor Day weekend, the last hurrah of the summer vacation season, is bound to draw a sizable boating crowd to local waters, as good weather beckons and it's back to school and work in the week that follows.

The possibility of a flotilla of recreational craft on the bays on Saturday and Sunday, however, also increases the need for operators to exercise caution with regard to everyone and everything around them. That would include their own personal conduct as well.

Among the top reasons for boating accidents, according to the Coast Guard's 2018 year-end report, are operator inattention, operator inexperience and excessive speed. But the leading reason for the 633 boating fatalities at the estimated \$46 million in property damage last year, the Coast Guard found, was alcohol consumption.

Even the most able captain is a menace if he or she is drunk or impaired. Knowing what to do isn't much good if the hand on the helm is unsteady and slow to react.

But not only does being a good captain require that individual to be sober and alert, it also means having to enforce rules that don't necessarily correspond to the free-for-all attitude that some passengers will bring on board with them.

Wearing life jackets is one such rule. According to the Coast Guard's annual statistics, drowning was the cause of death in 77 percent of last year's fatal boating accidents, and of that total 84 percent of the victims were not wearing a life jacket.

It's also important that someone help the operator keep an eye on the water, all the water, as in what's approaching from the stern and from either side. Maintaining that lookout is even more critical in boats with numerous passengers who invariably will obstruct the operator's view.

Boating is meant to be fun, but the rules of the road and safety still apply. The one thing everyone wants from this last outing of the vacation season is a safe return to port, followed by the return of everyone to these waters next year. What no one wants is for it to be someone's last outing ever.



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White Horse Park concerns voiced

Editor

I'm writing to you about my aunt and uncle who are about to be evicted from their home of 18 years because of a law on the books that has not been enforced for the last 30 years.

They currently reside in the White Horse Community in Berlin. Apparently, it's now considered to be a campground and not to be occupied full time.

For many years, they did leave to go to Florida for a few months after Christmas, but they are simply too ill, aged and not financially able to make the journey.

First, I want to tell you about my uncle and aunt, Bob and Betty Raymond. They're both in their 80s and have been married for almost 50 years raising two children.

My aunt is my late father's youngest and last surviving sibling. A lifelong Marylander, she spent her life working as a nurse.

She's also the sister of the late Jean Luckabaugh, who was Baltimore Colts and Ravens royalty because she

was the President of Ravens Roost 1 and a member of the Colts Corral 1. Anyone who is a Ravens fan knows that this fan club is sacred, and the lower the number, the earlier they joined.

Jean died after a brief illness and Betty would have it no other way than tend to her in her home in Berlin even though she has health issues herself.

My Uncle Bob is a Navy veteran who served in the Korean War. You may not recognize his name, but his picture is on the Navy side of the Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C.

My concern is their housing situation is precarious right now. Their community consists of many retired people who were just looking to relax at the beach in their golden years.

Please if you can do anything especially before the next Commissioners' meeting on Sept. 3 to change your mind or the minds of any county commissioners affecting the vote of this enforcement (which includes evicting residents from Oct. 1 to April 1 of every year) it would be appreciated. They are threatening to

cut off their gate access and even their water if they refuse to comply. This is terrifying to an elderly couple on a fixed income.

Even a clause exempting residents 55 and over or grandfathering just the residents currently there that are 55 and over would help.

Maybe cutting off subletting or renting the properties and making it only usable by current owners for full time use would be a solution. In my experience, homeowners respect their community and property much more than renters anyway.

One more point is this property was used for section 8 about 10 years ago and that practice ended in 2016. If the government recognized this as a full-time residence possibility then, how is that not something to consider now?

Another similar community in their area that my uncle referred to in his letter has been assured they are safe from eviction.

It is unacceptable that a couple who served their country and fellow humans are treated like this. It dis-

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Worcester Youth bags supplies for teachers

(Aug. 29, 2019) Two dozen volunteers at Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services recently helped stuff bags for new teachers in Worcester County.

The bags were filled with items donated by nearly 50 local businesses and community groups. Donated items included pens, paper and hand sanitizer, as well as coupons and discount cards.

The bags will be presented during a new teacher orientation breakfast, next week.

Ocean Pines donated pool passes for each new teacher.

"I love to give back to our educational team," Ocean Pines Operations Director Colby Phillips said. "Educators are so important, as these are the people who help raise our children to

follow their dreams by teaching them so much. It's always important they are recognized for what they do not only for our children, but for the community."

Morgan Coulson, Worcester Youth communications director, helped to organize the collection.

"We're thrilled with the turnout from local businesses and community groups," she said. "We believe that supporting teachers in their own life will lead them to be great, happy educators and ultimately that benefits the children they work with."

Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services is located on 124 North Main Street, in Berlin.

The nonprofit assists area youth and families through a variety of programs, including the Berlin Youth



PHOTO COURTESY OCEAN PINES ASSOCIATION

Volunteers help stuff bags for Worcester County teachers at the Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services building in Berlin.

Club, SABERS and SAGES, as well as offering therapeutic services.

For more information, visit www.GoWOYO.com.

Letters

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gusts me that for whatever reason someone would try to strong-arm defenseless elderly people that have nowhere to go.

They aren't alone. There are more cases like this in the complex—veterans, retirees, widows—that occupy their residences full time. I'm sure there are vacationers only too, but to

throw people out into the cold isn't American. We are better than this. At least we used to be.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this and if you can help in any way, please find it in your heart to help the most vulnerable of our citizens to live in peace.

*Clarisa I. Vanderveldt
Purcellville, Virginia*

Save Shore Farmer back again

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Shore Farmer," brochures would be placed at up to 30 spots throughout the lower Eastern Shore this year, along with new billboards and television spots.

"We hope to expand our interaction and partnership with the Future Farmers of America and 4-H," he

said.

Pilling said sharing details about the rationale for the agricultural-focused suicide prevention campaign is the intent of the upcoming speaking engagements.

"We do have the resources to make it easier for other organizations to do pretty much the same thing," he said.

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Wor. children, educators to head back to class

Thousands of students set to return to school as staff prepares for 2019-20 year

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Aug. 29, 2019) Thousands of Worcester County students have not much more than a weekend of summer vacation left, as Tuesday marks beginning of the school year for the county's educational institutions.

Approximately 6,800 students will be taking classes in Worcester County Public Schools this year, necessitating a system with nearly 1,200 employees, 58 percent of whom are teachers according to a 2019 annual report. School officials said there are 673 educators, including 52 newly hired teachers.

Public school students are expected

to finish the school year on June 16, with June 17-23 identified as make-up days in the event of inclement weather.

Several changes were made at the system's administrative level as of July 1. At the central office, Denise Shorts assumed the role of assistant superintendent and chief academic officer following Dr. John Quinn's resignation, according to a statement from Worcester County Public Schools. Nicole Selby became the coordinator of student, family, and community connections.

At the school level, former Buckingham Elementary School Principal Dr. Karen Marx transitioned into a new role as principal of Snow Hill Elementary School. Former Snow Hill Middle School Principal Dr. Christina Welch will take her place as the leader of Buckingham Elementary School. Former Snow Hill Elementary School

Principal Dr. Mary Anne Cooper started as principal of Snow Hill Middle School.

"These changes are another step in the right direction for Worcester County," Superintendent Lou Taylor said in May. "We have such a talented group of educational leaders here. I am confident that each of these promotions and transfers will lead to greater educational opportunities for our students."

For more information about Worcester County Public Schools, call 410-632-5000, or visit the school district's website at worcesterk12.org.

Private school students also will be back in classes on Tuesday. Diane Brown, marketing and public relations associate for Worcester Preparatory School in Berlin, said 475 students are enrolled this year. The school employs 54 teachers, including 11 newly hired educators are new hires.

Brown said a couple of changes were made to Worcester Preparatory School's administration. Dr. Sara Timmons was appointed as the new head of the lower school and Mike Grosso was named acting head of school, while officials are searching for a permanent replacement.

There are 173 school days during Worcester Prep's school year, according to Delaware and Maryland law for Independent Schools. The year will end on June 5 for the lower school, and the middle and upper schools will finish on June 9.

For more information about the educational institution, call 410-641-3575 or visit the website, worcesterprep.org.

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, a private institution at 11242 Racetrack Road in Ocean Pines, has about 210 students in attendance, according to Amanda Evans, Most Blessed Sacrament's director of admissions and advancement.

There are 20 teachers at the school and three new teachers were hired for the upcoming school year.

Evans said no administrative changes were made ahead of the 2019-20 school year.

Students in prekindergarten-three through eighth grades are expected to finish on June 12 as part of a 180-day school year.

Contact Evans at 410-208-1600, to learn more about admissions. For more information, visit the school's website at mostblessedsacramentschool.com.

'These changes are another step in the right direction for Worcester County'
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Ocean Pines Players to show 'Salute to Elton John' in Sept.

(Aug. 29, 2019) With a successful eight-week run of an original play on the Ocean City Boardwalk behind them, where they paid tribute to the women pioneers who all but made Ocean City the thriving resort town it is today, the Ocean Pines Players will highlight their versatility with a "Salute to Elton John" in another tribute.

The show, co-produced by Amy Morgan and Ocean Pines Players President Karen McClure, will be performed at St. Peter's Lutheran Church on 103rd Street in Ocean City on successive Mondays, Sept. 9 and 16, starting at 7 p.m.

Tickets cost \$15 and can be purchased at the door.

Morgan said the Ocean Pines Players decided to pay tribute to Elton John because "this year is the 50th anniversary of his first album, 'Empty Sky,' released in 1969 in the United Kingdom, and because of the release of 'Rocket Man,' the highly popular movie of his life released earlier this year.

"We knew the timing was right for this, and if our rehearsals are any indication, we were right," she continued. "They have been mega fun and very productive. Our goal is to be highly electric and a little over the top in true Elton John style. We are espe-

cially delighted about the addition of two new, young cast members, Zander Jett and Will Devokees. They bring a fresh outlook and energy to the show, making it truly multi-generational and a show meant for the entire family."

The program of almost two dozen songs includes the 1995 Academy Award winning "Can you Feel the Love Tonight," from the hit movie "The Lion King," as well as Academy Award nominated songs from the same movie, "Hakuna Matata" and "Circle of Life."

Other Elton John favorites on the program are "Rocket Man," "Good-bye Yellow Brick Road" and "Don't Go Breakin' My Heart."

In addition to producers Morgan and McClure, Jett and Devokees, the other cast members also are local performers: Dan Carney, Jerry Getka, Brenda Golden, Dorothy Shelton and Sharon Sorrentino.

The Ocean Pines Players is a local community theater group that has been entertaining audiences in this area for more than 40 years. Membership in the organization is open to all area residents of all ages.

For further information, call Ed Pinto at 703-901-5544. Follow on Facebook or visit www.oceanpines-players.com.

OP Children's Theater open auditions for 'Legally Blonde'

(Aug. 29, 2019) The Ocean Pines Children's Theater will hold auditions for its 2020 production of Broadway's award-winning musical, "Legally Blonde," at the Ocean Pines Library, 11107 Cathell Road, Friday, Sept. 6 from 4-8 p.m.

The highly-acclaimed community theater group will be looking for many young men and women (at least 13 years old) to cast in a large number of roles. Those auditioning

should come prepared to perform a Broadway song.

The show is scheduled for performances the evenings of Jan. 17-18 at Ocean City's Performing Arts Center, in the Roland E. Powell Convention Center on 40th Street.

Announcements regarding ticket sales will follow in the coming weeks. For additional information, contact Sharon Sorrentino at sharon.sorrentino@yahoo.com.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary to offer boat safety course

(Aug. 29, 2019) The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering the Maryland Basic Boating Safety Course, Tuesday through Thursday, Sept. 3-5, at the Ocean Pines Library.

The Maryland Safe Boating Course is required for all boat operators born after July 1, 1972.

A Maryland boating certificate will be awarded after successful completion of the course, which is NASBLA approved

and valid in all states and required for all ages when operating a boat in Virginia.

The class, held from 6-9 p.m. each night, includes information on piloting in local waters, tying nautical knots, foul weather tactics, legal issues and common marine maintenance.

The cost is \$15. Register or get more information by calling Barry Cohen at 410-935-4807, or email cgauxoc@gmail.com.

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SUMMER SOIRÉE

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore's Summer Soirée was held July 25 at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. The event for Friends of the Foundation and Legacy Society members celebrated 35 years and \$84 million in grant making since 1984. Pictured are Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore staff members, Heather Mahler, Sharon Dickson, Pam Heying, BJ Summers, David Plotts, Erica Joseph, Victoria Kent, Lauren Zarin and Heather Trader.



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The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore's Summer Soirée was held July 25 at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. Among those in attendance, from left, are Judy and Jon Tremellen with BJ Summers, Tom and Marian Bickerstaff, center, and Velda and Patrick Henry.



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DONATION

The Ocean City/Berlin Optimist club donated \$15,000 to Believe in Tomorrow to complete the renovations in the Military House on Bayshore Drive in Ocean City, which is used to host families with ill children. Pictured, from left are Charles Smith, Optimist president; Wayne Littleton, Optimist member and coordinator for the Believe in Tomorrow Children's Respite Housing Program; and Joe Hammen, Optimist treasurer.



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GRADUATES

Worcester County law enforcement officers who graduated in the 82nd entrance-level law enforcement class of the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy operated by Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury, in front, from left, are Gavin C. Kinzer, Megan L. McHugh and Nicole M. Stanziale of the Ocean City Police Department, and in back, John C. Pianka of the Ocean Pines Police Department, Douglas H. Mumford of the Pocomoke City Police Department, Crystal M. Merritt of the Snow Hill Police Department and Richard H. Mauk of the Worcester County Fire Marshal's Office.



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Cricket Center Executive Director Wendy Myers and Josiah, a Labrador golden retriever trained to provide comfort for children and families, host an open house celebration on Tuesday to mark 10 years in operation as the child advocacy center in Worcester County.

Cricket Center hosts open house for 10th anniversary

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 29, 2019) The Cricket Center, which provides child advocacy services in Worcester County, marked 10 years at its Berlin location this week, with plans percolating for an expanded footprint.

Executive Director Wendy Myers said the Cricket Center marked the oc-

casation with an open house celebration on Tuesday evening for elected officials, community members and colleagues.

Before moving into the Berlin address in August 2009, Myers said allegations of child abuse were investigated by various agencies without a unified front.

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Cricket Center celebrates decade in Berlin

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"In 2006-2007, we began looking at models for child advocacy centers," she said. "We modeled ours after the national model, which is the Huntsville, Alabama National Children's Advocacy Center."

Prior to opening the Cricket Center, Myers said all agencies authorized to investigate child abuse claims conducted inquiries separately, which often served to traumatize the child multiple times.

"That's why there was a lot of recantation that would happen," she said. "Kids would say, 'forget it, this didn't happen to me, I don't want to tell this story again.'"

Myers said the intent of the Cricket Center at the time of its founding was to foster improved investigations and protect children by removing offenders from the street.

"It's the most traumatic thing, hopefully, that ever happens to the child," she said.

The Cricket Center provides a central location for all child advocacy partners, starting with Atlantic General Hospital, which provides medical intervention.

Also, the Life Crisis Center provides family advocates and mental health intervention, with members of Child Protective Services and Worcester County Sheriff's Office detectives also

on hand.

"We provide in house trauma-based therapy here at the Cricket Center for our child victims," she said. "It's cost-effective for Worcester County, because we had all these different agencies conducting separate investigations."

Myers said the Worcester County State's Attorney Office also works in conjunction with the center's efforts.

"Our State's Attorney [Kris Heiser] is very involved in this process," she said.

Despite the array of partners at the table, Myers said the family advocate provided by the Life Crisis Center is the lynchpin of the operation.

"The person that kind of holds everything together through this whole process is our family advocate," she said.

The family advocate comes into play after law enforcement and Child Protective Services have concluded investigations and court proceedings are forthcoming.

"It could be a year before we go to court," she said. "What happens is families start to feel disconnected [and] they move on from the trauma."

The family advocate serves as a point of contact to update victims and their families about pending court actions.

Although removing child predators

from society to reduce recidivism is critical, Myers said there is a flip side to the coin that's just as vital.

"We're also in the business of making sure children and families are healed," she said.

Connecting families with resources is also a significant part of the mission, Myers said.

In 2012, the Cricket Center was accredited by the National Child Alliance.

"It's the accrediting body for Child Advocacy Centers in the U.S. and nationally," she said.

During its decade at the Berlin office, the Cricket Center has received more than 10,000 referrals for potential abuse, which launched 609 investigations tied to physical abuse and 870 for child sexual abuse, Myers said.

In total, the Cricket Center has provided roughly 8,200 hours of therapy for victims, with prosecutions resulting in a combined 1,297 years of incarceration.

"We also take in neglect referrals," she said.

Mirroring national statistics, about 80-90 percent of reported cases in Worcester County involves abuse from a person known and trusted by the child, Myers said.

"We talk about the scary strangers, but the actual fact is that rarely happens," she said. "It does happen, but generally speaking, children are

groomed and there's a long relationship."

To help combat the behavior, Myers said law enforcement, educators, bus drivers and medical personnel are required by law to report potential abuse cases.

In Maryland, Child Advocacy Centers are required by law but not state funded, Myers said.

"It's mandated in the state to have a multi-discipline team and to have access to a Child Advocacy Center for children, but it's a non-funded mandate," she said.

Numerous counties in Maryland operate without the required center because of that, Myers said.

"We're so lucky in Worcester County to have such a generous community and our county commissioners are very supportive of our program," she said.

Additionally, financial backing from Ocean City and Berlin, along with private donations, have proven crucial to maintaining operations, Myers said.

Looking ahead, Myers said a new space would be sought as the program's current 2,300 square feet of space is becoming limiting.

Before that search begins, however, funding partners will have to be secured, Myers said.

"We hate to leave our home here at Atlantic General, but there's just not enough space for us," she said.

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Thurs-Mon 11-5pm	9800 Mooring View Ln., West Harbor Village	3BR/2.5BA	Duplex/Townhouse	From \$299,900	Kathleen Clark/Monogram Realty
Saturday 11-2	8 Beach Ct., Ocean Pines	3BR/3BA	Single Family	\$614,900	Lauren A Smith/Keller Williams
Sunday 12-3	11309 River Run, River Run	3BR/3BA	Single Family	\$399,900	Lauren A Smith/Keller Williams
Friday 1-3	502 Lark Ln., Unit A	3BR/2FB/2HB	Townhome	\$399,000	Karen Oass/Long & Foster
Sunday 1-2:30	119 Old Landing Rd., Unit 103B	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$279,000	Karen Oass/Long & Foster
Sunday 10-11	162 Winter Harbor Dr., Ocean City	4BR/3BA	Single Family	\$536,400	Karen Oass/Long & Foster
Saturday 10-12	192 Ocean Pkwy., Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$219,000	Karen Oass/Long & Foster
Saturday 4-6	4711 Coastal Hwy., Wight Bay 344 & 446	2BR/2BA	Condos	From \$269,000	Karen Oass/Long & Foster
Monday 2-4	7601 Atlantic Ave., Beachcrest #8	2BR/1BA	Condo	\$325,000	Karen Oass/Long & Foster
Saturday 10-1	607 Osprey Rd. #2, Ocean City	1BR/1FB/1HB	Townhome	\$204,900	Sandra Dougan/Berkshire Hathaway PenFed
Saturday 11-1	23 Leslie Mews, Ocean Pines	4BR/4.5BA	Single Family	\$775,000	Sandra Dougan/Berkshire Hathaway PenFed
Tuesday 11-12	162 Winter Harbor Dr., Ocean City	4BR/3BA	Single Family	\$536,400	Karen Oass/Long & Foster



AGH Goes Purple Kickoff, Fri.

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Aug. 29, 2019) Members of the public can take advantage of resources used in the fight against opioid abuse at the “AGH Goes Purple Kickoff” at Atlantic General Hospital this Friday.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the lobby of the hospital on 9733 Healthway Drive in Berlin.

Donna Nordstrom, director of community health for Atlantic General Hospital, said spreading awareness about the opioid crisis in Worcester County is critical.

“We need to talk about it. We need to get more information,” she said.

Nordstrom said vendors that offer services in recovery, addiction and peer support would be present at the kickoff. Additionally, naloxone training and pharmaceutical storage tips would be provided.

The Worcester County Sheriff’s Office would also explain the signs people should look for to tell if a loved one is using or abusing opioids.

“It’s really important to get the community talking,” Nordstrom said. “We’ve been talking about the opioid crisis for what seems like a while now, but it’s still a huge issue in our community.”

The timing for the event is significant, according to Nordstrom, who said Aug. 31 marks International Opioid Awareness Day. It also helps to launch a series of events during September, also known as Recovery Month, through Worcester Goes Purple, a countywide initiative working to prevent substance abuse.

“It’s different organizations coming together to raise awareness and it really takes a community effort and community partnerships to make this work,” Nordstrom said.

Worcester Goes Purple consists of representatives from several organizations, including the Worcester County Board of Education, the Worcester County Warriors Against Opiate Addiction, the county health department and Worcester County Sheriff’s Office.

“It’s been so exciting to see the people in the community come together to start talking about the opioid problem, bringing awareness, people asking questions,” said Debbie Smullen, events coordinator for Worcester Goes Purple.

Smullen also underscored the importance of eliminating the stigma of addiction and substance abuse.

“We are definitely fighting to stop the stigma involved with addiction,” Smullen said. “So it’s been very exciting to see people gain more understanding of the problem, understanding of the issues that come with recovery and the options that are available.”

Smullen said several events are on tap during September:



D. Nordstrom



Debbie Smullen

- The Worcester County Warriors Against Opiate Addiction will hold a candlelight vigil at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 31 at First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City on 1301 Philadelphia Ave.

- Worcester Goes Purple will join with the Atlantic Club and the Worcester County Warriors Against Opiate Addiction for the 2019 Walk for Recovery from 2-5 p.m.

on Sept. 7 on the Ocean City Boardwalk. For more information, visit the organization’s website at atlanticclubocmd.org/walkrun-for-recovery. See MOVEMENT Page 31



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

PUPS PLAYING

Basset hound Abbey, 6, gives fair warning to Cam, a 4-month-old chocolate Labrador, while Craig Buser observes the canine shenanigans at the Ocean Pines Dog Park on Sunday.

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Aug. 31: Barrel House, 9 p.m.
Sept. 1: Tranzfusion, 9 p.m.
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Aug. 31-Sept. 1: Film at 11, 9 p.m.
Sept. 4: Old School, 6 p.m.
Sept. 5: Dust N' Bones Duo, 8 p.m.

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Aug. 30: Randy Lee Ashcraft, 4-7 p.m.; Ricky & Lennon LaRicci, 8 p.m.
Aug. 31: Double Talk, 4-7 p.m.; 33 RPM, 8 p.m.
Sept. 1: Vincent, 6 p.m.
Sept. 2: Just Jay, 6 p.m.
Sept. 3: Jimmy Charles, 6 p.m.

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Aug. 31: Top Shelf Duo, noon to 4 p.m.; Luna Sea Band, 5-9 p.m.
Sept. 1: Angeline Leach Duo, noon to 4 p.m.; Lauren Glick Band, 5-9 p.m.
Sept. 2: Nate Clendenen Duo, noon to 4 p.m.; Bob Wilkinson, Joe Smooth & Pete, 5-9 p.m.
Sept. 3: Sean Loomis Trio, 4-8 p.m.
Sept. 4: Dave Hawkins & Joe Mama, 4-8 p.m.
Sept. 5: Keri Anthony, 4-8 p.m.

COWBOY COAST COUNTRY SALOON AND STEAKHOUSE

17th Street and Coastal Highway, Ocean City
410-289-6331 / www.cowboycoastoc.com
Aug. 30: Lenny Martelli, acoustic, 6 p.m.; DJ Tops Cut Off Team, 9 p.m.
Aug. 31: Common Courtesy, acoustic, 6 p.m.; DJ Tops Cut Off Team, 9 p.m.
Sept. 1: Sam Grow, doors open at 5 p.m.

DUFFY'S TAVERN

130th Street, Ocean City, Montego Bay Shopping Center
410-250-1449 / www.duffysoc.com
Every Friday: Bob Hughes, 5-8 p.m.
Every Saturday: Karaoke w/DJ Chuck D, 8 p.m. to midnight

HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL

12841 S. Harbor Road, West Ocean City
410-213-1846 / www.ocharborside.com
Aug. 30: DJ Billy T, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Aug. 31: Chris Button, 2 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Sept. 1: Jada Lee Band, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 2: Blake Haley, 4 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 8 p.m.
Sept. 3: Dust N' Bones, 6 p.m.
Sept. 4: Dock Party w/DJ Billy T, 4 p.m.; Trivia w/DJ Bigler, 8 p.m.
Sept. 5: Opposite Directions, 6 p.m.

HOOTERS

12513 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City
410-213-1841 / www.hootersofoc.com
Aug. 30: DJ BK, 4-8 p.m.
Sept. 2: DJ BK, 3-7 p.m.

M.R. DUCKS BAR & GRILLE

311 Talbot St., Ocean City
410-289-9125 / www.mrducksbar.com
Aug. 30: Timmie Metz, 5 p.m.
Aug. 31: Saved By Zero, 5 p.m.
Sept. 1: Over Time, 4 p.m.
Sept. 2: Tranzfusion, 4 p.m.
Sept. 4: DJ Batman, 5 p.m.

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www.Ocean13ocmd.com
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In the Horizons Restaurant, in the Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel
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Aug. 30-Sept. 1: First Class, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Lenny's Deck Bar
Aug. 30-Sept. 2: On the Edge, 5-10 p.m.

OCEAN PINES YACHT CLUB

1 Mumford's Landing Road, Ocean Pines
410-641-7501 / www.oceanpines.org
Aug. 30: Full Circle, 6-10 p.m.
Aug. 31: Over Time, 6-10 p.m.
Sept. 1: Great Train Robbery, 6-10 p.m.

PICKLES

706 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City
410-289-4891 / www.picklesoc.com
Aug. 30: Beats by Jeremy, 9 p.m.
Aug. 31: Andrew Robear, 9 p.m.
Sept. 1: Karaoke w/Jeremy, 9 p.m.
Sept. 3: Beats by Adam Dutch, 9 p.m.
Sept. 5: Beats by Wax, 9 p.m.

PURPLE MOOSE SALOON

108 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City
410-289-6953 / www.purplemoosesaloon.com
Aug. 30-31: Alter Ego, 10 p.m.
Sept. 1-2: The Lava Game, 10 p.m.
Sept. 3-4: DJ Mazi, 9 p.m.
Sept. 5: CK the VJ/DJ, 9 p.m.

SEACRETS

49th Street and the bay, Ocean City
410-524-4900 / www.seacrets.com
Aug. 30: Bobby-O on De Bay, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Jah Works, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; DJ Mike T, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; DJ Bobby-O, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; Shake 3X, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Aug. 31: Cruz-in De Bay, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Shake 3X, 1-5 p.m.; Jah Works, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Nowhere Slow, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; DJ Bobby-O, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; Go Go Gadget, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Sept. 1: Bobby-O on De Bay, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; DJ Tuff, noon to 1 a.m.; Triple Rail Turn, 1-5 p.m.; Jah Works, 5-9 p.m.; Nowhere Slow, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; Labor Day Fireworks, starts at 9:30 p.m.; Lima Bean Riot, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Davie, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Bobby-O, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Sept. 2: Bobby-O on De Bay, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.; Amish Outlaws, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Sept. 3: Cherry Crush, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Sept. 4: Element K, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Sept. 5: The Freddie Long Band, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

SHENANIGAN'S IRISH PUB AND GRILLE

309 N. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City
410-289-7181 / www.oshenanigans.com
Aug. 30-31: Marty McKernan, 9 p.m.

SKYE RAW BAR & GRILLE

66th Street, Ocean City
410-723-6762 / www.skyebaroc.com
Aug. 30: The Stims, 4-8 p.m.
Aug. 31: Marcella Peters, 4-8 p.m.
Sept. 1: Bryan O'Boyle (formerly of Mr. Greengenes), 4-8 p.m.

TRADER LEE'S LIVE

9935 Stephen Decatur Highway, West Ocean City
443-614-4119
Sept. 1: The Mercury Agenda, 4 p.m.
Sept. 4: Live Acoustic Taco Night, 5-8 p.m.

WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17, Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines
410-208-3922 / www.whiskersbar.com
Aug. 30: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey



RACHEL RAVINA/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

ICE CREAM CRAVING

A line forms outside Island Creamery as dozens of residents and visitors wait to purchase a tasty treat Saturday evening at the shop on Main Street in Berlin.

Movement to hold several September events

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ery/.

- Worcester Goes Purple will have a table during the Small Town Throw Down from 1-6 p.m. on Sept. 7 in downtown Berlin.
- Worcester Goes Purple will participate in Peninsula Regional Medical Center's Party in the Pines on

Sept. 18.

- There will be additional information on Sept. 21 on the Ocean City Fishing Pier during Sunfest.
- Worcester Goes Purple will participate in an open house at the Atlantic Club on Sept. 26. Smullen said health department personnel plan to "work with people in recovery, lo-

cated upstairs from Atlantic Club."

Additionally, Smullen said the Ocean City Council and Worcester County Commissioners are scheduled to present proclamations during their meetings to mark the occasion. The future of Worcester Goes Purple remains unclear, as the Worcester County Board of Education awaits a

decision on grant funding. Nevertheless, Smullen said she'd still like to continue working with other community partners.

"I think that it's important for every person to make a difference, and if I can make a difference by helping with this program, then that's really important to me," she said.

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Cuisine

Chicago's famous deep dish pizza recipe

Many moons ago, I wrote about deep dish pizza, and the great secret of doing it properly, having learned it from one of the big DDP players in ChiTown. And then, dear reader, I tricked you as we reached the point in the recipe where I was going to share the secret of this mighty,



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

hearty pie.

Yes, I filled that part of the article with ipsum lorem, crushing you as the anticipation built to a level second only to a fourth-down field goal in the Superbowl with two seconds left.

Yes, I lied to you. I cheated you out of a culinary secret. And I will never apologize for that — it's what I do.

Or, it is what I did, for today I am going to share the secret with you. In all honesty, it's not that big of a deal and if you have been on the shore long enough, you will understand completely how simple this little technique is. And if you are one of those weirdos who likes slippery dumplings, this will be an absolute revelation. OK, maybe, not an absolute revelation, but it will bring it all together.

As you will read in the recipe, the layering of the cheese, then thin dough, then sauce in the deep dish cooks the middle layer of dough like a slippery dumpling. And this ingenious technique holds everything in place.

As the pizza cools and you cut and remove a piece, it will all stay fairly intact with that glorious cheese pull that makes a Chicago pie so desirable, or at least to those of us who like a good deep dish.

Of course, there are those who stand diametrically opposed to deep dish pizza, and as Jon Stewart once noted in his quite famous, energetic rant on Chicago's pride and joy, "This is not pizza! This is tomato soup in a bread bowl! This is an above-ground marinara swimming pool for rats!"

The bit was well-received by most of his watchers, but the loyal people of the Windy City did not seem to care for the over-the-top rant about their favorite cuisine.

I certainly can understand the disdain of Chicagoans, especially as I have seen the entire clip and he doesn't hold back one bit. I don't know, I found it hilarious, despite what this might do to my credibility



among the Chicago folk out there who read this drivel.

My kids and I have been to ChiTown a few times and we make it a point to get deep dish every time. For me, it would be like going to Philadelphia and not stopping at Tony Luke's, Gino's or DeNic's for a cheesesteak.

Perhaps a closer comparison would be going to Charleston and not getting shrimp & grits, or coming to Ocean City as an out-of-stater and not ordering a crab cake. It would be like going to dive bars in Cleveland and not diving into a plate of fried bologna sandwiches. There are just certain things that you do when you go to certain towns.

And now you know the secret, and now you have a project for the weekend. But, please, I beg of you. Don't tell a soul.

Deep Dish Pizza

makes one big pie

- 2 # fresh pizza dough
- 2 c. Don Pepino's Pizza sauce
- 1 c. Pureed Tomatoes
- 1 1/2 # Mozzarella cheese, shred

- 1/2 # Shredded white cheddar
- 1/2 # Parmesan cheese, shredded
- 1/2 # Shredded Provolone
- Garlic salt, as needed

1. Divide the doughballs into 3 pieces as follows: One will weigh 14 ounces and the other two will weigh 9 ounces each.

2. Use a deep-dish pan (wedding cake pans work nicely) and spray with non-stick spray, then coating it with either semolina or some fine cornmeal.

3. Roll the 14-ounce piece and throw the dough until it is large enough to cover the bottoms and sides of the pan and drape over just enough so that it won't fall in.

4. Sprinkle the crust with some garlic salt, and if the dough is dry you can either brush with olive oil or spray with the non-stick oil to allow the seasoning to adhere to the crust.

5. Blend all of the cheese well and plop about 3/4 of it in the crust, lightly pressing into the bottom of the pan and crust.

6. Now here is the secret, and please don't tell anyone that I shared this with you. I love Chicago and I do not

want to be blackballed from that amazing little township...

7. Roll out the next dough ball until very thin, and place it on the cheese. Press it into the bottom crust so that it sticks. Don't worry about the sauce just yet.

8. Now, with your thumb and pointer finger, pinch five holes in the crust: one in the middle, four surrounding it, evenly spaced, and all around 2-inches wide.

9. Now comes the sauce. Pour it on and spread it around.

10. Sprinkle the remaining cheese and top the whole thing with the third doughball roll super thin to fit.

11. Bake in a 350F oven for about 45 minutes, or until the crust and cheese are golden.

12. Allow to rest for about 20 minutes, as this bubbling mess will be a volcano. Your mouth will never forgive you if you dive in right away.

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

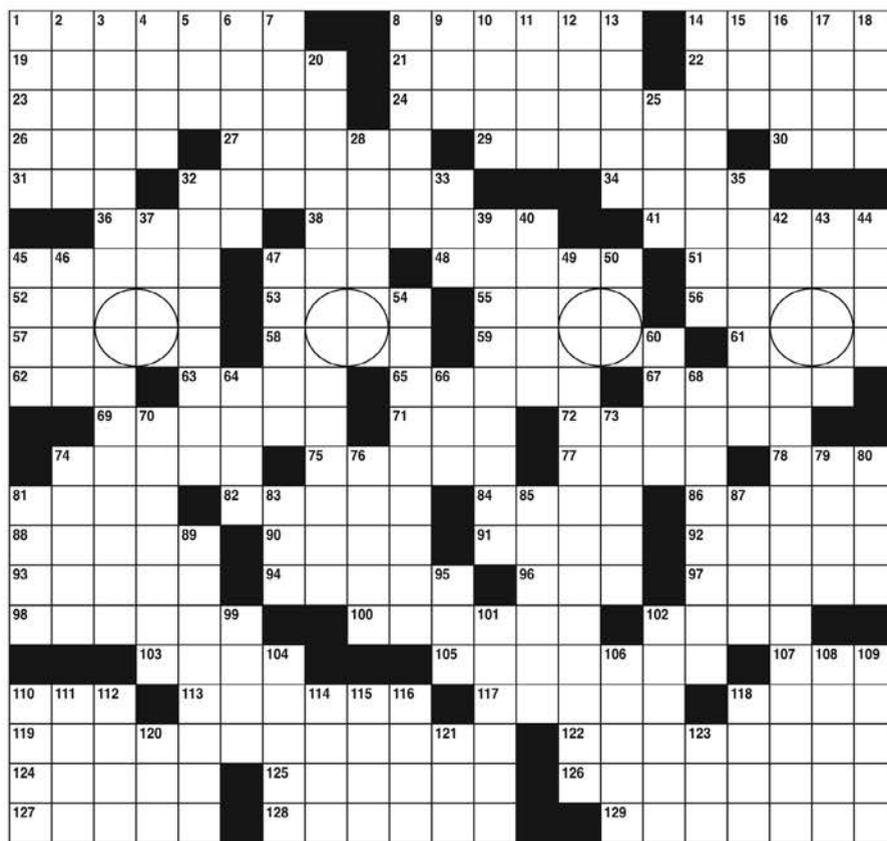
Puzzles

REVOLUTIONARY

BY DAVID STEINBERG / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

David Steinberg sold his first crossword to The Times in 2011, when he was 14 and just finishing the eighth grade. A prolific contributor since then, he has had 94 crosswords in the paper altogether. A 2019 graduate of Stanford University, studying psychology and computer science, David recently moved to Kansas City, Mo., to edit crosswords for Andrews McMeel Universal syndicate. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Passes along, as a present
 - 8 What 13-Down means in poker
 - 14 Book in a mosque
 - 19 Antarctic mass
 - 21 Major British tabloid
 - 22 Yogurt-container words
 - 23 Celebratory Native American feast
 - 24 Drives around awhile ... as suggested by this puzzle's visual elements?
 - 26 If's counterpart, in programming
 - 27 "S.N.L." alum Cheri
 - 29 Military-alert system
 - 30 Sow's home
 - 31 Small criticism
 - 32 Baa-dly needing a haircut?
 - 34 "Today" co-host Hoda
 - 36 Challenges for infielders
 - 38 "De-e-e-eluxe!"
 - 41 Cherry brandy
 - 45 Certain rideshares
 - 47 Deposit box?
 - 48 Morning hour
 - 51 Many a Stan Lee film role
 - 52 Capital NE of Casablanca
 - 53 Idris of "The Dark Tower"
 - 55 Ones or tens place
 - 56 0 0 0
 - 57 Wafer brand
 - 58 Hockey-shot sound
 - 59 Shots in the dark
 - 61 Beginning of the Joint Army/Navy Phonetic Alphabet
 - 62 Camera type, for short
 - 63 Very funny person
 - 65 Extremely cold
 - 67 River through Pakistan
 - 69 Sea creatures that may employ camouflage when hunting
 - 71 Blood-type system
 - 72 Ones generating buzz in the music world?
 - 74 Play at full volume
 - 75 Super ____ (game series)
 - 77 Help with a job
 - 78 Wrath
 - 81 Eco-friendly car introduced in 2011
 - 82 Something the nose knows
 - 84 ____ Pictures
 - 86 First name on the Supreme Court
 - 88 Quits a program
 - 90 Dennis the Menace, e.g.
 - 91 Burnt barbecue bits
 - 92 Shooting stars, some think
 - 93 Kind of salami
 - 94 Pool components
 - 96 Type units
 - 97 Like going all in, maybe
 - 98 Diamond pattern
 - 100 Slowly, musically
 - 102 Some are liberal
 - 103 Meyers of late-night
 - 105 Producer of brown eggs
 - 107 Black ____
 - 110 Arborist's tool
 - 113 Laid, as a claim
 - 117 "Spider-Man" director
 - 118 Hit hard
 - 119 1965 No. 1 Byrds hit ... as suggested by this puzzle's visual elements?
 - 122 Australia's smallest state
 - 124 Upstate New York city
 - 125 Topic of Article I, Section 3 of the Constitution
 - 126 Up-and-coming
 - 127 Wrinkle treatment
 - 128 Shaman, for one
 - 129 Newspaper sections that often fall out
 - 6 Mountains just south of Yellowstone
 - 7 The Quakers and others
 - 8 Celebrity socialite
 - 9 Comedian Margaret
 - 10 Mind
 - 11 "____ quam videri," state motto of North Carolina
 - 12 Strike on the head
 - 13 See 8-Across
 - 14 Home of the Marine Corps University
 - 15 ____ Constitution
 - 16 Individual curls, say
 - 17 Slightly
 - 18 It contains M.S.G.: Abbr.
 - 20 1973 play featuring a sign with a burned-out "E"
 - 25 Part of a king's guard
 - 28 It charges to do some cleaning
 - 32 Arrogant newcomers
 - 33 Rebellion leader
 - 35 Swagger
 - 37 Freud's first stage
 - 39 Plays hard after working hard
 - 40 Baker with the 1986 hit "Sweet Love"
 - 42 Baker or dry cleaner, maybe
 - 43 They multiply by dividing
 - 44 Garden item that sounds like the plural of another garden item
- DOWN**
- 1 Age
 - 2 Romaine concern
 - 3 Kicks things off
 - 4 Land in the water
 - 5 Mortgage org.



- 45 Dispensers at banquets
- 46 Help (out)
- 47 Author of "The Lion, the Bear and the Fox"
- 49 Full of empty talk
- 50 Royals' org.
- 54 Teleported, in the Harry Potter books
- 60 Drop-down menu in online shopping
- 64 I as in Icarus
- 66 Something you might take a bow for in the theater?
- 68 Unapologetic
- 70 Squeaky mice, e.g.
- 73 Chasm
- 74 Jabber?
- 76 Whirlpool subsidiary since 2006
- 79 Place to lace up
- 80 "It's a snap!"
- 81 Summer Triangle star
- 83 The Notorious ____
- 85 Six Nations tribe
- 87 Leave off, as the last word of a
- 89 Line just above a total, say
- 95 Squid's ink holder
- 99 Latin rebuke
- 101 Accumulate
- 102 Up
- 104 Like a zero-star review
- 106 Savory taste
- 108 Coat that's hard to take off
- 109 Sports page fodder
- 110 Paycheck go-with
- 111 A plane might be flown on it
- 112 Judicial order
- 114 Pad site
- 115 ____ Rosso (Sicilian wine)
- 116 Kind of citizenship
- 118 Kind of tea
- 120 Cpl. or sgt.
- 121 Fwy., e.g.
- 123 Virginia Woolf's "____ Dalloway"

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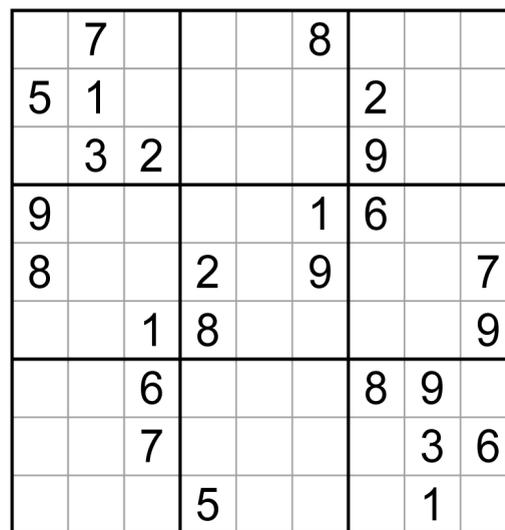
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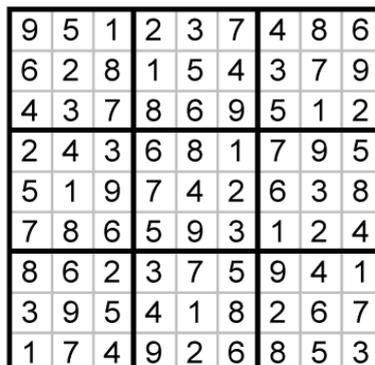
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HARD - 84

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



Calendar

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

Thurs., Aug. 29

END OF SUMMER PARTY

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 AM. Treats, prizes and fun for children of all ages. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Providing physical and emotional support for survivors and caregivers to share personal experiences and challenges. Coping strategies also discussed. Anne Waples, awaples@atlanticgeneral.org, 443-614-5720

FAMILY BEACH OLYMPICS

Carousel Resort Hotel and Condominiums, 11700 Coastal Highway, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. Held Thursdays through Aug. 29. Featuring a variety of contests for all ages including sand castle contests, tug-of-war, relays and more.

SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS

Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Free concert featuring "Full Circle" (rock - classic to current). Admission to the park is free, while beverages, including beer, are available for purchase. It is recommended to bring your own seating. 410-289-7739, <http://www.ocdc.org>

BEACH SINGLES

Thursdays - Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour. Info: 302-436-9577, 410-524-0649 or 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., Aug. 30

FIBER FRIENDS

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

AGH GOES PURPLE KICKOFF

Atlantic General Hospital, Main Lobby, 9733 Healthway Drive, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Community education and resource event promoting opioid awareness, re-

covery and peer support information, naloxone training, integrative therapies and other resources for addiction treatment. Rocks will be available during the event to be painted and placed in the River of Care and River of Hope in honor of those who have died from an overdose or are struggling with addiction. Donna Nordstrom, dnordstrom@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-629-6820

Sat., Aug. 31

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

Ocean City Presbyterian Church, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

SELBYVILLE ELKS MARKET DAY & YARD SALE

Selbyville Elks Lodge 2173, 13324 Worcester Highway, 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Breakfast and lunch sandwiches and bakery items available. Vendors welcome. Indoor and outdoor tables rentals are \$10. Contact: Lynne, 302-853-5335.

CRAFTY SATURDAY MAKE & TAKE 'SCHOOL DAYS'

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

WAGS AND WINE

Windmill Creek Vineyard and Winery, 11206 Worcester Highway, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Featuring local vendors with pet products and services, live music, a Smooch Your Pooch photo booth, wine, food and snowballs from The Snowball Stand. Friendly, leashed dogs are welcome. Dogs and cats from Worcester and Wicomico County Humane Societies will be available for adoption. The first 100 people to adopt or make a qualifying donation will receive a matching event T-shirt and doggie bandanna.

SHAKESPEARE ON MAIN STREET

Corner of Main and Pitts streets, 7:30 PM. Free Outdoor Shakespeare returns with the political drama, "Measure for Measure." Performance by Brown Box Theatre. Bring a chair and enjoy.

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

Saturdays - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Featuring live music, chef demos, children's activities and other special events. Shop for everything from fresh local produce to unique handmade artisan goods. Open to the public.

Sun., Sept. 1

BERLIN FARMERS MARKET

Pitts Street and Main Street, 9:00 AM -

1:00 PM. Featuring more than 20 vendors including fresh fruits and veggies, baked goods, seafood, poultry, farm fresh eggs, organic goods, wood working, beauty products and more. Also enjoy free crafts for kids, a variety of tutorials, a petting zoo and music provided by Chris Sacks. Ivy Wells and Allison Early, 410-973-2051

SUNDAES IN THE PARK AND FIREWORKS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Featuring live music by "Sapphire" ('80s music) and free entertainment and activities for children too. Also, create your own sundae for a nominal fee. Additional ice cream novelty and beverage options are available for purchase. Bring your picnic basket and beach chairs. The night will end with a fireworks display at 9pm. In the event of inclement weather, this event will be moved inside the complex. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

Mon., Sept. 2

CPAP MASK FITTING

Atlantic General Hospital Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive. Free mask fitting clinic for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. By appointment only: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726.

HYPERTENSION CLINIC

Apple Discount Drugs, 314 Franklin Ave., #600, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Monday of every month. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Michelle, 410-641-9268

ANNUAL LABOR DAY PICNIC

White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Sponsored by Worcester County Democratic Club, picnic features catering by Em-ings of Bishopville, music and a speaker. Chicken, baby back ribs, salads and beverages are included. Cost is \$25. Tickets: 301-667-3099.

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 Champion, 410-641-0157

MEDIA AND CHILDREN PART 1

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 6:00 PM. A three-part series for parents that delves into the who, what, where, when, why and how of children and media. Part 1 covers screen time recommendations by age and what the library

offers for children's media. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

BEACH FIREWORKS

Talbot Street beach, 10:30 PM. 410-289-2800

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., Sept. 3

FAITH-BASED PARTNERSHIP

Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center Conference Room, 9707 Healthway Drive, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM. A cooperative effort for local Worship Centers and Atlantic General Hospital & Health System to increase health awareness, education and healthy living incentives. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month. Gail Mansell, gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9725

HOW DO YOU BREW? STARBUCKS PRESENTATION

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM. A coffee seminar about how to brew the perfect cup of coffee at home. Starbucks manager, Gabriela Mitaj, will talk fundamentals and make it fun with a coffee tasting. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30 PM. The group meets twice a month to discuss both classic and modern reading selections recommended by the Great Books Foundation. 410-208-4014, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

MARYLAND BASIC BOATING SAFETY COURSE

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM. The course, held Sept. 3-5, is required for all boat operators born after July 1, 1972. A certificate is awarded after successful completion of the course. Cost is \$15. Register: Barry Cohen, 410-935-4807 or CGAUXOC@gmail.com.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

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

'ASK A MASTER GARDENER' PLANT CLINIC

Tuesdays through September - Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1-4 p.m. Bring your photos or bagged plant samples by and let expert Master Gardeners find solutions to your questions. Free service.

Calendar

Wed., Sept. 4

WITTY KNITTERS

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Knitters, Crochet enthusiasts, needle artists of all skill levels are invited to join this group for a casual morning of sharing. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

HYPERTENSION CLINICS

Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place at Rite Aid, 10119 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin and at Rite Aid, 11011 Manklin Creek Road, Ocean Pines, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Michelle, 410-641-9268

FREE SQUARE DANCE LESSONS

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Adults, singles and couples welcome. Square dance lessons are October through May, 2020 on Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. at a nominal fee.

KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OP/OC

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

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Wednesdays - Ocean City Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM. Dance to the sounds of the '50s and '60s music. A \$5 donation to benefit Veterans and local charities. dance@delmarvahanddancing.com, 410-208-1151, <http://delmarvahanddancing.com>

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

ONGOING EVENTS

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Yacht Club parking lot at 10 a.m. on Oct. 17 and return at approximately 5 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes \$15 slot play and \$7 food voucher good towards the lunch buffet. Open to all. Reservations: Tom or Barbara Southwell, 410-641-5456.

BOWLING LEAGUE

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FREE WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

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MOVIE VIEWING

Moviegoers watch an outdoor showing of "Runaway Bride" last Saturday evening on the streets of downtown Berlin to commemorate the film's 20th anniversary. The movie was filmed in Berlin.



Residents and visitors sit in style as they await the start of "Runaway Bride," last Saturday in Berlin. (Above) Among those watching the film, from left, are Jacki, of Salisbury, Kristen, of Sellersville, Pennsylvania, and Stephanie Fowler, of Berlin. The film was shown on Jefferson Street to mark its 20th anniversary. (Left) Brenda, left, and Katie Malone, of Berlin, take advantage of the reserved tables and chairs, light fare and a piece of wedding cake.

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Residents and visitors grab seats outside the Atlantic Hotel to watch "Runaway Bride." Among those moviegoers, from left, are Peggy Haggy, Susan Bashore and Debi Cook, of Berlin. The film was screened Saturday evening in downtown Berlin to honor its 20th anniversary and filming location in Berlin.



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Helen and Mike Wiley, of Berlin, pose with cardboard cutouts of Richard Gere and Julia Roberts Saturday evening during the showing of "Runaway Bride" on Jefferson Street in Berlin.

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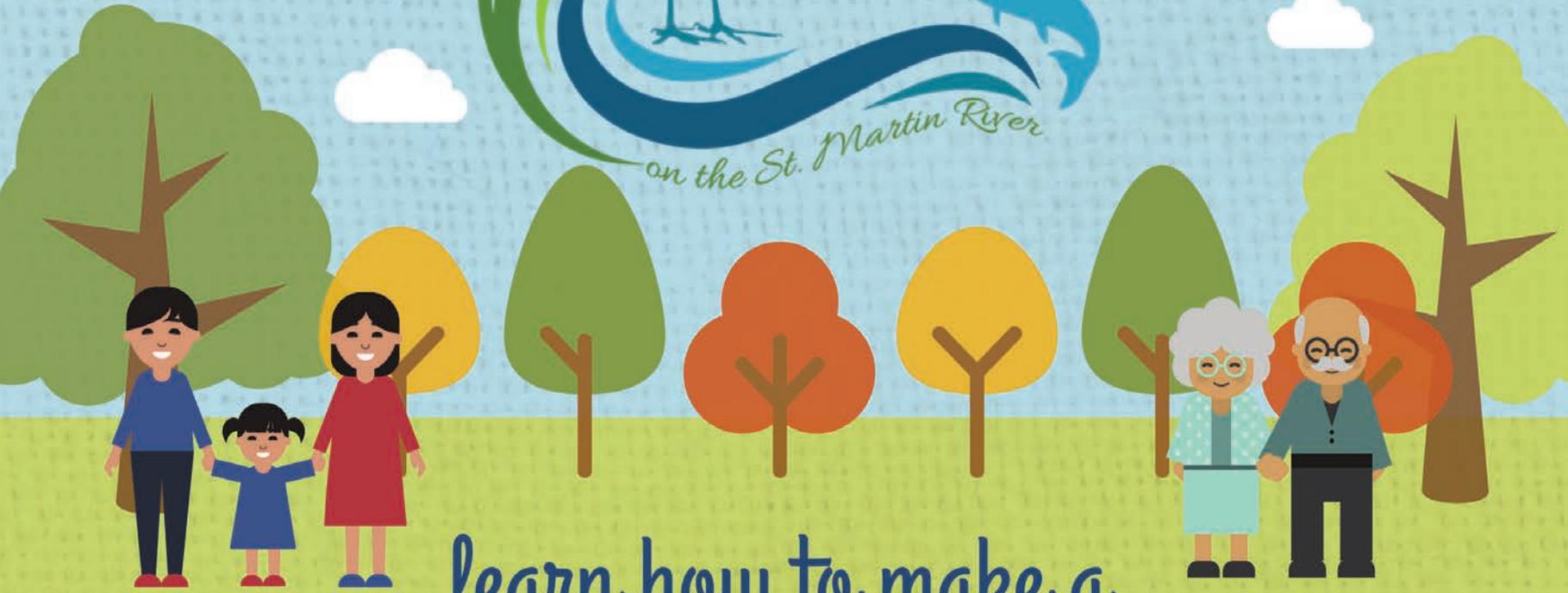
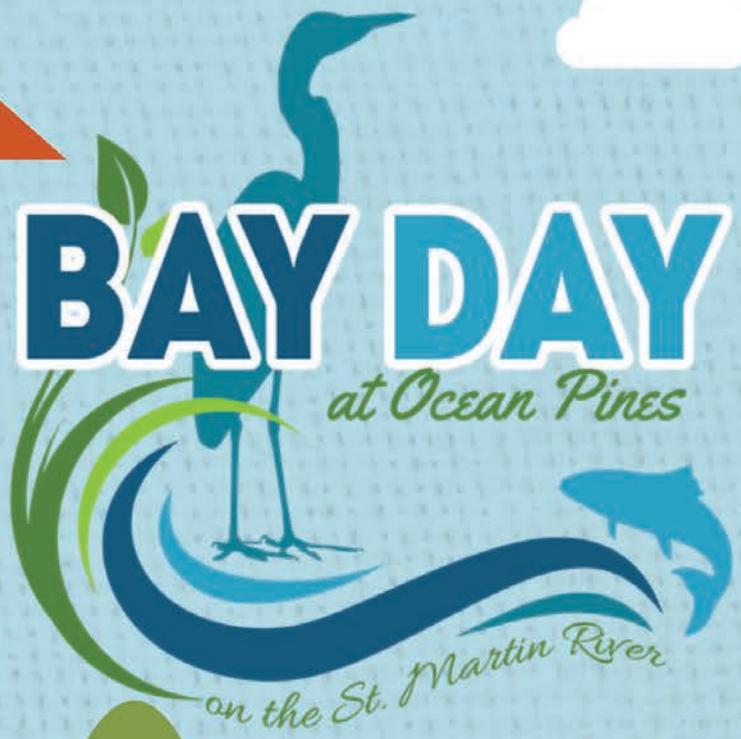
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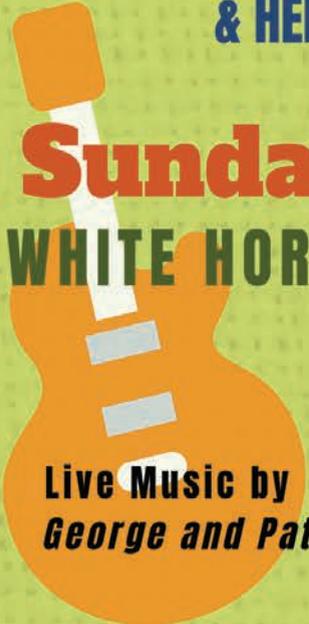
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