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PLAYGROUND FUN

Jordan Eowling, 11, and his sister, Alanna, 6, play on equipment at Stephen Decatur Park while visiting their grandparents who live in Berlin.

OPA candidate forum explores backgrounds

Hopefuls talk about their expertise and accomplishments

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(June 25, 2020) Although unable to stage a face-to-face debate because of covid-19 safety restrictions, the three OPA Board of Directors candidates vying for a pair of open seats addressed roughly a dozen questions during a virtual election forum last Wednesday.

The 2020 Ocean Pines Election Forum, which was coordinated by the Elections Committee and moderated by Chairman Steve Habeger, launched online at 7 p.m. and ran for a little more than an hour.

In addition to incumbents Doug Parks and Dr. Colette Horn, first-time candidate Stuart Lakernick, whose spouse is former board mem-



Colette Horn



Stuart Lakernick

ber Esther Diller, participated in the online question-and-answer session. Each candidate also provided brief biographies of themselves.

Horn said her initial involvement as a board candidate in 2016 was based on what she perceived to be dissension within the group and questionable financial directives.

Once elected as a board member, Horn said, her focus was fostering profes-
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Doug Parks

BLM march set for Saturday in Berlin

Partially a response to Klan flyers in WOC, Berlin, Ocean Pines

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(June 25, 2020) In response to the reported distribution of KKK literature throughout Worcester County, a Black Lives Matter March through Berlin is scheduled for 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, beginning at Stephen Decatur Park on Tripoli Street.

Rosie Bean said the plan had been to move onto the

next phase of community building, but then the KKK literature was distributed.

"We decided to take action right now and do something," she said.

Bean, who organized the Ocean City Boardwalk march on June 6 and participated in the Pocomoke and Princess Anne marches as well, planned the Berlin march with other activists such as Denise Meade-Cervantes, Dr. Roxie Dennis-Acholonu and Adrian Bowen.

Other participants are Brianna Bowen, Laurie Britting-
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Rosie Bean, who planned the Black Lives Matter march on the Ocean City Boardwalk, organized a march through downtown Berlin on Saturday in response to the distribution of KKK literature throughout Worcester County.

KKK literature distributed in communities

By Elizabeth Bonin
Staff Writer

(June 25, 2020) Residents of Ocean Pines, Berlin and West Ocean City found racially charged literature from the Klu Klux Klan on their property last Thursday, the Ocean Pines Police Department and Worcester County Sheriff's Office confirmed this week.

Ocean Pines Police Chief Dave Massey said the literature was a racist narrative found in small bags in front of resident's
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Bowen seeks justice for his younger brother with petition

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(June 25, 2020) Following the recent Black Lives Matter protests, Tyheim Bowen was inspired to start a change.org petition to raise awareness about the Nov. 8, 2013 crash that killed his brother, Tymeir Dennis.

"With everything that was going on in the world, I felt that maybe I could try to get justice for my brother," Bowen said.

Maryland State Trooper Nicholas Hager was driving an unmarked car on Route 113 at about 8:02 p.m. when he struck Bowen and Dennis on Bay Street as they were walking from Uncle Willie's convenience store on Flower Street.

After the accident, Hager returned to work on Nov. 12, 2013 and was not charged for Dennis' death.

"At the end of the day, the man still got to go home with his family, and I lost somebody that I'll never be able to see again," Bowen said.

Dennis, 16, was pronounced dead at Atlantic General Hospital. Bowen, 17, sustained injuries to his pelvis and right arm as well as injuries to his right leg that led to amputation.

He had to walk with a cane at first to adjust to the prosthetic leg as his other injuries healed.

"One of my biggest goals ever since I've lost my leg ... is to learn how to run," Bowen said. "I don't know how to run again yet, but I'll get there."

Bowen is also training for powerlifting with the goal to qualify for nationals and compete in the Paralympics.

"I'm just trying to live my best life and do great for my kids (my 1-year-old son Tymeir, who is named after his uncle, and my daughter who is due in September) and my brother," Bowen said.

Since the accident, Bowen has struggled with survivor's guilt.

"It did ruin my life," Bowen said.



Tyheim Bowen

"After my brother had passed away, I didn't really want to be here no more. I had thoughts in my head that it was my fault. I still have thoughts in my head that it was my fault."

He is hopeful that the petition will reopen the court case and lead to punishment for Hager.

"I know he didn't do it purposely, but it happened, and I feel like he has to deal with the consequences like everybody else," Bowen said.

The day Bowen launched the petition, it received more than 1,000 signatures, he said.

As of Wednesday morning, it received 2,926 signatures.

"I appreciate all the people that signed the petition. That means a lot to me and my brother and my family," Bowen said.

Although Bowen now lives in Millsboro with his girlfriend, Bridgett, and son, he also hopes the petition will increase concern about pedestrian safety in Berlin and lead to changes on Route 113.

Next, Bowen plans to contact Mayor Gee Williams and Gov. Larry Hogan for support.

"I just want justice for my brother's name because, you know, what happened to us wasn't right," Bowen said.

The Maryland State Police responded with the following statement: "We certainly recognize the pain and suffering endured by the family and friends of all the individuals involved in this tragic incident. A thorough investigation was conducted and reviewed by the Worcester County State's Attorney's Office. All legal proceedings have concluded and we are not aware of any grounds for reopening the case."

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Pines new fire rescue boat boosts search capabilities

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(June 25, 2020) The Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Departments offshore search and rescue capabilities are taking a major leap forward following the acquisition of a 21-foot vessel set to launch in early July.

Fire Chief Steve Grunewald said the department's new Carolina Skiff, which is already available for deployment via a boat ramp, is on the verge of being placed dockside.



Steve Grunewald

"We're waiting for the pilings that need to be driven in for the boat lift that's going to be down at the Yacht Club," he said.

Due to infrastructure upgrades, and coronavirus-related work restrictions, the original June 1 target date for the skiff to be activated for use was pushed back to early July.

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The Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department recently upgraded search and rescue capabilities with a new vessel equipped with improved radar capabilities.



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Berlin opens indoor dining, but outdoor service favored

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(June 25, 2020) Berlin restaurateurs were excited to reopen indoor dining at 50 percent capacity, but some have experienced challenges with the new modifications over the last week and half.

DiFebo's on North Main Street reopened for indoor dining on June 12 at 5 p.m. with an operating staff nearly half the size it usually has.

Owner Jeff Osias said it has been difficult getting employees to return to work, and manager Jacki Morton added that business has been much slower than normal. With the lower demand, DiFebo's is offering a limited menu.

Since reopening for indoor service, DiFebo's has taken preventive measures to reduce exposure to the coronavirus.

"We're diligent about making people feel safe," said Osias.

To meet CDC guidelines, all employees wear masks. In addition, tables are being sanitized and are spaced to comply with social distancing standards.

"[Diners] are obviously six to eight feet apart. Everybody is coming in with masks on," Morton said. "It feels like normal except for those little changes."

Also, the restaurant has switched to single-use paper menus, Osias said.

Morton added that outdoor dining remains a popular choice for diners, even with indoor service available.

According to its Facebook page, reservations are not required for indoor seating at the Berlin location but are required at the two Delaware locations.

DiFebo's is continuing carryout and

curbside service to accommodate the needs of its guests during the time of the coronavirus.

Similarly, Crush n Crab, located at the corner of Route 113 and South Main Street, opened for indoor dining on June 12.

The restaurant is gradually seeing an increase in diners as it returns to outdoor and indoor service.

"We want to say thank you to everyone that came in," said Manager LaToya Szucs.

Currently, the restaurant is not taking reservations for indoor or outdoor dining.

"It is first come, first serve," Szucs added.

Diners must wear masks until they are seated, and all tables are six feet apart.

According to a Facebook post from June 15, the restaurant is hiring servers and cooks as it functions with a limited staff.

Aside from not serving breakfast, the restaurant is offering a full menu and full bar.

Other downtown restaurants have been more fortunate with success amid the covid-19 crisis.

Fins Ale House and Raw Bar on North Main Street across from Worcester Youth & Family Counseling Services has been booming since reopening indoor dining with reservations on June 12 at 5 p.m.

"Business has been great," said manager William Hotton. "Business has even been great since we opened the outdoors. I think a lot of people are anxious to come out and eat and to actually feel some normalcy. At the same

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Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department upgrades boat

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"The vessel is mainly going to be used for search and rescue not really for fire-fighting purposes," he said. "With the 12 miles of waterfront we cover, we need something that's a little bit beefier than the little jon boat we had."

The new boat stands in stark contrast to the small aluminum one the department previously used to search operations.

"This boat will be equipped with all the navionics, radars and everything we need to do a proper search," he said. "It's a ten-fold increase."

Grunewald said new equipment would enormously augment response abilities.

"You're going from a boat where all you were really doing was trolling and looking for things, to a boat

where we can actually perform adequate rescues," he said. "We're going from a rowboat [that] had a small engine on it."

Grunewald said the skiff would initially be earmarked solely for water missions

"Right now we do not have any fire fighting capabilities, not to say in the future we may put a small pump on that boat," he said. "We utilize the Ocean City fire boat for fire-fighting purposes."

Because the smaller boat's usefulness was also limited by wind and tide conditions, Grunewald said the larger vessel will allow the department to handle rougher waters.

"There's a lot of bay that's back there," he said. "We're going to be able to assist the Coast Guard, DNR and Ocean City."

Restaurants operate with limited staff, menu

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time, we had to shut down temporarily this location, and we focused on our Delaware locations with the carryout, and I think it seems like a lot of people in the town missed us.”

Hotton said both diners and the staff were excited to rebuild a connection.

“We, as like a staff that work here, could not be happier with how this is going,” he added. “It’s actually amazing.”

In addition to indoor dining, Fins is continuing carryout, curbside and outdoor service.

“We just got ChowNow as well,” Hotton said. “So that will boost our carryout sales.”

Fins is offering full menu and full bar service, but the menu has been redone recently.

“We used to have a full lunch menu, a full dinner menu, a happy hour menu and specials. We’ve done away with that ... at our location,” Hotton said. “We’re more of like a brewpub now. We’re still an oyster house, but we have consolidated down to one menu.”

After evaluating the restaurant’s sales, the management team removed some items from the menu.

“We brought it done to the core of what we are and what are customers really enjoy,” Hotton said.

After preliminary approval from the health department, Fins has spaced tables six feet apart from each other and any walkways.

Hotton said there have been other changes to minimize contact of exposure to the virus.

“We had to put arrows going in and out. We had to have little stations with hand sanitizer out in various places. Any of the tables that were porous wood, we had to use that thick brown paper ... crab paper,” Hotton said. “You can clean a porous wood table but not as well because it has those deep crevices. So, we would just throw the paper away.”

Diners have to wear masks until seated to receive service while employees wear masks and gloves.

Like every summer, diners are attracted to the restaurant’s outdoor seating.

“Outdoor is always more popular including right now when the weather’s nice,” Hotton said. “I haven’t seen a change with the covid. I haven’t seen where people are like, ‘I don’t really want to sit in proximity or the inside of the building.’ I haven’t seen that at all, and that could just be that we’re making sure we’re keeping everything clean.”

Lately, crowds have been gathering for music at the venue on Sundays after



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DiFebo's on North Main Street in Berlin has experienced challenges such as lower demand from the community and a limited staff since reopening for indoor dining on June 12 at 5 p.m.

the farmers market.

“It seems like people are going to the farmers market to spend money and time and look around Berlin and support them locally,” Hotton said. “Then, they come over to us and then they get

carryout or they come in and eat and listen to the music.”

Likewise, live music on the front porch at Atlantic Hotel on Mondays and Fridays from about 5-9 p.m. has

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Museum gets grant for roof repair

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(June 25, 2020) The Calvin B. Taylor House Museum in Berlin received a \$45,000 grant through the Historic Preservation Capital Grant Program for a construction project.

“The Calvin B. Taylor House Museum had a competitive project proposal for urgent work to replace its wood shingle roof that has reached the end of its useful life,” said David Buck, director of the Office of Communications at Maryland Department of Planning. “Replacing the roof with appropriate wood shingles not only protects the historical appearance of the building, but protects the interior of the building from potential water intrusion.”

Board of Directors member Donna Main said the 35-year-plus old roof has had a few leaks since she applied for the grant in March and needs to be replaced as soon as possible.

The museum on North Main Street in Berlin was one of 10 projects awarded



Donna Main

funds by the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) through the Historic Preservation Capital Grant Program, which aids brick-and-mortar historic preservation projects throughout the state.

The Maryland Department of Planning received more than 40 applications for projects competing for \$600,000 in available grants.

According to the Maryland Historical Trust Capital Grant Program Website, eligible projects include acquisition, rehabilitation or restoration and predevelopment costs (i.e. studies, surveys, plans and specifications).

The website also states that eligible projects “must have a strong public benefit in order to be competitive.”

The Calvin B. Taylor House Museum is a cornerstone of the Berlin community, hosting events such as free concerts on the lawn, the annual peach

festival and school visits, said Main.

The museum’s dedication to the cultural and historical education of the town has not gone unnoticed.

“The museum also consistently maintains a strong public benefit, offering the public the chance to share and learn about local history and to participate in popular community events,” Buck said.

Museum officials requested a \$45,000 grant based on estimates collected for the roof replacement as part of the application process, Buck said.

Organizations could request a maximum of \$100,000 per project.

“The museum will complete a competitive bid process to hire a contractor,” Buck said. “Their work will be reviewed by MHT staff to make sure they have followed the “Secretary of the Interior’s Standards and Best Practices” for historic preservation.”

The Calvin B. Taylor House Museum reopens to the public on July 1.

For more information, call 410-641-1019 or visit taylorhousemuseum.org.

Social distancing measures taken

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been popular, said Manager Laura Stearns.

The hotel and restaurant have added an outdoor bar, an orange crush bar, that has attracted visitors.

“We’re also fortunate because we have a lot of outdoor space, but we also have a lot of indoor space and this is because we have a ballroom, the Atlantic Ballroom, which normally we use for weddings and special events,” Stearns said. “Because we have no weddings or

special events right now, we’re able to create a lot of space between the diners.”

Since returning to indoor dining, Stearns said the demand has been great.

In addition, people have been “exceptionally kind” with the limited staff.

“It’s been phenomenal,” Stearns said. “People have been excited to get out and get back to somewhat of a normal life, I think.”

Stearns added that with reopening

the indoor service, the restaurant has taken every recommended precaution, including sanitizing the tables and chairs and requiring staff to wear masks and gloves when serving food.

Currently, Atlantic Hotel is accepting reservations and walk-ins.

“We are grateful for the support of our customers just because it was a difficult time for us, and we’re just so happy that everyone is supporting us now, so we can try to come out of this,” Stearns said.”

Berlin businesses update hours after coronavirus impact

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Atlantic Hotel, 2. N. Main Street, is open every day at 11 a.m.

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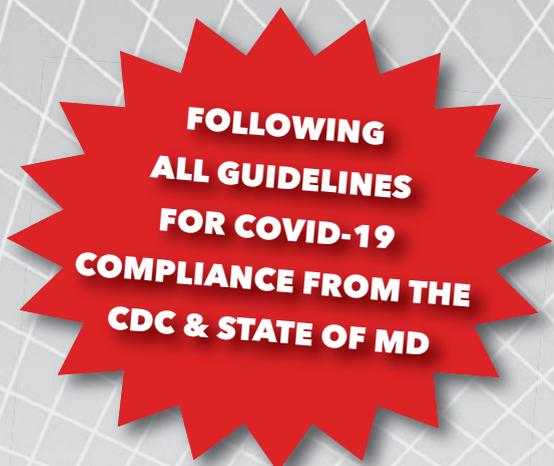
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Pop's Kitchen to open on Gay Street

Quick-service restaurant to offer pizza, salads and subs for outdoor dining, carryout

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(June 25, 2020) Robert and Kelli Beck received permission from the Berlin Town Council Monday night to place four picnic tables and a small bike rack on the front patio area of their Pop's Kitchen restaurant on 15 Gay Street.

Pop's Kitchen is expected to open later this summer if the equipment is delivered within the two next weeks, Kelli Beck said.

In addition to the 29-inch tall outdoor tables made from composite material, the restaurant expected to have limited inside dining, she said. However, there will be no wait staff, as the restaurant is designed for quick service, mainly for takeout.

Currently, with coronavirus restrictions in effect, the Becks plan to stick with outdoor dining or limit the

capacity for inside.

Pop's Kitchen will be open for lunch and dinner and the menu will feature salads, soups, subs and pizzas.

"Staffing is an issue that I think a lot of people have experienced the impact of," Kelli Beck said.

The restaurant's hours will be determined after staff is hired and demand in downtown Berlin is evaluated.

For more information, call 410-973-7677.

Hogs for Heroes ride through OC to support police

Group's 2020 Roar at the Shore event held Saturday

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(June 25, 2020) Hoping to highlight support for law enforcement, regional members of Hogs for Heroes are staging the 2020 Roar at the Shore event this Saturday in Ocean City.

Hogs and Heroes Foundation Maryland Chapter 8 President Steve Hannon said riders would convene at the Berlin Wal-Mart on Ocean Gateway at 10 a.m. Saturday, with kick stands up at 11 a.m. to begin the short journey to Ocean City.

The event is intended to raise funds for the MD C.O.P.S. program that aids surviving family members of fallen officers.

Hannon said with the annual police convention in Ocean City cancelled this year because of coronavirus concerns, chapter members developed a plan to pay tribute to fallen officers in Maryland.

"The chapter got together to suggest something else and hatched the idea for a motorcycle run," he said.

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Berlin requests to be KAB affiliate

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(June 25, 2020) The Town of Berlin is seeking to become an affiliate of the Keep America Beautiful program, the Town Council was told Monday night, as Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood read Mayor Gee Williams' letter of request to the nonprofit organization.

Established in 1953, Keep America Beautiful provides "a framework for community education and hands-on stewardship that seeks to end littering, improve recycling and beautify America's communities," a statement on its

website said.

It accomplishes that with the support of many partners, from military contractor Northrup Grumman to candy company Mars Wrigley, to associations such as U.S. Composting Council.

As an affiliate, Berlin would have access to a national network of peers, training opportunities, tools and resources and community impact grants.

In his letter, Williams said "in the past decade there has been a widespread and successful community effort to not only preserve but enhance

our historical and environmental heritage."

He added that the town has been committed to environmental stewardship and economic development.

Berlin has a multi-year campaign, Grow Berlin Green, that is managed by a coalition of Assateague Coastal Trust, Lower Shore Land Trust and Maryland Coastal Bays Program to inform both residents and business owners about the long-lasting benefits "of strong environmental stewardship practices and policies," Williams said in the letter.

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Pines revises pool process, schedule for members use

(June 25, 2020) Ocean Pines has announced updated schedule and procedures for the community's pools.

The revised schedule, which went into effect last Friday, follows Gov. Larry Hogan's stage two recovery program standards.

Ocean Pines Director of Amenities and Operational Logistics Colby Phillips said the revised schedule and procedures will continue to limit capacity and adhere to social distancing and sanitization measures.

"The first few weeks of opening the pools has gone very well, and we thank everyone for their understanding of the weekly changes," Phillips said. "The Aquatics team continues to have weekly meetings with the health department so we can make sure to stay up to date on all safety measures and procedures."

Under the new procedures, all outdoor pools will operate on a first-come, first-served basis. Additionally, guests who are not Ocean Pines residents or property owners will now be able to gain entrance.

"We are finding that with our lower numbers and not reaching capacity at two of our outdoor pools that are open right now, we would be able to allow access to weekly and summer renters of Ocean Pines as well as our regular nonresident guests, many who take our classes year-round," Phillips said.

According to Phillips, most pool visitors are Ocean Pines residents, guests of residents, or Ocean Pines renters.

"We have very few outsiders except at our Beach Club Pool and our Sports Core Pool. Those two pools see the most of our out-of-OP guests," she said.

Ocean Pines swim members will be given exclusive access for the first hour after each pool's opening each day. Guests may call the pools ahead of time to check availability.

Those interested in purchasing seasonal or year-round swim memberships may do so at the Ocean Pines Administration Building. Forms are available in the building's lobby or online at oceanpines.org.

Payments may be submitted by mail, by email to member@oceanpines.org or by placing in the lobby drop box. Applications may also be taken to building's front desk Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon beginning June 19.

Non-resident swim memberships may be purchased beginning June 22.

The schedules at all five pools are as follows:

Yacht Club Pool: Now open. Call 410-936-0533.

Hours of operation: 10 a.m. to

6:30 p.m.; pool members only 9-10 a.m.

Beach Club Pool: Now open. Call 410-936-0348.

Hours of operation 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; pool members only 10-11 a.m.

Swim and Racquet Club Pool: Now open. Call 410-641-7227.

Hours of operation: Noon-5:30 p.m.; pool members only 11 a.m. to noon.

The splash pad will open by July 1.

Sports Core Pool: Opening June 29. Call 410-641-5255.

Hours of operation: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Open for exercise classes and lap swimming/exercising only. In the event outdoor pools close due to rain, the Sports Core will open for recreational swimming, based on health department guidelines.

Mumford's Landing Pool: Opening soon, once staffing is available. Call 410-208-6005.

Hours of operation: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Exercise classes will be held before 10 a.m. and after 5 p.m.

All guests entering the pools will be asked to provide their names and contact information (using sterilized pens) to facilitate contact tracing. Additional guests will be allowed in as guests leave.

Ocean Pines will be responsible for defining social distancing on the pool decks and check-in areas. A cleaning and sanitization schedule is in place at each pool.

Chairs will be provided, but loungers will not be available. Guests may bring their own chairs or loungers if they wish.

Guests will be required to wear a mask upon entry at the pool, when using the bathrooms and when approaching others on the pool deck who are not in their immediate party.

For more information or questions, contact Phillips at cphillips@oceanpines.org.

Motorcycles, cars welcome to back law enforcement

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Hannon said riders are asked to donate \$5 to support the MD C.O.P.S. program, with cars welcome to join and encouraged to decorate their vehicles to reflect support for the Blue.

"With all the turbulence going on, we want our police to know we stand together to support them," he said.

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OPA Board vets short-term rentals in special meeting

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(June 25, 2020) While discussions focused on a property on Abbyshire Road, the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors on Tuesday opened the door to addressing the short-term rental situation.

Board member Steve Tuttle, who convened the special session, said in his opening comments adjacent neighbors had sent multiple emails with concerns over noise and late-night disruptions.

Tuttle, who raised the issue with Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino that afternoon, said trash and packed cars had also been an ongoing problem at the address.

Tuttle said after informing Bertino the property had been advertised online for periods of a week or less without appropriate county licensing, the commissioner pledged to investigate levying citations for prior abuses.

Tuttle said enforcement of rental regulations is the larger issue.

On Tuesday, Bertino conferred with Zoning Administrator Jennifer Keener who had previously contacted the Abbyshire property owners who vowed to begin the licensing process.

OPA President Doug Parks said all board members have inspected the property and concur the situation is unacceptable.

Parks proposed examining short-term rental regulations, while making occupant limitations the primary point.

Parks said the recently passed short-term rental legislation in Worcester County seems to lack details regarding enforcement or penalties.

Parks suggested that the board consult with county officials to develop long-term solutions, with the possibility of Ocean Pines taking the lead role.

Director Camilla Rogers, who reported seeing beds placed inside the garage at the address, asked who would assume the primary role for enforcement.

In terms of enforcement for short-term rental complaints, Parks replied that OPA governing bylaws do not permit the board to levy fines.

Parks said the question of instituting a fine structure would involve amending declarations of restrictions, an issue raised previously to mixed reaction, while suggesting the more immediate goal should be coordinating with county officials to flesh out enforcement details.

Director Frank Daly, who said he will propose researching the short-term rental issue at the July 1 board meeting, added that limited ability exists for levying fines for certain neighborhood sections built after 1995 with a majority vote of board members.

Daly said the board lacks any ability to levy fines in sections built prior to that time.

Acknowledging that asking association members to authorize a fine structure ruffled a few feathers in the past, Daly said a more palatable solution might be coordinating with Worcester County to develop a text amendment for current regulations.

Unlike neighboring municipalities that have the ability to approve ordinances through town councils, Daly said Ocean Pines, which represents the largest unincorporated area in Worcester, lacks those legal authority.

Daly also pointed out that of the roughly 180 Pines properties rented online at this point, less than a handful had generated complaints.

The board will resume deliberations on the matter during its July 1 meeting scheduled at the new Golf Clubhouse beginning at 7 p.m.

Literature found around area

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houses. He said it was clear that they were thrown from a car, which quickly left.

“As much as we dislike negative speech and what it stands for, according to our constitution, we have to allow people to give views, even if they’re reprehensive,” Massey said.

He added that national events probably stirred up a “lunatic fringe.”

Protests advocating for Black Lives Matter and the dismantling of police departments have been taking place globally since the death of George Floyd on May 25 in Minneapolis. Floyd, who was black, was killed by Derek Chauvin, a white police officer.

According to Massey, he has never heard of KKK activity in Worcester County in his 17 years as a police chief.

“This is a very isolated incident,” Massey said. “It’s obvious that people came in and threw them and left to try to stir up negativity.”

He said he didn’t want to give the group publicity, but felt that it was necessary since word of the incident had spread on social media.

“I believe this is still the greatest country in the world – the fact that we allow free speech,” Massey said.

Ashley Miller, public information officer for Ocean City Police Department, said resort officers had also found racially charged notes in small bags, but that they may not necessarily be attributed to a specific organization.

Lt. Katie Edgar said the sheriff’s office has not received additional reports since then. The office had no further information and is currently investigating the incident.

Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing said that none of the racist literature was found within the corporate limits of Berlin. He added that he had seen a similar situation in Worcester and Delaware about two years ago.

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OP Police Briefs

Violates order

Daniel Bauer, 39, of Ocean Pines was arrested on June 9 for violation of a domestic protection order.

Bauer, who faces one count for violating the protection order appeared before the District Court Commissioner and was committed to the Worcester County Jail pending trial.

Malicious destruction

Ryan Wallace, 36, of Ocean Pines, was arrested on June 15 on one count of malicious destruction.

Ocean Pines Police had responded to a complaint of a domestic disturbance involving destruction to a victim's vehicle.

Wallace appeared before a District Court Commissioner and is held in the Worcester County Jail pending trial.

Assault

Sarite Elmatna Catherine Cohen, 27, and William Reynolds, 25, both of Ocean Pines, were arrested on June 15 and both charged with domestic assault.

Ocean Pines Police responded to a domestic disturbance complaint and, after investigating the incident, charged both parties with one count each of second-degree assault.

Cohen and Reynolds both appeared before a District Court Commissioner and released on personal recognizance pending trial.

Berlin considers options for voting

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(June 25, 2020) Although Berlin residents were invited to participate in Monday night's mayor and council public hearing on changes to absentee voting requirements, the absence of questions allowed the council to approve the election law amendment with a unanimous vote.

Under the amendment, voters will not have to provide a reason for their absentee ballot requests.

"The idea is we're just trying to bring our code in compliance with what is the reality nowadays," Mayor Gee Williams said. "In the old days, you had to be out of town or have an excuse ... now it's a matter of personal choice."

Applications for absentee ballots for the Oct. 6 Berlin municipal election are due by Oct. 2.

In addition, the town has been



Mary Bohlen

preparing for a resurgence of the coronavirus by evaluating three options for voting in the town election.

"This is something that I worked on in an abundance of caution rather than waiting until the last minute to try to figure out what we're doing with the election," said Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen. "I based this on a lot of assumption about what might be happening with the coronavirus pandemic at that time."

The first option is to proceed as normal with in-person and absentee ballot voting. Voters and poll workers will be required to wear masks and practice social distancing as appropriately marked on the floor.

"If they don't have one [face mask] with them, we'll do our best to provide

disposables," Bohlen said.

She added that absentee ballot voting will be encouraged.

Of the two polling places, one is new. Districts 3 and 4 voters will vote at the Berlin Police Department, 129 Decatur Street, this year. Districts 1 and 2 voters will vote at Buckingham Presbyterian Church, 20 S. Main Street.

The second option is mail-in voting, which will add \$4,500 in expense to the 2021 fiscal year budget.

Lastly, the third option is to postpone the election. This would extend the current terms of sitting elected officials and all deadlines for the election.

At this time, the plan is to proceed with the Oct. 6 election as usual.

Additional poll workers will be hired to maintain an orderly process.

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Pines candidates talk about their experience

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sionalism, ethics and teamwork.

“We got a lot accomplished and had a \$500,000 surplus to end this fiscal year,” she said.

Horn was instrumental in securing the contract with current General Manager John Viola.

“We took our first step in the development of a succession plan for our GM position by specifying the characteristics needed for success,” she said.

OPA President Doug Parks, who has been a fulltime resident since 2013 after purchasing a home in 2007, highlighted business acumen, teamwork and prior board experience as primary assets for candidacy.

“I continue to run because I still have desire to use my time ... energy and ... focus to ... serve our community,” he said.

Lakernick, a Pines property owner since 2013, is approaching retirement after operating a chiropractic functional neurologist practice outside Philadelphia and specializing in traumatic brain injuries.

“The last two boards have made great progress in fixing a financial nightmare and improving our amenities,” he said. “I want the opportunity to offer a fresh set of eyes and continue to involve community groups in

the decisions.”

The first question related to the current covid-19 pandemic and potential guiding principals to manage future actions of the association.

Parks said the unprecedented economic problems stemming from the pandemic makes establishing contingency plans difficult.

“You really have to adjust in real time in order to address those kinds of issues that come up,” he said.

Despite the increasing desire to transition from a societal lockdown to normalcy, Parks stressed the need to stick with state and federal health mandates.

“Safety is paramount,” he said.

Reopening plans for OPA amenities should balance the desire for access with the financial impact on association members, he said.

Lakernick, highlighting experience as a medical professional, reiterated the importance of wearing face coverings and practicing social distancing.

“We all want to reopen, but we need to do it smart,” he said. “My experience as a doctor can help maintain the safety of the community.”

Horn also cited a safety-first policy in terms of amenities reopening.

“The board needs to ... set a positive example for observing those mandates,” she said. “We’re the public face of the association and the community.”

Horn said the board should continue closely monitoring revenue and expense ratios to mitigate negative financial impacts.

Another inquiry raised the issue of financial expectations that amenities are either operated self-sufficiently or underwritten by membership.

Horn said association governing documents mandate that member

fees, to the extent possible, should finance amenities.

“The most important thing is to balance the quality and the access to the amenities with the cost,” she said.

Lakernick said amenities are primarily intended for the community.

“We need to do everything we can to subsidize the cost of them,” he said. “This may not be popular, but outside folks using our amenities pay for them also.”

In addition to potential raising fees for non-members to access amenities, Lakernick also proposed developing marketing plans for golf operations and the recreation department.

Parks noted OPA Resolution M-02 requires that amenities be operated in a business-like manner.

“We had talked about a couple years ago [and] I would like to stay focused on the use of an amenity by an OPA member and ... by a non-OPA member,” he said.

Echoing earlier discussions, Parks noted the price difference for outside users is not significantly higher and should be reexamined.

“It’s also important for the membership to know that, indeed, the outside use of these facilities is, revenue-wise, helped by people not in the association paying for it,” he said.

In response to a question about developing a strategic planning for the OPA, Horn said the issue has been a vexing problem.

“Our Strategic Planning Committee in the past has struggled and went off track,” she said.

Horn said the advisory committee is in the midst of being revived under the leadership of board liaison Camilla Rogers.

“We need to think about what other services and amenities we may want to consider to enhance the qual-

ity of life for our members,” she said.

Lakernick took that sentiment another step noting demographic shifts.

“Part of our Strategic Plan has to be to cater towards a younger group that seems to be moving into our community,” he said.

Lakernick also stressed the importance of preventative maintenance to alleviate drainage problems from excessive storm water runoff as well as preserving bulkheads.

“I’ve heard from folks ... they’d like to see streetlights [and] that’s something we can look into,” he said.

Developing a succession plan for the general manager position was another issue raised by Lakernick.

“[John Viola] is doing a great job. However, we need to plan for the future [so] if the general manager does turnover or moves on, we don’t miss a beat,” he said.

Parks said there have been concerted efforts in the past year to revive the Strategic Planning Committee.

“One of the things we discussed during those meetings was having ... Strategic Planning ... not just as an advisory committee to the board but reaching out to the community,” he said.

In response to a question about improving cell phone service in the Pines, each candidate noted any solution would likely involve installing additional towers.

In response to a question about alleviating traffic congestion at the Mumford’s Landing Boat Ramp, Lakernick suggested installing a card access gate.

“We need to be able to monitor access [and] maybe have a camera ... or put a guard [there],” he said. “Maybe we can charge a fee ... that might deter some of the folks that use it.”

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Parks said the Marine Advisory Committee, which had previously gathered usage data for the White Horse Park Boat Ramp, could again be enlisted in finding solutions.

“Mumford’s is a little different ... in the community outside of Ocean Pines there are more commercial folks that understand that’s a really good way to get their boat in the water,” he said.

Horn backed the suggestion to involve the Marine Advisory Committee.

“There are a number of things that we could do at both the boat ramps to address the access issues [and] getting a little bit of revenue ... to pay for themselves,” she said.

In a surprise move, the candidates were also permitted to pose a question to another candidate, starting with Horn asking Lakernick to share

insights on addressing the Pines’ drainage challenges.

“We need to have two, maybe three, people dedicated to ditch maintenance,” he said.

Noting the pines contains more than 200 miles of ditches and roadways, Lakernick highlighted the importance of performing preventative maintenance.

“You’ve got people that have waterfront property that didn’t buy waterfront property,” he said. “We need to help them.”

Switching roles, Lakernick asked Horn to share her thoughts about subsequent general manager hires.

“I have been talking about succession planning pretty much since the day I joined the board,” she said.

Horn stressed the importance of identifying the qualities needed for future GM candidates to succeed.

“Not repeating those mistakes of the past, in which people came on the board with [a] plan to get rid of the seated GM ... but having no plan in mind,” she said.

Parks used his turn at the plate to ask Lakernick what board level changes he would support if elected.

Enhanced oversight of the general manager position was the area of focus mentioned by Lakernick.

“We can’t let the GM run our

board,” he said. “We are the board and the GM answers to us.”

Lakernick, who was selected first to provide a closing statement, said despite being the “new guy” this election, past volunteering efforts should provide ample evidence of earnest commitment.

“What I lack in experience I make up in years of community service,” he said.

Parks highlighted past accomplishments as a board member, including outsourcing food operations to the Matt Ortt Companies, negotiating a service contract with Comcast and completing capital improvement projects such as the new Golf Clubhouse and in-progress Police Building expansion.

“I’ve worked with this group that has collectively worked very diligently to right the ship,” he said. “For the first time in years we’re going to finish in the black this year and that’s a testament to all involved.”

Horn expressed a desire to help build on the track record of recent successes by the board.

“Diverse backgrounds and expertise makes a well balanced and strong board,” she said. “Each of the current candidates has unique knowledge and expertise that undoubtedly is going to add value to the board.”

Black Lives Matter march set for Saturday in Berlin

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ham, Ronshell Shockley, Jeron Whaley and Pocomoke City District 4 Representative Tod Nock.

The Berlin march is hosted by the African American Coalition of Worcester County.

After the Ocean City march, the coalition was formed to lead local Black Lives Matter events in the county and to encourage residents to be more involved in politics and community activism.

“We hope to be a Black Lives Matter chapter in the future,” Bean said.

Bean also has her own organization called FLIP — for feminists, liberals, independents and progressives — which is the main co-sponsor of the Berlin march, she said.

“We want to educate our community,” Bean said. “We want to bring the African-American community together and the mixed races together for education and move on to the next step ... also to get young people involved and active in politics.”

Bean added that the organizers hope the march will make a statement of solidarity against hate in the area.

“We’re not going to stay silent,” Bean said. “We’re going to be proactive, and we’re going to get our message out there to the masses.”

The intent is to make the march a family-friendly event.

According to reactions on Facebook, about 200 people are interested in the march.

Participants are asked to meet at the pavilion at Stephen Decatur Park by 12:45 p.m.

The march organizers met with Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood and Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing earlier this week to reserve the park and determine the march route.

From the park, marchers will go up Bay Street to Main Street. Participants will stop at the World War II memorial and turn around to return

to the park to hear from speakers, including Bean, Nock, Meade-Cervantes and Dennis-Acholonu.

“We’re going to have an open forum, so whoever wants to come up and speak also and maybe the mayor and the chief of police will speak the day of the march,” Bean said.

All participants are required to wear face masks to comply with social distancing.

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Facemask opponents: it isn't all about you

Say a restaurant has two buffet lines, one with a sign that reads, "Employees Must Wash Hands Before Handling Food," and the other with a sign that says, "Handwashing by Food Handlers is Voluntary." Which buffet line would you choose?

Obviously, people with any sense would pick the first buffet. They know the purpose of the handwashing requirement is to protect them from illness by preventing employees from unknowingly transferring germs from their hands to the food.

Why then, do some people have so much difficulty understanding the same concept applies to mask-wearing recommendations? Do they also think that food handler handwashing is to protect employees from picking up germs from the meatloaf special?

Safe food-handling protocols and mask-wearing are alike in that they both help to protect the public from the spread of disease by an individual, not the other way around.

Individuals who view mask-wearing in public as a sign of weakness, a political statement or as an acknowledgment of fear of covid-19 are missing the point: it is not about you.

Contrary to what some people apparently believe, standard surgical masks, their more fashionable relatives and kerchiefs do not protect wearers from this or any other virus. The bravado, the tough guy stances and the personal liberty assertions, therefore, are pointless, other than as evidence that facemasks opponents either don't get it, or do get it but don't care about anyone but themselves.

All facial coverings do is keep people from sneezing, coughing and hacking on each other when the possibility exists that someone might be infected and not know it. Wearing one is a health safety precaution, but it also is a matter of courtesy and respecting the rights of others.

People who object solely on the grounds that they think wearing a mask makes them look stupid, should understand that it's better to look stupid than to brag publicly about their ignorance.



"That's not a mask dear, it's my Bikini bottom."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

KKK-related print material found

Editor,

It is hard to believe we live in a community where recent KKK-related print materials were left in driveways of local residents of Berlin, Ocean Pines and West Ocean City.

This is an affront, not just to those who received these hate-filled, scare-mongering missives, but to all of us who live in this area and call it home.

We cannot turn a blind eye to the hatred being directed to our fellow citizens. We must stand united

and stand up for the rights of all. We must speak out against injustice when we see it, hear it, encounter it, whether it is overt or subtle.

I encourage everyone who believes in respect, kindness, honor and integrity to reach out to our community police, sheriff departments and county commissioners.

Demand that they ensure action is taken to uncover who and what organizations have taken it upon themselves to sow seeds of hatred, fear, ignorance and upheaval into our lives and our neighbors.

Follow up with them. Do not remain silent.

As German Lutheran Pastor Martin Niemöller so movingly expressed it in 1946 after World War II:

First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out—Because I was not a socialist.

Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out—Because I was not a trade unionist.

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Movie, laser show in Snow Hill park

(June 25, 2020) Worcester County Recreation and Parks is bringing a free, drive-in movie experience to Snow Hill, on Saturday, June 27, at 9 p.m.

Families are invited to watch "Trolls" at the John Walter Smith Park.

All movie goers will be asked to follow social distancing guidelines and stay in their designated areas. Space will be available on a first

come, first-served basis, with load in beginning at 8 p.m.

After the movie, there will be a laser show and dance party. There will be free popcorn, giveaways and interactive games.

"Folks are anxious for live entertainment," Program Manager Allen Swiger said. "A drive-in movie is the perfect opportunity for a fun evening with the family, while maintaining social distancing

and health guidelines.

"But this is so much more than just a movie," he continued. "Capping the night with a laser show and dance party will be a blast."

For more information, contact Swiger at 410-632-2144, ext. 2520 or aswiger@co.worcester.md.us. To view more upcoming special events, visit www.worcesterrecandparks.org.

WCPS Board of Education budget increases

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer



Vince Tolbert

(June 25, 2020) The Worcester County Board of Education on Tuesday, June 16, approved its \$116.2 million operating budget for the 2021 fiscal year.

Of that total, \$95.2 million is from the Worcester County Commissioners, for an increase in local spending of \$2.8 million.

Of that increase, \$633,000 is allocated for one-time capital projects.

The funding for one-time capital projects is divided into \$283,000 for schematic and design development fees for Stephen Decatur Middle School, \$200,000 for additional HVAC unit re-

placements and \$150,000 for central office improvements.

The other nearly \$20 million came from the state, and the remaining \$792,463 came from other revenue sources.

In addition to the increase in unrestricted funding, Worcester County approved \$50,000 in local restricted grant funding to continue the Pocomoke Middle School Afterschool Program.

Toward expenditure increases, the 2021 fiscal year budget includes

\$468,104 for new positions.

“They are being funded by health insurance savings that have been recognized this year,” said Chief Financial Officer Vince Tolbert. “There’s two behavioral health workers ... the need for mental health in our school systems continue to increase, and we’re adding these two behavioral health workers to help address that need.”

Showell Elementary will add an art teacher, a guidance counselor, a 10-month secretary, a part-time nurse and two more custodians.

The budget includes salary increases, totaling \$2.4 million, and \$59,816 will

go to employee pension costs.

Tolbert added that there is a \$200,000 funding increase for tuition reimbursements and \$150,000 will be used for technology upgrades.

Another \$1,500 will go toward Skill-sUSA program.

During the meeting, the school board approved an updated bus contract, which involves the following increases: a 2 percent increase in hourly, mileage and PVA rates, \$32,000 for contractors purchasing new buses and \$200,000 for support increased transportation costs.

For more information, visit worcesterk12.org.

Ocean Pines Golf Clubhouse grand opening

(June 25, 2020) Ocean Pines officials formally opened the new golf clubhouse last Wednesday morning with a grand opening ceremony.

The celebration came a little more than a year after the Ocean Pines Board of Directors approved the project at a guaranteed maximum cost of \$1.6 million.

After agreeing to build a new clubhouse, the board hired Salisbury architectural firm Davis, Bowen and Friedel to develop plans for the roughly 7,200 single-story structure. Among other things, it features a large meeting room,

space for a new restaurant, an outdoor deck, pro shop and club-fitting area.

Absolute Demolition of Ocean City took down the former two-story clubhouse last May, and the Whayland Company, of Laurel, Delaware, began construction in October.

The project officially wrapped last month, at a final cost of about \$1.49 million, General Manager John Viola reported during a recent board meeting.

Board President Doug Parks recognized people he said were instrumental in developing and then delivering the project.

“When we first looked at the idea of renovation versus rebuilding, we thought we didn’t have enough expertise in that area, so we called in some folks who were very well versed [and] had lots of experience in construction,” Parks said.

Local builder Marvin Steen was brought in in early 2019 to look at the possibility of renovating the existing 40-year-old structure versus building a new one. Steen’s advice: “tear the damned thing down.”

Parks also credited builder Frank Brown for helping with the initial plan-

ning and, like Steen, contributing throughout the clubhouse’s.

He also credited the Whayland Company, especially Steve Hentschel and Mark Figgs. Additionally, Parks thanked the board, including former directors Esther Diller and Ted Moroney, for their support.

In particular, association Vice President Steve Tuttle was helpful as board liaison during construction, Parks said,

“I would be remiss if I didn’t mention our general manager (John Viola), who helped [with the] coordination that’s involved in the various parties,” Parks said.

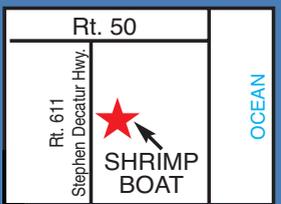


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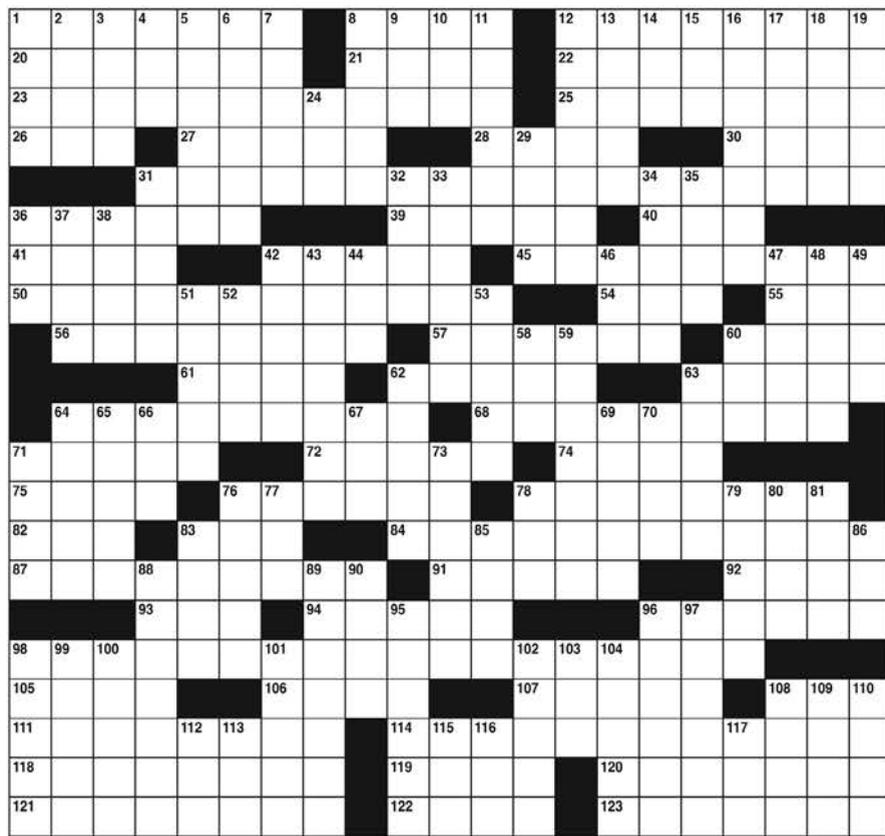


Puzzles

MAKING ARRANGEMENTS BY RANDOLPH ROSS / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Randolph Ross, of New York City, is a retired high school principal and math teacher. He is one of the longest-running active crossword contributors to The Times, having had well over 100 puzzles published during the past 30 years. He writes: "Staying in my apartment so much these days has increased my crossword solving and constructing. I feel fortunate I have an avocation that keeps my brain engaged." — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Because of
 - 8 "Pet" with green "fur"
 - 12 Illegal thing to grab in football
 - 20 Handkerchief, in British slang
 - 21 Disney+ alternative
 - 22 Turkey piece?
 - 23 Sign at a chemical plant: "This facility is _____" (with 114-Across)
 - 25 Lists of grievances
 - 26 It ends in Nov.
 - 27 "When pigs fly!"
 - 28 Recess retort
 - 30 Moody who wrote "Coming of Age in Mississippi"
 - 31 Question to an English teacher: "Why did Poe write his poem '_____'?" Answer: "_____" (with 98-Across)
 - 36 Ingredients in mulled wine
 - 39 "Everything's ready on my end"
 - 40 Idiosyncrasy
 - 41 Rodriguez who starred in "Jane the Virgin"
 - 42 Scheming sergeant of old TV
 - 45 We can tell the boss's assistant is a _____ because he always _____ (with 87-Across)
- DOWN**
- 1 Like some music collections
 - 2 Courts
 - 3 "____ it true ...?"
 - 4 The puck stops here
 - 5 Oddly, it's not the biggest size at Starbucks
 - 6 Broncobusters, e.g.
 - 7 Pointed arch
 - 8 Winning quality
 - 9 QB's cry
 - 10 Suffix with percent
 - 11 Open-book examinations?
 - 12 Untruth
 - 13 Bit of negativity?
 - 14 Attendee of the Jellie Ball, on Broadway
 - 15 In-flight info, for short
 - 16 Jackie Robinson, in his only year in the Negro Leagues
 - 17 Dress with a flare
 - 18 City south of Florence
 - 19 Casey with a countdown
 - 24 Read Across America org.
 - 29 "____ So Unusual," debut album by Cyndi Lauper
 - 31 Opposite of après
 - 32 Collaboratively written page
 - 33 Popular video-making software
 - 34 Things proposed by the Greek philosopher Democritus
 - 35 Business slumps
 - 36 Sci-fi film I/x
 - 37 Mythomaniac
 - 38 "You can count _____"
 - 42 National park with Lake Louise
 - 43 Sit out on a frozen lake, say
 - 44 Old Ford
 - 46 Board hire
 - 47 Troubled
 - 48 One tending to 49-Down
 - 49 See 48-Down
 - 51 "Get _____ here!"
 - 52 Home to Paris
 - 53 Breakfast fare from Kellogg's
 - 58 Valentine-candy word
 - 59 Work
 - 60 Absolutely, slangily
 - 62 Best Buy buy
 - 63 Dispatched
 - 64 Kind of acid found in asparagus
 - 65 Get-go
 - 50 My weight increases when traveling because _____ during _____ (with 84-Across)
 - 54 Scrabble three-pointers
 - 55 Indescribable religious ideal
 - 56 Status for a library book
 - 57 Ice pads?
 - 60 Nick's cousin
 - 61 Dandy, on Downing Street
 - 62 Advantage
 - 63 List makers
 - 64 Someone who is _____ years old now will be _____ in six years (with 68-Across)
 - 68 See 64-Across
 - 71 Small-truck maker
 - 72 Agrees (with)
 - 74 Way to go
 - 75 To boot
 - 76 Some cymbals
 - 78 Unlikely candidates for loans
 - 82 What might be broken by doing a flip?
 - 83 Cover some ground
 - 84 See 50-Across
 - 87 See 45-Across
 - 91 Light measurement
 - 92 Scores
 - 93 Prefix with puncture
 - 94 Creator of the identity $e^{i\pi} + 1 = 0$
 - 96 "Dallas" family
 - 98 See 31-Across
 - 105 Music played on a sitar
 - 106 Ollie's foil, in old films
 - 107 _____ Marbles (classical Greek sculptures)
 - 108 Opposite of nord
 - 111 Dictatorial leadership
 - 114 See 23-Across
 - 118 Hit (with)
 - 119 One of Zoe's best friends on "Sesame Street"
 - 120 Thistlelike plants
 - 121 Some trolleys
 - 122 Words said in passing
 - 123 "But wait, there's more!" e.g.



- 66 Howard Hughes property, once
- 67 Routing word
- 69 "The Gates of Hell" sculptor
- 70 Gambling game
- 71 "Toodles!"
- 73 Big Sur home to the human-potential movement
- 76 Blah
- 77 Promising words
- 78 Kapow!
- 79 Part of an escalator
- 80 Hot spot for a pot
- 81 Reason for a bad air day?
- 83 Org. with a pet cause?
- 85 Product of coagulation
- 86 Some toy dolls of the 1980s
- 88 Like the Devil
- 89 Puts in order
- 90 Arizona county or its seat
- 95 Laura of "Love Actually"
- 96 Put in a good word?
- 97 Dressed like for Halloween
- 98 Spot to sample perfume
- 99 Poker Flat chronicler
- 100 Lead-in to phobia
- 101 Key
- 102 Second takes
- 103 Major street through Yale's campus
- 104 Anxiety
- 108 Snick and _____
- 109 Sch. with the most N.C.A.A. men's basketball championships (11)
- 110 Piece of dorm-room furniture
- 112 Elvis's longtime label
- 113 Europe's second-largest country in area, after Russia: Abbr.
- 115 Encouraging word
- 116 Doc bloc
- 117 Reptile seen in hieroglyphics

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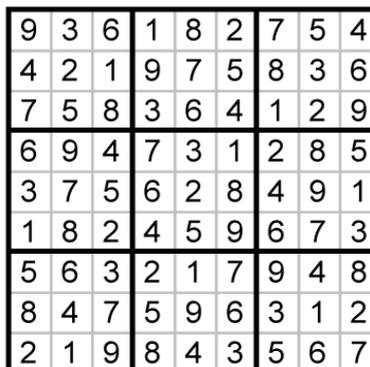
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HARD - 41

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



Berlin children's clothing, toy store advocates change

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(June 25, 2020) Heart of Gold Kids, 27 N. Main Street in Berlin, has donated 10 percent of its online sales from June 13 to June 20 to The Conscious Kid to support its anti-racist children's books education fund.

"I've been looking for an organization to give back to during this time, and they really kind of fit our store and what we're feeling right now as well," said owner Emily Vocke. "They raise money to get children's books about racism into schools."

According to its website, The Conscious Kid is committed to encouraging positive racial identity development in children.

The nonprofit also promotes access to children's books, focusing on underrepresented groups and authors.

As a mother of three, Vocke has researched the best way to talk to her own children about racism. She learned that reading books is the best method for starting conversations about discrimination and social justice.



Emily Vocke

Vocke discovered The Conscious Kid on social media.

"Different platforms that I follow tagged them, and then I started following them and just really loved their mission," Vocke said.

The anti-racist children's books education fund allows the organization to put books in its list of "41 Children's Books to Support Conversations on Race, Racism, and Resistance" into classrooms across the U.S.

In addition, the books motivate youth to take action in the ongoing movement for racial justice.

Heart of Gold Kids, which sells children's clothing, accessories and toys, was established in Downtown Berlin in September 2015.

The store is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, visit heartofgoldkids.com or call 443-513-4811.



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GOWNS SOUGHT

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City is collecting graduation gowns to be donated to local health care facilities for use as PPE. The graduation gowns are uniquely suited for this purpose because they have long sleeves and a zipper. Drop off gowns at 98 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines in the plastic bin at the end of the driveway. Pictured is Steve Cohen, president-elect of the club.

NOW PLAYING

COCONUTS BEACH BAR AND GRILL

In the Castle in the Sand Hotel
37th Street oceanfront, Ocean City
410-289-6846 / www.castleinthesand.com
June 26: Darin Engh, noon to 4 p.m.;
Zion Reggae Band 5-9 p.m.
June 27: Kevin Poole & Joe Mana noon to 4 p.m.;
Top Dead Center, 5-9 p.m.
June 28: Wes Davis Duo, noon to 3 p.m.;
Lauren Glick Band, 4-8 p.m.
June 29: Nate Clendenen, noon to 3 p.m.;
Bob Wilkinson, Joe Smooth & Pete, 4-8 p.m.
June 30: Marcella Peters Duo, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.;
The Bills, 3:30-7:30 p.m.
July 1: Jack Worthington, noon to 3 p.m.;
Chris Button Duo, 4-8 p.m.
July 2: Kevin Poole Solo, noon to 3 p.m.;
Bettenroo Duo, 4-8 p.m.

OCEAN CLUB NIGHTCLUB

101st Street, Ocean City
In the Horizons Restaurant, in the Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel
410-524-3535 / www.clarionoc.com
June 26-27: First Class, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Lenny's Beach Bar and Grille
June 26-28: First Class, 5-10 p.m.
June 29-30: On the Edge, 5-10 p.m.
July 1: On the Edge, 4-9 p.m.
July 2-5: On the Edge, 5-10 p.m.

OCEAN PINES YACHT CLUB

1 Mumfords Landing Road, Ocean Pines
410-641-7501 / www.opyachtclub.org
June 26: Great Train Robbery, 6-10 p.m.
June 27: Janglebachs, 6-10 p.m.



June 28: Mike Hines & the Look, 6-10 p.m.
July 1: Sons of Pirates, 6-10 p.m.
July 2: Overtime, 6-10 p.m.

SECRETS

49th Street and the bay, Ocean City
410-524-4900 / www.secrets.com
June 26: Cherry Crush Duo, 4-8 p.m.;
Fish Out of Water Duo, 8 p.m. to midnight
June 27: Kono Nation Duo, 4-8 p.m.;
Benderz Duo, 8 p.m. to midnight
June 28: High Five Swan Dive Duo, 5-9 p.m.
June 29: Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.
June 30: Opposite Direction, 5-9 p.m.
July 1: Full Circle Duo, 4-9 p.m.;
Benderz Duo, 8-11:30 p.m.
July 2: John McNutt Duo, 4-8 p.m.;
Kono Nation Duo, 8-11:30 p.m.



ON THE EDGE

Lenny's Beach Bar and Grille:
Monday-Sunday,
June 29-30, 5-10 p.m.;
July 1, 4-9 p.m.;
July 2-5, 5-10 p.m.

JACK WORTHINGTON

Coconuts Beach Bar and Grille:
Wednesday, July 1,
noon to 3 p.m.

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., June 25

BEACH PATROL ROOKIE GRADUATION

Ocean City Inlet, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., 7:30 AM - 9:30 AM. Rookie Graduation is a great spectator event for visitors as they can watch the action from the breach and pier. 410-289-7556, <https://ococean.com/events/beach-patrol-rookie-graduation2020>

OCEAN CITY BLOOD DRIVE

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 9:00 AM - 2:15 PM. Make your appointment here: https://donate.bbd.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5956, use code OCCC. All presenting donors will receive a custom Blood Bank of Delmarva face mask. Blood donors and staff are asked to stay home if they are not feeling well.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Meeting via Zoom, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM. This is an informal gathering of people whose lives are directly or indirectly affected by the caregiving needs of another. The group is an opportunity to share in the wisdom, insight and humor of fellow caregivers. Gail Mansell, gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9725

PLANT CLINIC (ADULT)

Ask Master Gardener Ginny Rosenkranz plant and gardening questions, 3:30 PM. Participants can even show her their plants via the Zoom platform. Registration closes 24 hours before the event begins. Register: <https://worcesterialibrary.libcal.com/event/6778767>. For those unable to connect via Zoom, call the fist number on the Zoom invitation and that will allow you to listen and talk.

FREE FAMILY BEACH GAMES

Carousel Resort Hotel and Condominiums, 11700 Coastal Highway, 6:30 PM. Held Thursdays through Aug. 27. Participants are asked to practice physical distancing. Attendance is at your own risk. <https://ococean.com/events/family-beach-games2020Hel>

SYNETIC THEATER (YOUTH)

Pocomoke Library, 301 Market St., 7:00 PM. A series of hilarious sketches synthesizing music, ballet and clowning. Attend the Drive In style live screening, register to see the show on Zoom or watch the recording on the library's Facebook page from June 26-29. <https://worcesterialibrary.libcal.com/event/6780462>

LGBTQ+ READERS ADVISORY

Join the group for a panel discussion of LGBTQ+ literature, 7:00 PM. Registration ends 24 hours prior to the start of the program. Register: <https://worces->

terlibrary.libcal.com/event/6763322. For those having audio problems, call in using the phone number listed on the Zoom invite.

THURSDAY'S DOWNTOWN BEACH FIREWORKS

Talbot Street Beach, 10:30 PM. Partakers must adhere to State guidelines in practicing physical distancing. Attendance is at your own risk. 410-289-2800, <https://ococean.com/events/thursday-s-downtown-beach-fireworks>

Fri., June 26

FREE MOVIE ON THE BEACH

27th Street Beach, 8:30 PM. Sit in the sand and enjoy a free movie. Featuring "The Little Mermaid." Participants are asked to practice physical distancing. All titles are subject to change without notice. All movies are weather permitting. Attendance is at your own risk. Ocean City Recreation & Parks, 410-250-0125, <http://www.oceancitymd.gov>

TRIMPER'S GREENMARKET

Fridays through Thanksgiving - Trimper's Rides, 700 S. Atlantic Ave., 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. The market will include all types of produce including mushrooms, fruits and vegetables as well as flowers and herbs. Farms interested in participating can apply online at www.trimperrides.com.

Sat., June 27

2020 ROAR AT THE SHORE

The group will ride motorcycles through Ocean City and show support for law enforcement, 11:00 AM. All are welcome. A \$5 donations supports MD C.O.P.S. Sign up at 10 a.m. at Walmart, 11416 Ocean Gateway, Berlin. 240-832-5148 or 410-977-5938, <http://www.hogsheroesfoundation.com>

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.

BLACK LIVES MATTER MARCH

A peaceful march and demonstration to raise awareness for the Black Lives Matter movement, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. The march will also remember the life and death of George Floyd and countless others who have died by the hands of police brutality. The march will begin at Stephen Decatur Park (north parking lot) and continue through Main Street and end back at the park where guest

speakers and participants will share their stories and hold a demonstration. All participants are asked to wear face masks and practice social distancing. Info: Rosie Bean, 719-588-3643; Denise Meade, 443-366-1866; Dr. Roxie Dennis-Acholonu, 410-726-4381; or Adrian Bowen, 443-513-1950.

MOVIE NIGHT AND LASER SHOW

John Walter Smith Park, 6030 Public Landing Road, 9:00 PM. Families are invited to watch "Trolls" at this free, drive-in movie experience. Space available on a first come, first-served basis, with load in beginning at 8 p.m. After the movie, there will be a laser show and dance party. There will be free popcorn, giveaways and interactive games. Allen Swiger, aswiger@co.worcester.md.us, 410-632-2144, Ext. 2520, <http://www.worcesterrecandparks.org>

Sun., June 28

SUNDAES IN THE PARKS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 7:00 PM. Featuring free music by "Bob Loughheed & the Memphis Mafia" (Tribute to Elvis) and various free activities and entertainment for children. Prepackaged ice cream will be available for purchase. Take a picnic basket and beach chairs. The night will end with a fireworks display at 9 p.m. Participants are asked to practice physical distancing. Attendance is at your own risk. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <https://ococean.com/events>

THE BERLIN FARMERS MARKET

Sundays through Aug. 30 - Located on Pitts Street and Main Street, 9:00 AM - 1:00 pm. Special senior shopping time from 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM. www.berlin-mainstreet.com

Mon., June 29

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

The meeting will be held via conference call, 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM. Dial 605-472-5789, wait for voice command, then press 944874. TOPS is a weekly support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. Berlin group No. 169. Rose Campion, 410-641-0157

FREE DRIVE-IN MOVIE

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 8:00 PM. Featuring "Zootopia" (108 minutes). Movie audio is via FM radio frequency (monitor your car's battery). Participants are reminded to stay inside their vehicle unless using available amenities. Portable restrooms will be available. All movies subject to weather-related conditions. 800-OC-OCEAN or 410-289-2800, <https://oco->

[cean.com/events/drive-in-movies2020](https://ococean.com/events/drive-in-movies2020)

Tues., June 30

KIDS BOOK CLUB - AGES 6-12

Beginning at 10:00 AM. "The Barefoot Book of Children" by Tessa Strickland and Kate DePalma and "Library Mouse" by Daniel Kirk. Both are available on Hoopla. Register: <https://worcesterialibrary.libcal.com/event/6779252>

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Wed., July 1

FREE MOVIE ON THE BEACH

Carousel Resort Hotel and Condominiums, 11700 Coastal Highway, 8:30 PM. Sit in the sand and enjoy a free movie. Featuring "Secret Life of Pets 2." Participants are asked to practice physical distancing. All titles are subject to change without notice. All movies are weather permitting. Attendance is at your own risk. Ocean City Recreation & Parks, 410-250-0125, <http://www.oceancitymd.gov>

ONGOING EVENTS

OC CHAMBER VIRTUAL JOB FAIR

Through June 30, 2020 - Looking for a job in Ocean City this summer? Visit Ocean City's Chamber of Commerce Virtual Job Fair at <https://oceancity.org/now-hiring-oc-chamber-virtual-job-fair/>

FREE OC LIFE-SAVING STATION MUSEUM PROGRAMS

Held at 10 a.m., Monday through Saturday, June 29 through Aug. 22 on the Ocean City Boardwalk near the museum, 813 S Atlantic Ave. Also featuring "Salt Water Fishing Then & Now," Monday through Saturday at 11 a.m. <https://ococean.com/events/oc-life-saving-station-museum-programs>

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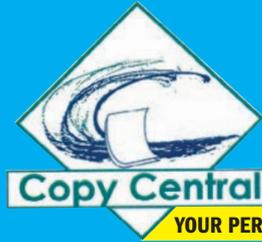


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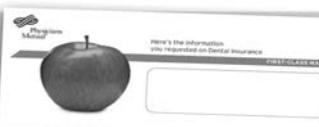
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