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## PLAYGROUND

Workers with River Valley Playground Company install new playground equipment at Robin Hood Park in Ocean Pines on a recent weekend.

## Rise in covid prompts town to close again

Vaccinations now offered to those 16 years old and up

By Mallory Panuska  
Staff Writer

(April 8, 2021) With covid-19 positivity rates creeping back up in the county and state, Berlin town officials have stayed true to an early pandemic policy and closed buildings and meetings to the public until the numbers improve.

Notice of the policy went out April 1 and Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood said it will remain until the numbers fall below 5 percent positivity for five consecutive days.

"It's very simple, the mayor and I agreed upon, when there was a 5 percent positivity rate in

Worcester County and the state, that we'd close the offices," Fleetwood said Monday.

According to data from the Maryland Department of Health, the statewide positivity rate was 5.6 percent April 1 and had consistently been in the 5 percent range for five days. As of Tuesday, the state's rate was 5.8 percent.

The rate in the county is higher. On April 1, Worcester County reported a positivity rate of 5.5 percent, which jumped to 7.13 percent the following day. The rate has remained in the 7 to 8 percent range since, with the highest — 8.77 percent — reported Monday. But as of Tuesday, it



**'We're just trying to take the common-sense approach and make the environment as safe as we can...'**  
Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood

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## 'New vibe' for 2nd Fridays in Berlin: more live music

By Lisa Capitelli  
Managing Editor

(April 8, 2021) Berlin's first 2nd Friday celebration of the year kicks off at 5 p.m. tomorrow, with a new vibe for 2021.

"It used to be called '2nd Friday Art Stroll,' with artists featured in the shops. This year we've added more live music," said Ivy Wells, Economic & Community Development director for the Town of Berlin. "We wanted to create a new atmosphere for 2nd Fridays in Berlin, focusing on live per-

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Ivy Wells

## Bay Club sale impediment removed by commissioners

(April 8, 2021) One more impediment to the sale of the Bay Club and an adjacent property outside of Berlin to the Department of Natural Resources was removed by the Worcester County Commissioners Tuesday, further clearing the way for the plan to turn the combined 673 acres into woodlands.

Two minor hitches in the \$4.2 million deal between the state and property owners the Carl M. Freeman Companies (Bay Club LLC and CMF Development) were a forest preservation easement and a stormwater management agreement between the club's previous property owner and the county.

While removing the forest preservation easement would be of no

major consequence, given the reforestation plan, county Department of Environment Deputy Director David Bradford said in a memo to the commissioners that vacating the stormwater agreement would be a more complex exercise.

Entered into by the county and the club's previous owner, Haley-Majewski Enterprises, at the time of the club's construction in 1997, stormwater management agreements typically remain in force for perpetuity, Bradford said. Freeman bought the parcels in 2000.

The state, however, must maintain its own environmental standards, thus obviating the need for local regulation.

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With covid-19 positivity rates increasing in the county and state, Berlin town officials have closed buildings and meetings to the public until the numbers improve.

# Vaccinations now available to everyone from 16 and up

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was back down to 7.13 percent.

Fleetwood said town officials closed offices at the start of covid last year but did not have to do it again until now. He said Town Hall is the most noteworthy public building affected because that is where some residents come to pay their utility bills. However, he said the number of people doing that in person is much less now.

"With the covid onset, people changed patterns, as I call it. There was a lot of online pay, dropping in the mail slot, U.S. mail payments ...," Fleetwood explained.

The closure also no longer allows members of the public to attend meetings in person, but people can still watch virtually through the town's Facebook page.

"The gist of all this is, hands down, we're not infectious disease professionals," Fleetwood said. "We're just trying to take the common-sense approach and make the environment as safe as we can for employees and for our citizens."

During a news conference Monday afternoon, Gov. Larry Hogan painted a slightly different picture.

While he admitted the numbers were not great, he applauded the state for staying out of the "red zone" and having lower positivity rates than states to the north.

He also talked up Maryland's vaccination efforts.

Vaccines hit the 3-million-mark Monday, with more than 429,000 administered over the preceding week.

The state recently opened up vaccine eligibility for every Marylander

over the age of 16 with underlying medical conditions and disabilities and Hogan announced Monday that the state has accelerated its proceeding vaccine phases to earlier than expected.

Tuesday, all state residents 16 and older were able to receive vaccines at any mass vaccination site in the county and beginning April 12, all Marylanders 16 and older can schedule appointments and get vaccinated through all providers.

However, Hogan specified that appointments for anyone in the preceding phases will take precedence.

"I want to stress that even though we are opening up eligibility for everyone it does not mean that everyone immediately will be able to get an appointment," he said during the news conference.

State officials also opened a no-appointment line at the mass vaccination site in Salisbury Friday and Hogan said they will be adding those lines to all new mass vaccination sites.

The sites slated for opening throughout the month are as follows:

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# Superintendent says work's focus now on drainage

(April 8, 2021) Ocean Pines Golf Club Superintendent Justin Hartshorne recently supplied updates on conditions and maintenance efforts to several advisory committee members.

General Manager John Viola helped facilitate the meeting, to address their questions and concerns.



Justin Hartshorne

He engaged experts from the amenity, Hartshorne and General Manager of Golf John Malinowski, to present current plans for maintenance, and

specifically the greens.

"I wanted to ensure that everyone knows exactly what we are doing to address course conditions and the overall golf course results," Viola said.

On the maintenance side, Hartshorne said much of the recent focus has been on finding drainage lines, and addressing drainage and irrigation issues.

"This was stuff we knew we were going to have to work on and touch up," he said. "We were also ninja-tining, and just working on diluting the thatch layer while we had favorable weather this winter. That was also a big focus, on improving the playing surfaces."

Ninja tines are an aerification mechanism that helps pull unwanted material out of the ground.

"The tines are really shallow. We go 1-2 inches below the surface, and it just removes some of that organic matter that's built up in the top layer," Hartshorne said. "When you cut the grass, dead leaf tissue and dead grass just gathers in there and starts creating a harmful layer, so we get sand to dilute that and the tines help us get that out, mechanically, which helps us get a lot more oxygen to the profile and helps the roots grow much deeper."

"You might also encounter some days when you see some sand on there," he continued. "The ultimate goal for us is to drive those roots deep and dry things out, so the surface becomes much firmer and there are less ball marks. It's all about plant health for us."

Hartshorne said he and the committee members had an informative session.

"I'm happy to answer questions and to explain to anybody why we're doing anything on the golf course," he said. "My time at Penn State [where he earned a bachelor's degree in turf grass science] taught me to appreciate the details of golf course maintenance, so I am happy to pass on any

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# Golf course focus getting ready for season

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information about our operation. If people don't understand what's going on, I'm always happy to explain it."

Hartshorne added that April is typically the busiest time of the year for a golf course superintendent.

"There's a lot we need to do in the next two months to be ready in July and August, so I'm going to be very busy!" he said.

Because of that, Malinowski said the best way to ask questions is through him. To contact Malinowski, email johnmalinowski@oceanpines.org.

Malinowski also said regular updates to advisory committee members would continue. The Golf Advisory Committee has not officially

met in several months, which is normal during the winter.

"We have communication with them every month throughout the season," Malinowski said. "So, we'll continue to give updates throughout the season and probably periodically during the offseason."

Golf Advisory Committee Chairman Fritz Lahner said the update answered many of his questions, and he praised Golf Club staff, including Hartshorne.

"It was received very well," Lahner said. "I thought they were informative and pretty much stuck to the agenda. What I did as chair of the Ocean Pines Golf Advisory Committee is, I sent a summary out to all my

members [who were not present].

"We had some questions about some of the greens and about some areas of the course, and we were given the answers. Justin provided most of the information to us," he added.

On course conditions, Lahner said the greens had been in great shape, just prior to recent aeration efforts, which are a normal part of golf course maintenance.

"That's as good as I've seen the greens in a while," he said. "There's some areas that need to be addressed and that's what they're addressing."

Lahner said there was still some water on the 18th hole, and that Hartshorne would investigate whether a clogged drainage pipe is the culprit.

"There also were some fairways where the grass wasn't coming in ... but one thing they did get started is a sod garden, and I think there's 10,000 square feet that they're going to start filling in some of the areas with," he said. "They're also going to install a fan on [the seventh hole] to address that, because there's a lot of shade in that area."

Also present during the meeting was Board member and committee liaison Frank Daly, and Nelson Fenwick, whose "Sand Dawgs" group acts as another advisory panel. Going forward, Lahner said that Fenwick would send weekly course condition reports to Viola.

"He'll make sure that Justin and John Malinowski get them," Lahner said.

## Bay Club sale to DNR proceeds

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With the release of these encumbrances by the county, the sale of the land on Libertytown Road can proceed, thus allowing Berliners to breathe easier after years of worrying that a major development of some type would rise on the town's perimeter.

In 2015, Freeman was contemplating building 300 luxury homes there, and town officials debated the annex-

ation of the club property. That changed a year later, when Freeman embarked on an attempt to convert the club's grounds into a camping and RV resort. Freeman abandoned that idea in 2017, and in 2019 closed the club because of falling revenues.

The plan envisioned by the DNR is to restore the woodlands and allow the property to be used for a variety of outdoor recreational pursuits.

## More art, music on 2nd Fridays

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performances, juried artists and more things for kids."

Last month, the Berlin Arts and Entertainment District Commission put out a survey, and more than 50 percent who responded said they wanted more live music and activities for children.

During 2nd Fridays in Berlin, there will be live music on the streets as well as inside a few businesses.

In addition, Seaside Dance Academy members will perform at 6 p.m. on Commerce Street this Friday.

About a dozen artists will be set up on Jefferson Street and in several of the shops. The artists on Jefferson Street submitted their work to be juried and were selected to participate in the event.

The Berlin Welcome Center will offer a grab-and-go paper plate flower art project for children.

The new Berlin Mermaid Museum will be open during 2nd Friday as well.

"It's a legit mermaid museum with artifacts from all over the world," Wells said.

At Beach Memories, owner Michele Krempa will demonstrate how she makes glass beads for jewelry from 6-7 p.m.

Many of the businesses will stay open late for the event, held from 5-8 p.m. For more information and to view the music lineup, visit 2nd Fridays in Berlin event page on Facebook.

Visitors are encouraged to practice social distancing and to wear a mask.

"It will be a beautiful Friday night in the town of Berlin," Wells said. "Enjoy the fresh air, live music, artists and get something to eat. Lots of restaurants have to-go options."

Wells said tables and chairs will be set up throughout town for people to sit down and eat if they choose to grab a snack from one of the restaurants.

Jefferson Street will be closed to traffic from 4-9 p.m. Commerce Street will be closed to traffic from 6-9 p.m.

Artists interested in participating in upcoming 2nd Fridays in Berlin should email a description of their work along with some photos to iwells@berlinmd.gov.

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# OPA finances stay relatively steady according to report

(April 8, 2021) Ocean Pines Association finances remained relatively steady through February, coming in not quite \$17,000 less than break-even for the month, as revenues missed the budget a little more than the savings realized by the continuing dip in expenses.

In their report to the Budget and Finance Committee last Wednesday, General Manager John Viola and Finance Director Steve Phillips listed revenues as off budget by \$105,427 and savings on the expense side of \$88,701, for a bottom line operating fund loss of \$16,726.

Despite that retreat, the year-to-date numbers continue to look good, largely because of last year's PPP loan and savings on the expense side of the ledger. At the same time, revenues for the year so far have exceeded expectations by roughly \$124,500, giving the books a positive

balance of \$1.1 million.

The greatest savings for the month at \$68,800 was in wages and benefits, according to the administration's financial summary. Total payroll and benefits for February were \$462,349 versus the \$531,194 budgeted in that category.

For the year so far, the association has spent \$772,338 less than budgeted for personnel expenses at \$5.7 million against the \$6.5 million budgeted amount.

Overall, the association's assets to date are nearly identical to last year's figures, with operating cash on hand at \$1 million, or about \$100,000 less than this time last year.

Investment totals now are slightly better than they were last February, with almost \$8.9 million tucked away in short-term instruments and money market accounts. Last year, the investment total was \$8.6 million.

# Operation Ocean Hope for autistic, non-autistic youth

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(April 8, 2021) Worcester Technical High School senior Brady Esham and Ocean Front Counseling will hold Operation Ocean Hope, an event for autistic and non-autistic children alike, at the Healing Arts Center in Berlin, beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 10.

The event is for children ages 6-12 and is designed to allow them to participate in fun, social activities with peers that will be broken down into manageable steps that fit each child's abilities, according to a release.

While children who do not have autism can participate, the event is geared toward autistic children. Social distancing guidelines and mask wearing will be in place.

Operation Ocean Hope is Esham's capstone project for a BioMed course at Worcester Tech.

"One of my favorite things to do is help other people," said Esham, 18, who was diagnosed with autism at 2 years old. "I enjoy helping others and being able to make things just a little bit easier for other people."

The event will have four activities: a drawing activity, a rock scavenger hunt, an indoor campfire and outdoor games such as cornhole. Each event is supervised by volunteers.

"(This project) has the opportunity to help a lot of people and will be able to benefit the community," Esham said. "It is my last project of high school and will be the last major thing I do for the community before (leaving for college)."

Esham said he got the idea from a social skills sleepaway camp that he attends in Ontario, Canada. The skills he learned at the camp enabled him to move up the leadership chain as an adult leader for Boy Scouts of America Troop 225.

"Camp gave me confidence, ... a lot of connections in the community and really is what will make this event successful, along with the support and hard work of (the volunteers and help from) Ocean Front," he said.

Ocean Front Counseling provides therapies that are similar to the kind Esham said he experienced growing up, which made the firm a sensible choice to work with.

"I think (Operation Ocean Hope) is a great idea," said Dr. Sharon Willey-Spurrier, Ocean Front president. "In the time we've (dealt with) covid, we've had a lot of separation, a lot of people have felt isolation. Already people with autism are feeling more isolated and that it's hard to have opportunities in a social setting."

While this is Esham's project, Willey-Spurrier said she hopes this event can be the precursor to similar, regularly scheduled events in the future.

Esham said he plans to study education in college and hopes to be an elementary school teacher.

Pre-registration for the event is encouraged but not required and can be done by contacting Dr. Sharon Spurrier at [swspurrier@ocfront.com](mailto:swspurrier@ocfront.com). Any questions can be directed to her as well.

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# State balloon ban set for passage this year

**By Mallory Panuska**  
Staff Writer

(April 8, 2021) After some tweaks that slightly water down penalties, a bill that would prohibit the intentional release of balloons into the atmosphere should become law this fall.

Del. Wayne Hartman (R-38C) co-sponsored the legislation, which in its current form would impose a \$100 fine on anyone 13 years or older who knowingly releases more than 10 balloons. It would also require anyone who releases up to 10 balloons to perform six hours of community service and/or watch an educational video on environmental damage caused by human pollution.

Hartman said this week that the original bill carried a stricter penalty of a \$250 fine for the intentional release of any number of balloons. But after going through two Senate readings, the penalties changed.

“To me, it’s not about the penalties and everything,” Hartman said. “To me it’s about an awareness of the problem. I’m not particularly fond of the amendments but to me the whole

thing is an educational issue.”

Hartman and Sen. Mary Beth Carozza (R-38) have pushed for the passage of the bill because of the damage they say wayward balloons cause to life in the water and on land. Witnesses testifying in support of the legislation earlier this year said birds, fish, turtles, Assateague ponies and seals have perished after eating or becoming entangled in the strings of balloons that humans have released. Released balloons have also caused power outages and polluted trees and waterways.

The bill also specifies that the penalties do not apply to anyone who unintentionally releases a balloon; balloons released for scientific or meteorological purposes, or in accordance with state or federal contracts; or hot air balloons recovered after launch.

Hartman attempted to pass the bill last year and said it had good momentum but hit a roadblock when the General Assembly shut down because of covid.

Lawmakers in both Worcester and Wicomico counties have introduced



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similar legislation but only the Wicomico bill has passed.

After this week’s vote on the final amendments, lawmakers must reconcile the two versions of the bill, but

Hartman said he does not anticipate any issue will arise and that it will pass before the end of the session Monday. Upon passage, the law will go into effect Oct. 1.

# Opposition remains for revised Kirwan plan

**By Mallory Panuska**  
Staff Writer

(April 8, 2021) As revisions to the state’s Kirwan education funding plan await approval on Gov. Larry Hogan’s desk, local lawmakers are still bucking its overall passage because of concerns about fiscal impacts.

The Blueprint for Maryland’s Future, or Kirwan plan, is a broad education reform bill set to increase state and county annual education spending by roughly \$3.2 billion per year over 10 years. It passed through both



Mary Beth Carozza

chambers last year but Hogan vetoed it because of its potential cost. However, lawmakers came back and overrode his veto, setting the stage for discussion and vote on revisions this session.

The revisions that passed in the Senate Tuesday pertain to things like enrollment data and technology fund-

ing. Sen. Mary Beth Carozza (R-38) also offered an amendment that would tie funding for summer school programs and teacher incentives to in-person learning. And while the amendment passed, she voted against the bill as a whole because of her long-standing opposition.

“I am voting against the Kirwan revision bill for the same reasons I voted against the overall Kirwan bill last year,” she said in a news release. “It’s based on my continued concerns for my local area on affordability, priori-

tization for fair funding formulas, and the need for local flexibility and tracking of outcomes. As we move forward, I am committed to working with my colleagues and all stakeholders to address the budgetary and accountability mandates that Kirwan imposes on our local jurisdictions.”

Del. Wayne Hartman (R-38 C) expressed similar concerns about the bill and the revisions. He said the revisions essentially add another year to the already pricey bill that he said does not benefit this area. And since he did not support the legislation anyway, he still stands in overall opposition.

“I didn’t support Kirwan initially ... It’s a whole lot of mandated spending with no guarantee of any outcome,” he said. “There are components of it I like that I think we could have implemented slowly over time but what works in one part of the state doesn’t necessarily work in all parts.”

On Friday, Gov. Larry Hogan issued a news release via email against the bill and said the revisions would take effect without a signature. He said the new bill corrected some of the problems he had with the original legislation, but “completely fails to address” the financial issues.

“I believe that we can still accomplish this shared goal in a fiscally responsible and sustainable manner,” the statement said. “The General Assembly will need to once again rewrite the original legislation to address these critical fiscal flaws in the 2022 legislative session.”

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# Obey speed limits, follow Md. boating laws

## All Ocean Pines canals set at 6 knots; harbor at Yacht Club Marina no-wake zone

(April 8, 2021) Boaters in Ocean Pines canals are encouraged to obey speed limits and follow all Maryland boating laws.

All canals within Ocean Pines always have a 6-knot speed limit, according to Sgt. Andrew Wilson, a supervisor with the Maryland Natural Resources Police.

“Speeding causes increased wake, which can cause additional erosion or damage to unprotected and under-protected shorelines,” Wilson said. “Our officers are responsible for patrolling all of Maryland’s waterways and enforcing all boating, conservation and criminal laws on those waterways.”

The harbor at the Yacht Club Marina is also a no-wake zone, to help prevent damage to the docks and boats.

Wilson said Ocean Pines residents may see Natural Resources Police in the area as part of normal patrol operations, or because of a complaint.

All boaters are asked to follow Maryland boating laws:

boating safety education when operating a motorized boat on Maryland waters. For more information, visit [www.dnr.maryland.gov/boating](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/boating) or call 410-643-8502.

- Bow riding, or sitting on the edge of a moving boat, is illegal. A fall from the bow could put someone in the path of the boat’s propeller, causing severe injury or death.

- Life jackets must be the proper size for the intended wearer, in good serviceable condition and readily accessible. All recreational boats must carry one wearable life jacket (type I, II, III or V) for each person aboard.

- Any boat 16 feet or longer – except canoes and kayaks – must also carry one throwable type IV life jacket.

- Children under 13 must wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket

while on a recreational vessel under 21 feet in length on Maryland waters. It must be the proper size and in good, serviceable condition.

- Children under 4 must wear a life jacket with added safety precautions as appropriate for an infant, toddler, or young child, including an inflatable headrest, web handle and crotch strap.

- Don’t drink and boat! A boat operator whose blood or breath analysis shows an alcohol concentration of 0.08 or greater is considered to be under the influence of alcohol and subject to criminal prosecution. Alcohol has a more dramatic effect on the body while boating.

- Operators of personal watercraft in Maryland must be at least 16 and possess a valid certificate of boating safety education. A personal water-

craft must be operated at 6 knots or less when within 100 feet of a vessel, another personal watercraft, shore, wharf, pier, piling, bridge structure, abutment, or people in the water.

There is also a new federal law governing the use of engine cut-off switches, which is enforced by the U.S. Coast Guard. For more information, visit <https://uscgboating.org/recreational-boaters/engine-cut-off-switch-faq.php>.

For more information about boating laws and regulations, visit [www.dnr.maryland.gov](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov).

In case of an emergency, call the Natural Resources Police. To report an emergency, violation, or abandoned boat, call 410-260-8888. To report a missing, damaged, or misplaced buoy, call 410-643-6521.

## Lawsuit by former employee dropped, Perrone announces

(April 8, 2021) Ocean Pines Association President Larry Perrone this week announced that a former Ocean Pines employee had dropped his wrongful termination lawsuit against the association.

“On March 23, 2021, Nate Douty withdrew his appeal of the Circuit Court’s dismissal of his complaint, concluding this dispute and without any settlement between the parties. The Board of Directors is pleased to see this matter come to its rightful conclusion.”

Douty, who was the human resources manager for the association, was fired in 2019 by then General Manager John Bailey in what Douty alleged was a political dust-up.

“The board maintained that Mr. Douty’s allegations were without merit and the court agreed,” Perrone said.

He also reported that the association spent \$25,000 defending itself against the complaint.

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# Free Virtual Arts Workshops offered

# Short-term rental town hall planned for April 17 in OP

(April 8, 2021) Worcester Youth & Family Counseling Services, Inc (WYFCS) through the support of the Ocean City Art League, will offer free Virtual Arts Workshops with Therapeutic Artist David Cunningham of Mercy Medical Center.

There will be two virtual workshops available on Thursdays in April from 6-7:30 p.m. These workshops will provide participants the opportunity to freely express themselves using basic shapes and exploring different drawing techniques.

All materials will be provided at no cost.

The first workshop, "Drawing Basic Shapes," will be offered to the general adult community on April 8, and to middle and high school students on April 15.

Template drawing will teach participants to see paper as a window into a new world by creating a portrait through shapes.

Templates for five shapes will be created and then traced in various ways to create a unique work of art.

The second workshop, "Self Portraits," will be open to all community members age 12 and older on April 22, and to the addiction recovery

community on April 29.

Participants will create a self-portrait drawing through imagination and pencil-drawn spiral forms.

Personal exploration and self-expression will be emphasized, helping each artist to make a unique self-portrait.

Cunningham has worked with Mercy Medical Center since 2008 as part of the Weinberg Center for Cancer Care Therapeutic Art Program.

He offers workshops though

Keswick Multi-Care's Wise and Well program in Baltimore as well as Baltimore County Department of Parks and Recreation's SPLASH program for youth since 2018.

He has been a visiting artist in Maryland schools since 1998 through the Maryland State Arts Council's Artist in Residence program as well. His paintings are represented by Art Gallery of Fine Art and Gifts in Baltimore.

For more information, contact Debbie Smullen at 410-641-4598.

# OP Chamber of Commerce to host flounder tournament

(April 8, 2021) The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce has announced its 14th annual Flounder Tournament and Auction will take place on Saturday, Aug. 7. The Ocean Pines Association and Gateway Subaru are the main sponsors this year.

The tournament will have larger cash prizes and calcuttas, according to the chamber. Participants must be registered by noon, Friday, Aug. 6.

Weigh-in will take place at the Ocean Pines Marina and Yacht Club. Sponsorships are available.

All information and registration can be found at <https://business.oceanpineschamber.org/events/details/14th-annual-flounder-tournament-12667>, call the Ocean Pines Chamber at 410-641-5306 or email [info@oceanpineschamber.org](mailto:info@oceanpineschamber.org).

(April 8, 2021) The Ocean Pines Board has scheduled a town hall on proposed short-term rental regulations, on April 17 at 9 a.m., upstairs at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club.

Live capacity will be limited to 100 people because of covid-19 restrictions. Residents will be given priority to speak, and nonresidents will not be allowed to make statements.

The town hall will also be live streamed, using Microsoft Teams. To join the meeting, use the invite link: [https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_MjFkNzUwOTQyThmNSooNWUxLWI5OGUtMzRmOWQyNTA2NDk1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22625a6322-2b2f-40fa-94f8-d7dd44d78153%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%221bbe60b-d4e0-49eb-b4c6-d257cae7f063%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MjFkNzUwOTQyThmNSooNWUxLWI5OGUtMzRmOWQyNTA2NDk1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22625a6322-2b2f-40fa-94f8-d7dd44d78153%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%221bbe60b-d4e0-49eb-b4c6-d257cae7f063%22%7d).

To view the proposed regulations, visit <https://www.oceanpines.org/documents/10184/59398/ARC+GUIDELINES+FOR+SHORT+TERM+RENTALS-Final+proofed+copy.pdf>.

Director of Public Relations and Marketing Josh Davis at 443-366-1844 or [jdavis@oceanpines.org](mailto:jdavis@oceanpines.org).

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**Ocean Pines Association Members:**

# VOTE **NO** ON THE PROPOSED REFERENDUM



The referendum seeks to unnecessarily hinder OPA's ability to conduct needed projects; fails to contemplate the impact of the ever-increasing costs of labor, material, and services; and will cause large expenses for OPA and to you as members.

The existing expenditure threshold for capital expenses was addressed along with several other changes to the OPA By-Laws in 2008 when the Amended and Restated By-Laws were adopted. The established limit on capital expenditures of 20% of the assessment income has served the Association well and has provided the intended guidance and safeguards on decisions involving this level of expense.

The threshold as a percentage of the annual assessment income, rather than a static dollar amount, takes into consideration the changes in financing associated with inflation and the time value of money. As prices for products, material, labor and services increase, the current threshold gives the Association flexibility in determining if these expenses should be considered. The current "20%" referendum requirement for capital expenditures has no direct effect on the annual assessment. A fixed dollar threshold will not reduce the annual assessment for OPA members, because the planning for the projects must continue.

Had the proposed fixed dollar threshold been in place, the Association would not have accomplished the much-needed upgrades to the administration building, police station, clubhouse, and cart barn in a timely manner. The Association would have also incurred approximately **\$50,000 - \$60,000** of expenses associated with conducting a referendum for each of those projects, as it is estimated that the cost of a referendum is approximately **\$25,000 - \$30,000** and requires additional significant staff time to administer the referendum, process the results and report the findings.

The requirement for a referendum will also cause unnecessary delays in sourcing, bidding, and determining the viability of a project. In some cases, a delay will create a lost opportunity for pricing deals from a contractor due to the inability to determine in a timely manner whether we can move forward with a project. This situation would also add to an increase in overall costs for a project. Beyond the implications on the above types of improvement projects, the proposed referendum will negatively affect OPA's ability to conduct its mandatory capital replacement work.

OPA must maintain, repair and replace the bulkheads. The bulkhead replacement costs for 2021 are forecasted at **\$1.783 million** and a 2022 proposed expense of **\$1.368 million**. These amounts are within the Board of Directors' current expenditure authority. Should the referendum pass, OPA will have to conduct a referendum before the annual bulkhead replacement projects can be authorized, which will result in substantial additional costs associated with the referendum. These additional costs will lead to an increase in the annual assessment to homeowners.



Based on the information above and knowing the established limit has not only served the Association well, but also aided in preventing unnecessary costs over the past 15 years, the Board of Directors strongly urges Association members to vote **NO** on the referendum question.

**- Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors**



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The "Wall That Heals" traveling exhibit, a three-quarter-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., will visit the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines in late April.

## 'Wall That Heals' ceremonies planned in April

(April 8, 2021) The Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation is asking area residents to show their support during several historic events this April as part of the visiting "Wall That Heals" exhibit.

The Wall That Heals is a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., and is sponsored by the national Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund.

"The Wall That Heals travels throughout the United States, giving those who cannot visit the wall in Washington, D.C. the opportunity to honor those who gave their lives for their country in Vietnam," Memorial Foundation President Marie Gilmore said.

Local people are asked to line the sidewalk along Route 589, south of Manklin Creek Road, on Tuesday, April 20 at 4 p.m. A 53-foot trailer carrying the exhibit will travel to Veterans Memorial Park in Ocean Pines, led by a motorcycle escort of more than 100 volunteers and local law enforcement.

"We're asking that everyone come and show their support, and safely line the sidewalks to help welcome the Wall That Heals to Ocean Pines," Gilmore said.

Volunteers will begin assembling the wall at Veterans Memorial Park on Wednesday, April 21. The exhibit will be open to the public, 24 hours a day, from Thursday, April 22 until Sunday, April 25 at 2 p.m.

The Memorial Foundation will host a "welcome home" opening ceremony for the exhibit on Thursday, April 22 at 11 a.m., and a candlelight ceremony on Saturday, April 24 at 7 p.m.

During the latter, Gilmore said guests may walk along the wall, holding a candle, as volunteers read aloud the names of "hometown heroes" from Worcester County, as well as from other counties on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia, and Sussex County in Delaware.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to visit this exhibit in our community, and to honor the sacrifices of our Vietnam veterans," Gilmore said. "The Wall That Heals is a national traveling exhibit and does not normally visit Maryland. We're

very happy that an exception was made to bring the wall to Ocean Pines, and we hope that everyone in our community will come and show their support and appreciation."

Organizers will supply about 100 chairs for each event, but guests are encouraged to bring their own seating.

Covid-19 protocols are still in effect, including mask mandates and social distancing.

Veterans Memorial Park is located at Route 589 and Cathell Road, in Ocean Pines. Public parking will be available and volunteers will staff the exhibit, 24 hours a day.

For more information on the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation or the Wall That Heals, visit [www.opvets.org](http://www.opvets.org).

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# 'Wall That Heals' exhibit to recognize OP vet

## U.S. Army Col. Robert Adair, one of first community lot owners, among honorees

(April 8, 2021) This April, the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation will host a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial from Washington, D.C.

The traveling national exhibit, dubbed "The Wall That Heals" and run by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, includes the names of more than 58,000 men and women who lost their lives or remain missing because of the Vietnam War.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund also created the "In Memory" program to honor thousands more Vietnam veterans who suffered from Agent Orange exposure, PTSD, and other related illnesses because of their service.

Among the names soon to be listed through In Memory, is U.S. Army Col. Robert Adair. His wife, Mary Adair, entered his name in the program and is an active member of the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation.

The couple are both originally from Philadelphia, and grew up together.

"I knew Bob when we were 5 years old," Mary Adair said. "He was adventuresome [as a child] ... He lived on the next street over from me, so there was a group of kids that just palled around to-



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gether when we were younger."

Bob and Mary dated in high school, and then reconnected again in 1965 after they graduated and Bob went through basic training in the U.S. Army.

"When he came back, I had enrolled

in college and he was deferred – he was an enlisted man for the engineers at that time," Mary said. "He went to La Salle University and I went to Holy Family University [both in Philadelphia], and we started dating again. And in May of that year, we were engaged to be engaged."

The couple were married after college graduation, in June of 1960, and moved into an apartment in Catonsville, Maryland. However, the stay was short-lived, and they moved often because of Bob's service obligations.

On their first wedding anniversary, Bob was called overseas, and it was months before Mary and their young daughter, Nancy, were able to join him in Germany. The couple's second and third children, Robert and Susan, were born in Germany.

By 1964, the family finally headed back to the United States, first at Fort Sill in Oklahoma, and later at Niagara University in New York, where Bob worked as a professor of military science and finished his master's degree in Soviet and Eastern European history.

In 1967, Bob volunteered for service in Vietnam. Mary, at first, said she was "not too happy."

"His reasoning was that the orders were going to come anyway, so he just chose the time to go," she said.

"He had gotten his master's degree, so he was tasked to go over and write his-

tory – only, he wasn't happy with that. He was an artilleryman at heart, so he volunteered to go with the 1/27 Artillery – which I found out about in a letter. So, he was on a forward firing base," she added.

Mary and the children, meanwhile, moved home to Philadelphia to be closer to family. Nancy was already in first grade, Robert was in kindergarten, and the youngest, Susan, stayed at home.

"I chose to go back to Philadelphia, so that the children would have their grandparents and their aunts and uncles around them, and I thought that that was the better way to go when they were little," Mary said.

Ironically, the house they rented, on Marchman Road, was right around the corner from where Chip Bertino grew up. Bertino, currently a Worcester County Commissioner representing Ocean Pines, would later be wed to Mary's youngest daughter, Susan.

Mary said that year, with Bob serving in the war, was a difficult one. Reports about the conflict and its high death toll were inescapable.

"I never put the news on. Walter Cronkite had the Vietnam War on his newscast every night, so I just wouldn't put it on," she said. "I lived for 9 o'clock, because at 9 o'clock I knew no squad car was going to be pulling up and knocking on my door, telling me that something

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# Adair honored through In Memory program

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happened to him. So, at that point you were good until the next morning.”

Bob returned home safely, just before the Fourth of July in 1968.

“He was fine,” upon returning home, Mary said. “The only thing that happened, was that we had gone to sleep that night [on July 4] and somebody set off firecrackers, and he was on the floor and pulled me down just as quickly, because he reacted to any kind of noise like that.”

According to Mary, Bob thought “he was going right back to Vietnam” after his brief stop home, but the military had other plans and had informed Mary while her husband was still overseas.

“For the first time in our married life, I got a call from the Air Force and they said he was slated to go to the Air Force Academy [in Colorado], to be a professor of history out there,” she said.

The family lived in Colorado for two years while Bob taught, and the couple’s fourth child, James, was born.

Bob received orders for a second tour of Vietnam in 1971, this time stationed in Saigon (present day Ho Chi Minh City) with the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, and working under a U.S. Marines general.

“The second tour was not as stressful as the first tour,” Mary said. “It would have been, because they were going to send him over as an advisor, which I was not happy about, but then they changed him to headquarters.”

All told, Bob served in the U.S. Armed Forces for 28 years as a career officer.

“I don’t think we ever lived any place for longer than two years,” Mary said. “I used to joke that I didn’t have to spring house clean – I just cleared quarters and moved.”

That was hard on the children, who each time went through an adjustment period, but the family “made it an adventure.”

“Bob and I always told them, when he got orders, ‘This is where we’re going to be and this is what we’ll be doing,’” Mary said.

“When we were at the Air Force Academy, Nancy had really settled in there with friends, and she came to her father and she said, ‘I’m so unhappy about mov-

ing, because I have to leave all my friends.’ And Bob said, ‘Well, if I didn’t have the job that I have and we didn’t move around the way that we do, you would have never met those friends.’ And that sticks with her, even today,” she added.

Mary said the transition from civilian to military living was also hard on her, at least at first.

“The military life, to me, was a 180 degrees from what I was normally involved in – as a child, I got homesick going to Girl Scout camp overnight!” she said with a laugh.

During much of that time, Mary said she stayed busy as “the epitome of volunteerism.”

“I forget all the things I’ve done,” she said. “I worked as a Red Cross volunteer in the x-ray department, I worked for Army community service as a budget counselor, and you always sit on a lot of committees and boards and make decisions and help out.”

Ocean Pines came into the picture during the early 1970s, when Bob was stationed at the Pentagon.

“We had put away all of his combat pay, and Boise Cascade was making phone calls in those days, and they called us and said, ‘How about a free weekend in Ocean City?’” Mary said. All they had to do was listen to a sales pitch.

The family stayed at the Executive Motel in Ocean City, and they ended up buying property in Ocean Pines, on Ivanhoe Court, but waited to develop it at the advice of local builder Marvin Steen.

“We had a wonderful weekend in Ocean City, met a lot of nice people, bought a lot, and went home,” Mary said.

The couple were among the original lot owners in Ocean Pines, but they didn’t move to the community until the late 1980s. Still, Mary vividly remembers early visits, from camping in the area that later became White Horse Park, to passing the stables near the South Gate.

Around 1987, the couple revisited Ocean Pines as Bob was preparing to retire. They were living in Alexandria, Virginia at the time.

“We talked to Marvin again, and we put our house in Alexandria up for sale and bought [another] lot that we’re on-

now, and I chose the house and Marvin built it,” Mary said.

She said the difference in the community, from the first time she saw it to the present, is “night and day.”

“It developed, basically, into what we thought it would be when we first moved down here. And I love it,” she said. “This is my 28th residency and I told Bob when I moved in, ‘this is house number last!’”

Bob and Mary joined the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation, as lifetime members, when Bob was still alive. However, she became much more involved after he passed away in 2007.

“Chip was on the [foundation] board at the time and he said to me, ‘I think this would be a good fit for you, Mary – you need to get out of the house!’” she said. “So, I wrote a little thing about being an Army wife and volunteering, and I won a one-year term” on the foundation board.

When that one year was up, Mary finished two more years of another board member’s term, and she never left. She remains a fixture of the foundation to this day.

“I’ve been their assistant treasurer, treasurer, and president,” she said.

Mary said the Veterans Memorial Foundation is important to her, “because it honors veterans, and that was my whole adult life.”

“Anything I can do for the military, I will,” she said.

This year, Mary has been an active part of the volunteer force helping to bring The Wall That Heals to Ocean Pines. She’s working with Jenny Cropper-Rines to develop a history pamphlet and pitching in wherever she’s needed.

“I’m probably on every committee one way or another,” she said. “I’m a worker bee!”

The project, Mary said, is among the most important she has ever worked on. And she recognizes the impact it could have on many others who lost loved ones because of the war.

“We have a lot of friends that passed away in Vietnam, even before it was known to be a combat area,” she said. “When we were stationed in Germany, we lost a friend, and his name was Robert. And I told my son, ‘I [already]

have a Robert Adair,’ so I called him Robbie after this young man.

“The fact that a lot of people do not have the ability to go to Washington, D.C. to see the wall there, this three-quarter replica of it just gives people the opportunity to kind of touch history,” she said.

The Wall That Heals does not usually travel through Maryland, but an exception was made to bring it to Ocean Pines. During its stop in April, the exhibit will honor “Hometown Heroes” from every county on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia, as well as Sussex County in Delaware. Those names, which are also on the wall in Washington, D.C., will be read aloud during ceremonies in Ocean Pines.

“I’m very honored to be a part of this,” Mary said.

Mary also decided to honor Bob through the In Memory program. He died of Lou Gehrig’s disease, also known as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or ALS, and the illness is widely linked to military service.

“It’s been very bittersweet for me to deal with this, because I had to go back and pick up a lot of memories,” Mary said. “But I am awed and honored that the wall will be here, and the fact that they can move it around allows it to be meaningful to so many people.”

## Town of Snow Hill general election slated for May 4

(April 8, 2021) The Town of Snow Hill will hold its general election in-person on Tuesday, May 4.

Up for election this year are the offices of mayor, Central District council seat and Western District council seat.

Dr. Jennifer Jewell ran unopposed and is slated to become the next mayor of Snow Hill and will be sworn in June.

Also running unopposed was in-

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# Jewell unopposed and will be next Snow Hill mayor

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Incumbent Council member Regina Blake, whose term will be renewed for two years in June.

The Central District Council seat, held for the last two years by incumbent Melisa Weidner, is challenged by new candidate, Jon Myers. This is the only office that will be on the ballot in the election this year.

However, also on the ballot will be a referendum vote for salary raises for mayor and town council.

Originally passed and adopted by the mayor and council in 2019, the vote was left off the ballot in error. The current mayor and council are finishing old business of a previous administration and will include this on the ballot for 2021 voters.

New this year is the polling place: the Old Fire Hall on Green Street, Snow Hill.

Those who wish to vote by absentee ballot can call Town Hall or email Margot Resto at mresto@snowhillmd.com to request an absentee ballot application. The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot application is Friday, April 23.

For more information, call Resto at Town Hall at 410-632-2080.

# Candidates sought for OPA board

(April 8, 2021) The Ocean Pines Association Search Committee is looking for homeowners to run in this year's board of directors election.

The Ocean Pines Association (OPA) is governed by a seven-member board, elected by property owners who make up membership in the homeowners association. This year, two positions are up for election.

The board of directors is the legislative policy-setting body of the Ocean Pines community. The board decides operational and fiscal policy and sets property assessments annually. Board members do not receive monetary compensation for their service. They serve three-year terms on a staggered basis and cannot seek reelection after serving two consecutive terms.

A Board candidate must be an OPA property owner of record as of Jan. 1, and not have unpaid annual charges

or voting privileges suspended by the Board as of 15 May in the year of election.

Potential candidates must complete and return an application, in a sealed envelope to the attention of the Search Committee, to the OPA General Manager's office at the administration building on 239 Ocean Parkway, no later than 4 p.m. on May 10.

Applications are available at the administration building or on the Ocean Pines website at <https://www.ocean-pines.org/documents/10184/89280/Candidate-Registration-Form-Approved-9-March-2019-FORM-003.pdf>.

Potential candidates interested in further information may contact the following individuals on the Search Committee: Chairman Tom Piatti at 410-302-0558 or [tompatti@aol.com](mailto:tompatti@aol.com), or Andie Davis at 410-200-6008 or [andiepavis@gmail.com](mailto:andiepavis@gmail.com).

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Other important upcoming election dates are:

- Candidate Draw (to determine ballot order and seating during candidate forums) - Friday, June 4 at 10 a.m. Venue TBD.

- First Candidate Forum - Wednesday, June 9 from 7-9 p.m. in the Assateague Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center.

- Second Candidate Forum (if needed) - Saturday, June 19 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Assateague Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center.

- Ballot Deadline - Wednesday, Aug. 11 by close of business.

- Ballots Counted and Vote Totals Announced - Friday, Aug. 13 starting at 10 a.m. Venue TBD.

- Annual Meeting - Saturday, Aug. 14. Time and Venue TBD.

# Road closures announced in Pines

(April 8, 2021) After a brief delay, drainage improvements on High Sheriff Trail in Ocean Pines have begun.

Public Works Director Eddie Wells said the work would include replacing failing culvert pipes with larger ones.

As of Monday, the road will be closed at 14/15 High Sheriff Trail and 139/141 Camelot Circle. The road closure, expected to last about two weeks, will not affect access to any homes.

The association has also temporarily

moved mailboxes in the area to the intersection of the two parts of High Sheriff Trail, rather than at the intersection of High Sheriff Trail and Camelot Circle.

For questions, call 410-641-7717 or email [info@oceanpines.org](mailto:info@oceanpines.org).





## Courtney's Superhero 5K

### Virtual Fun Run

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Support Courtney Blackford's bid to be crowned Prom Queen for Believe In Tomorrow's Prom Night Event.

Contact Courtney Blackford at (443) 664-7043 or The Children's House By The Sea at (410) 723-2824 for more information.

**Register Online!**  
[believeintomorrow.rallybound.org/superhero-fun-run](http://believeintomorrow.rallybound.org/superhero-fun-run)



## April A Month to Believe

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[BelieveInTomorrow.org](http://BelieveInTomorrow.org)







# Snapshots



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## VACCINATED

Linda Hilliard, Worcester County NAACP secretary, shares a picture of herself getting a covid vaccine shot at Northside Park in Ocean City. This clinic was sponsored by the Worcester County Health Department.



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## VIRTUAL 5K

Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County hosted the Hello Spring! Virtual 5K Family Fun Run/Walk from March 14-20. All funds raised will stay in Worcester, supporting the mission of Habitat for Humanity. Pictured, from left, are Miralena, Jun and Jeff Smith of Berlin participating in the socially-distanced Hello Spring! Virtual 5K.



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## CELEBRATION

Worcester Preparatory Lower School celebrated reaching its 100th day of school on March 3. Students from Pre-K to grade 5 participated in a variety of educational and philanthropic activities throughout the day. Dressed in athletic wear, Kindergarteners participated in "100 Ways to Move" games and activities. Teacher Heather Dennis races to the finish line with students Margot Hidell and Emery Anthony.



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## KINDNESS MESSAGES

Worcester Preparatory Lower School celebrated reaching its 100th day of school on March 3. Students from Pre-K to grade 5 participated in a variety of educational and philanthropic activities throughout the day. Fourth graders, from left, Liam McAllister, John Parker and Vivian Spraul, show off their messages of kindness T-shirts and their decorated homeroom door displaying 100 Random Acts of Kindness.



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## HEALTH TALK

Susan R. Adkins, MS, PA-C of Restorative Health & Wellness prepares to give a talk about alternatives to traditional medicine during the first Healthy Happy Hour on March 20 at the Healing Arts Center of the Eastern Shore on Franklin Avenue in Berlin.



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## FLOWERS FOR YOU

Emma Sands, from Bleached Butterfly in Eastern Woodland Home, wraps a bouquet of flowers for a visitor at the first Healthy Happy Hour on March 20 at the Healing Arts Center of the Eastern Shore on Franklin Avenue in Berlin.



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

**PLAY TIME**

Children of all ages play on an assortment of equipment in Ocean Pines on a mild spring day late last month.



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**PROCLAMATION**

Worcester County Commissioner Diana Purnell presents a proclamation to Worcester Commission on Aging Executive Director John Dorrough recognizing March as the 19th annual March for Meals Month, which highlights the importance of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Programs, both congregate and home-delivered, and raises awareness about problems regarding senior hunger and isolation.

# New OP Academy features 20 educational segments

(April 8, 2021) The new Ocean Pines Academy is now active, featuring nearly 20 virtual educational segments about Ocean Pines operations, amenities and other aspects of the community,

To view the academy, visit <https://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/ocean-pines-academy>.

The Ocean Pines Academy is a virtual, civic education course about the Ocean Pines Association. The academy includes an overview of the different facets of the association, presented by those who handle fulfilling its vision and mission each day.

Also included are printable "quick facts" about the amenities, departments and services that make Ocean

Pines what it is, as well as links to important documents and websites.

Marketing Coordinator Julie Malinowski led the project, with support supplied by a workgroup that included Association President Larry Perrone, Vice President Colette Horn, General Manager John Viola, Senior Executive Assistant Michelle Bennett, Director of Marketing and Public Relations Josh Davis, and community member Jenny Cropper-Rines.

"Whether you're interested in becoming involved with the Board of Directors or an advisory committee, or just want to gain a deeper understanding of Ocean Pines, the Ocean Pines Academy is a great way to learn more about this place so many have called 'home,'" Malinowski said.

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## BIRD WATCHERS

A group of bird watchers visit Heron Park in Berlin on March 6 as part of the Delmarva Birding Weekend tours. The next birding event is scheduled for April 21-26.

# WCAC Student Arts Scholarship award prog.

(April 8, 2021) The Worcester County Arts Council's Student Arts Scholarship award program is underway.

The scholarship awards range from \$500 to \$2,000 for qualifying high school seniors who are Worcester County residents interested in majoring in the arts.

Scholarships are also available to college art majors wishing to continue their education in the arts.

In 2020, a total of \$10,000, including the John Sisson family's contribution, was awarded to five students pursuing an education in the arts.

The Worcester County Arts Council's Student Arts Scholarship program is designed to identify, recognize and encourage students who demonstrate excellence in creative writing, culinary arts, dance, music, theater, or visual arts.

This is a merit scholarship and award decisions are based on evaluation of talent, dedication, and potential – not financial need.

The number and amount of the award are based on the funds' availability. Funds are provided for tuition costs and fees and are paid directly to the applicant's school.

Application and scholarship guidelines are available on the Arts Council's website: [www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org/artsscholarship](http://www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org/artsscholarship). All applications must be received by Monday, May 3.

For further information, contact Anna Mullis, executive director, at [anna@worcestercountyartscouncil.org](mailto:anna@worcestercountyartscouncil.org).

The Worcester County Arts Council welcomes donations to support the arts

scholarship fund.

To make a tax-deductible contribution, visit [www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org](http://www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org).

The Worcester County Arts Council is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to support, promote and encourage visual, performing, and literary arts in Worcester County.

As designated by the Maryland State Arts Council County arts agency, the

Worcester County Arts Council is committed to fostering the excellence, diversity, and vitality of arts, artists, and arts organizations and increasing access to the arts for all members of our community.

The Worcester County Arts Council is funded by the grant from the Maryland State Arts Council and supported by memberships, donations, and local sponsorships.

## Local Optimist Club hosts raffle

(April 8, 2021) The Ocean City/Berlin Optimist Club's annual Boat Show provides the organization with funds to support many programs for area youth.

The show was canceled this year because of covid, so the group has organized a raffle to help raise funds for the community and youth programs, with five prizes available.

The Boat Show door prize, a pontoon boat and 50 hp motor, donated by North Bay Marine for over 35

years, is first prize.

Second prize is a 14-foot Jon Boat and 25hp Mercury motor, donated by A Plus Marine Services. A trailer is included.

Third prize is a Jet Ski donated by Bayside Jet Drive and a Jet Ski dock donated by A Plus Marine Services.

The fourth prize is a condo for the week of the White Marlin Open in August, plus \$1,000. Both have been donated by the Optimist Club.

The fifth prize is \$1,000 worth of canvas work donated by A Plus Marine Services.

The cost is \$10 for one ticket, \$25 for three and \$50 for 10. The drawings will be held May 20.

Tickets are available from Optimist members and each Saturday at the Ocean Pines Farmers Market.

Call Charlie Dorman at 443-880-3602, Charles Smith at 410-641-6746, or Lew Frey 410-641-6361 for more information.

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# Platform Tennis Club to celebrate Freeman April 24

(April 8, 2021) The Ocean Pines Platform Tennis Club will present its third annual benefit tournament on April 24, at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center.

This year, the club has dedicated the tournament to Jim Freeman, a platform tennis member who passed away on March 15 after a battle with cancer.

Freeman served the U.S. Marines with honor and later worked for 31 years as a seventh-grade science teacher at Keith Valley Middle School in Horsham, Pennsylvania. He retired to Ocean Pines with his wife, June, and "always kept active with platform tennis, where he made many wonderful and caring friends and served as the president of the platform tennis group for many years."

The Platform Tennis Club will donate all tournament proceeds to Semper Fi & America's Fund, a nonprofit "dedicated to providing immediate financial assistance and lifetime support to combat wounded, critically ill and catastrophically injured members of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families."

Sue Walter, one of the tournament organizers, said the goal of the tournament is to "help OPPTA to remember and honor our friend who lived and breathed platform tennis."

"Jim Freeman was a huge part of platform tennis and we will all miss him terribly," she said. "He would be so proud and happy we were doing

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# Obituary

**JAMES R. EISENHAUER, JR.**  
Ocean Pines

On March 29, 2021, Jim aka Ike, Coach, Ghost Rider, Bluesman, found the wave of a lifetime and rode it into the sunset.

He always said, "Sometimes you just have to wait for the right wave." After suffering complications from a stroke, the tide was right as he caught the perfect wave out.

A career law enforcement officer for over 40 years, he served with the Washington Metropolitan Police, Department of Natural Resources Police, Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Office, and most recently the Worcester County Sheriff's Office.

He valued his brothers and sisters in blue and the lifetime friendships born from mutual respect.

Jim loved riding his Harley. He found that the love of riding could go hand in hand with the love of serving others.

He forged close bonds with his brothers and sisters in Hogs and Heroes and Bikers Without Borders.

Jim never knew a stranger and began or ended his conversations with "my friend."

He was always in perpetual motion, on or planning his next adventure with family and friends. Most recently, declaring that cycling in the



J. Eisenhauer, Jr.

Pennsylvania Grand Canyon was the best family trip, yet. He was excited about riding the entire Pine Creek Rail Trail of 62 miles with his son, James.

There was nothing better than a great beach day, riding the waves with his wife, Leslie.

The best end to a great beach day was to celebrate with an orange crush or a rum bucket and a little "dessert" called Fireball, many times with his Taylor's "family." He always talked about how great the quality of life was living here, at the beach.

Spring was especially exciting for Jim, as that was the start of the baseball season. He loved attending minor league games with friends and family, watching the Bowie Baysox and the Delmarva Shorebirds.

Cooperstown held a special place in his heart as he was able to see his son pitch a winning game at Cooperstown Dreams Park and revisit the town with his baseball loving friends in later years.

Music was part of his soul. He was a true bluesman and was on the board of directors of the Central Delaware Blues Society.

He never missed attending the

Chesapeake Bay Blues Festival and loved live music venues, wearing his signature bowler hat. As he left home for the final time, he was escorted by the Nighthawks rendition of "When I Go Away."

His wife, Leslie; son, James; brother, John; sisters, Theresa, Barbara, Joan, Becky, Cathy, and Mary Jo; and step-mother, Mary Ellen, will continue to gaze into the sunset in awe of the bright new shade of "blue" that graces the sky.

Ride on...Rock on...the music is far from over...

Donations in his name can be made to nonprofits Bikers Without Borders Foundation Bishopville, Maryland; Central Delaware Blues Society; C.O.P.S. Concerns of Police Survivors; Hogs and Heroes Foundation, Inc. Chapter 8 Patriot Point (Maryland); Shriners Hospital, or a nonprofit of your choice.

His ashes will be spread in the ocean this fall, his favorite time of year at the beach. The trip to sea will be followed by his favorite time of day, Happy Hour. Date and location will be posted as soon as determined.

Arrangements are in the care of Eastern Shore Cremation and Funeral Service, 504 Franklin Avenue, Berlin, Maryland.

## Town of Berlin Public Notice



### PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Town of Berlin will file an application with the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development for financial assistance to purchase two police vehicles. A public hearing for comments on Resolution 2021-03 will be held by the use of Facebook via [www.berlinmd.gov](http://www.berlinmd.gov) at 7pm on April 12, 2021 to discuss the proposed project and to provide the opportunity for public comment. Questions can also be submitted to Town Hall by noon on Monday, April 12, 2021. If you have any questions pertaining to this Resolution you can call 410-641-2770 for more information.

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# Opinion

Please send all letters and other editorial submissions to [editor@baysidegazette.com](mailto:editor@baysidegazette.com) by 5 p.m. Monday.

## Academy can help inform our opinions

If there's one thing this country could use more of it would be civics lessons, which is why the Ocean Pines Academy and other programs like it are so important.

Criticizing the administration of a community, county, state or the nation itself is something everyone has a constitutional right to do, but that criticism would be more valid and less prone to an indulgence in wild theories if more people knew what they were talking about.

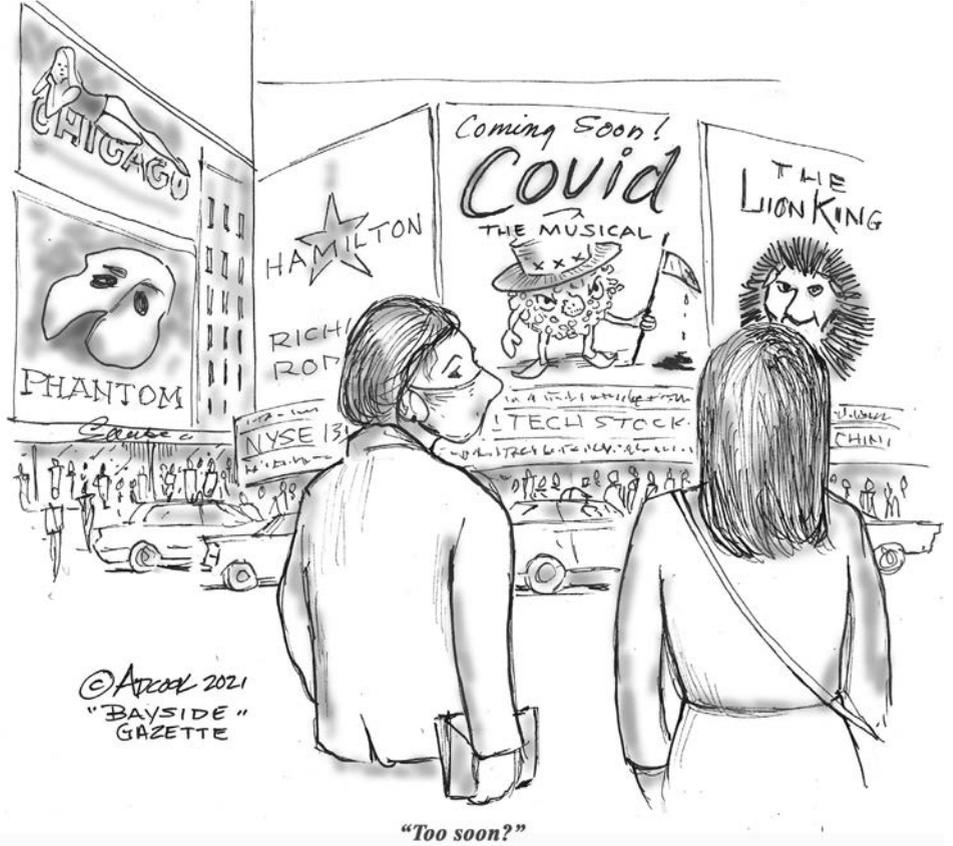
As it is, a great many people are prone to filling in the blanks themselves when facts are missing, or accepting someone else's explanation for why things are the way they are. In other words, something is true when everyone believes it's true, regardless of the facts.

Besides, it's easy for the public to mistrust the people in charge when there's no real understanding of how what they do or how they do it. The Ocean Pines Academy, which is a kind of sequel to the Ocean City University program created by the late City Clerk Kathy Mathias, allows citizens to get down to the foundation of the who, what, when, where and how of governance and operations.

Segments range from the board of directors to finance to bicycle safety to the governing documents, all included in what the association Marketing Department describes as a "self-paced civic education course about the Ocean Pines Association."

Led by Marketing Coordinator Julie Malinowski, the academy has gone live and is available at <https://www.ocean-pines.org/web/pages/ocean-pines-academy>.

Check it out. As already noted above, having an opinion is one thing, but having an informed opinion, which the academy proposes to help provide, is an obligation that good citizens should want to fulfill.



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"Too soon?"

## Letters

### Response to fire company response

Editor,

After reading the response to the fact I called the fire house a storage unit, I stand corrected.

According to the David VanGasbeck and Steven Grunewald it's used to "house" first-line firefighting equipment. Please. I call it tomato you call it tamato.

You can call it what you want.

As far as I know, if indeed there are 25 volunteers operating out of the unit, please let me know when they are there. Every time I go by the place, it's closed up. No cars, nobody there.

Just to be sure, I called my homeowners insurance to see the discount I receive for being so close to the fire station. Guess what? He only wanted to know how far the

fire hydrant was from my house. Go figure.

I have although, renamed my shed. It's now a "Housing" unit for my garden equipment. Got no insurance break their either.

I do support and applaud all the front-line defenders of our community. I would not be living here if it were not for these amenities.

Al Keeney  
Ocean Pines

## Tennis tournament to honor Freeman

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this to raise money for the Marines charity, Semper Fi."

All platform tennis clubs in Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania may compete. Individual players may also enter.

The entry deadline is April 17, and the entry fee is

a \$50 donation, per player.

Checks may be made payable to Semper Fi/America's Fund, "in Memory of Jim Freeman," mailed with an entry form to Michael Petito, 4 Long Court, Ocean Pines, Maryland, 21811.

To download an entry form, visit [\[pines.org/webdav/pages/document\\\_library/OPA%20uploads/2021%20Tournament%20for%20Jim%20%20Freeman.pdf\]\(https://ocean-pines.org/webdav/pages/document\_library/OPA%20uploads/2021%20Tournament%20for%20Jim%20%20Freeman.pdf\).](https://ocean-</a></p></div>
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For questions or more information, contact Walter at [cbreeze601@verizon.net](mailto:cbreeze601@verizon.net) or Petito at [map11946@yahoo.com](mailto:map11946@yahoo.com).

### Have an opinion?

We invite you to share it, but all letters are subject to verification, so please include your name and phone number. All letters are subject to editing for space and to protect the author and this newspaper from legal action. Email letters to [editor@baysidegazette.com](mailto:editor@baysidegazette.com). For questions, call 410-723-6397.

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# Recovery and Peer Support program launched by WGP

(April 8, 2021) WGP Warriors Against Addiction introduces Worcester R.A.P.S. (Recovery and Peer Support), a program designed to provide a pathway to state certification for individuals interested in becoming Maryland Certified Peer Recovery Specialists (CPRS).

Participants will provide direct peer-to-peer support services to others who have lived experience with mental illness, substance abuse, or co-occurring disorders.

Certified Peer Recovery Specialists can, with specialized training and guidance, draw from their own journey of recovery to inspire hope and provide support to others who are facing similar situations.

The knowledge and skills provided from this program will ensure minimum standards of competency are met. These standards have been defined by the Maryland Addiction and Behavioral-health Professionals Certification Board (MABPC).

The benefits of peer support are wide ranging for those receiving the support, peer support workers themselves, and for the mental health system.

One of the key benefits of peer support is the greater perceived empathy and respect that peer supporters are seen to have for the individuals they support.

Peer support also has benefits for workers themselves, increasing levels of self-esteem, confidence and positive feelings that they are doing good. Peer support workers often experience an increase in their own ability to cope mental health problems.

In 2020 over 81,000 people died from an accidental overdose. Recovery depends on socialization and routine, which has been nonexistent for the last 12 months.

“WGP is here to support the recovery community. I believe that the key is to meet everyone where they are,” said Debbie Smullen, president of WGP Warriors Against Addiction. “This new program will allow peer training for certification to be supervised and funded by us.”

For more information, contact Smullen at wgpwarriors2021@gmail.com or call 410-870-5161.

**‘I believe that the key is to meet everyone where they are.’**

Debbie Smullen, president of WGP Warriors Against Addiction

# Calendar

## Thurs., April 8

### NEW CHILDREN’S BOOKS

Held via Facebook, 10:30 AM. Miss Susan talks about some of the library’s newest children’s books for 2-5-year-old children. No registration required.

### ZUMBA FOR ALL LEVELS

Meeting via Zoom, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Join certified Zumba instructor Joyce Landsman for an hour of Zumba. This is a webinar style program, meaning you can practice your moves without being seen. Register: worcesterlibrary.org under events.

### VIRTUAL THERAPEUTIC ART WORKSHOP

Drawing Basic Shapes will be offered to the general adult community free of charge, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM. Template drawing will teach participants to see paper as a window into a new world by creating a portrait through shapes. All materials will be provided. Register: <https://flowcode.com/p/pbPo9SGa>.

### TIMELESS TENNIS - FREE CLINIC

Ocean Pines Racquet Center, 11443 Manklin Creek Road, 6:30 PM. If you

can swing a racket and take a few steps, you can play. All abilities welcome. Training and equipment provided. Sign up: [timelesstennisop@gmail.com](mailto:timelesstennisop@gmail.com), 302-270-8118 or visit FB page Timeless Tennis OP.

### TEEN DISCORD GAMING SESSION

Held via Discord, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Join the group on the library Discord server for a virtual gaming session. For 13-18 year olds. Go to the registration page at least 24 hours before the program: <https://worcesterlibrary.libguides.com/discord>.

## Fri., April 9

### ARTIST TALK WITH BILL WOLFF

The 2021 Orem & Robinson Fellow for Contemporary Art and Community Engagement, Bill Wolff, will speak about his work, what inspires him, his art processes, his plans for his fellowship year and the new sculpture studio he set up at Salisbury University. Held 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Register: [www.artleagueofoceancity.org](http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org) or 410-524-9433. Free, online event.

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## OPEN HOUSES APRIL 8 - APRIL 15

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# Cuisine

## Shakshuka morning dish filled with flavor

I knew I should not have answered the phone, but something told me to. It was almost as though I could tell what I needed in my life, and my premonition was correct.

My car's extended warranty was in fact about to expire, and I certainly was in the market for another one.

As I sat there listening to the prerecorded message of the dutiful saleswoman lecturing me about the nuances of these fine products, I laughed and looked at my daughter. She could tell by the look on my face that I had been taken. I hung up the phone and we returned to our conversation over our bowls of Shakshuka.

In a lovely café in Boston, we sit and sip our piping hot coffee and drink copious amounts of water that never seem to be getting topped off by our inattentive waiter. Regardless, our breakfasts are divine. Simple in nature and execution, they are reminiscent of the last time we were together in Boston at the end of January.

Despite having empty water glasses for most of our meal, we will be sure to sup here again upon my next return to visit my daughters in this fine city. To be honest with you, I had never eaten Shakshuka before a few months ago, and it is hands down one of my favorite breakfast dishes.

A tomato-based soupy concoction with poached eggs and sausage? With some fried cheese curds sometimes?

Yes, count me in! Especially considering that tomato season is right around the corner, and it is easy to see that we could make Shakshuka in large batches and can it, having it at the ready for early-morning repasts. Yes, it is going to be an epic summer.

Luckily, I am dating someone who has a much greener thumb than I, and there will be tomatoes galore of many, many varieties.

Heirloom grape tomatoes, beefsteaks, chocolates, you name it. She will grow and grow and grow and we will eat many things made from these delectable fruits.

With the majority of the cold snaps hopefully out of the way, it will be time for the garden bed to get tilled and fertilizer added to nourish the soil. The entire process is humbling



to watch as I have not had a successful vegetable and fruit garden of my own since our old house in Baltimore, well over 20 years ago. At that house, located snugly on a quarter-acre lot, we had tomatoes, long beans, horseradish, mint, potatoes, carrots, scallions, chives, a few onions here and there and berries of many kinds.

The strawberries took a couple years to build up to a successful yield, but it was fun to watch the babies sitting outside in the summertime picking their own berries and shoving them down their gullet, their faces plastered with red-berry paint.

The halcyon days of young parenthood are long gone, and now my children are mostly adults. That is rather terrifying to think about the process of aging, but it won't be long (maybe a decade or so) before I get to grow some berries for grandkids. We shall see. I am certainly in no hurry, and I'm fairly certain that my children are not either.

In my yard, there are so many trees that it has been difficult to have a blooming tomato patch. I tried for a couple years, but I am throwing in the towel, converting my undersunned raised bed into a canoe and

paddleboard rack. That seems to be a much better use for this plot of useless and shaded land.

I will have to raid my girlfriend's garden when she's not looking. She'll have plenty of tomatoes, so I don't think she'll mind. And if she does, I'll buy her an extended car warranty to make up for it.

### Shakshuka

*serves 4*

- 1/2 ea. Yellow onion, finely diced
- 3 cloves garlic, finely minced
- 1 ea. Red bell pepper, julienne
- 3 c. Peeled fresh tomatoes
- 1 c. Chicken stock
- 1/2 tsp. Cayenne pepper
- 1tsp. Smoked Spanish paprika
- 8 links of spicy sausage (merguez or chorizo would suffice)
- 1. Heat some olive oil and whole butter in a frypan.
- 2. Add onion and cook for about 4

minutes or until they become slightly browned.

3. Add red bell pepper and garlic and cook for three minutes, making sure that the garlic does not burn. Once it burns, it becomes bitter.

4. Add the tomatoes and chicken stock and cook until all of the flavors have had a chance to marry.

5. Season with the cayenne and paprika and season with salt and pepper, to taste.

6. This is now complete and you can keep it chilled in the refrigerator for future use or bang it out now.

7. When ready to serve, merely heat the tomato 'soup' and poach the eggs until the whites are cooked and the yolks are nice and runny.

8. Add some grilled or seared sausages and serve with some sour cream and you are ready to go! This dish has so much flavor, and with the kick from the cayenne, it's even better than a cup of coffee to get your day going.

—Paul Suplee is a Professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College and owner of boxcar40.

Visit him at [www.boxcar40.com](http://www.boxcar40.com).

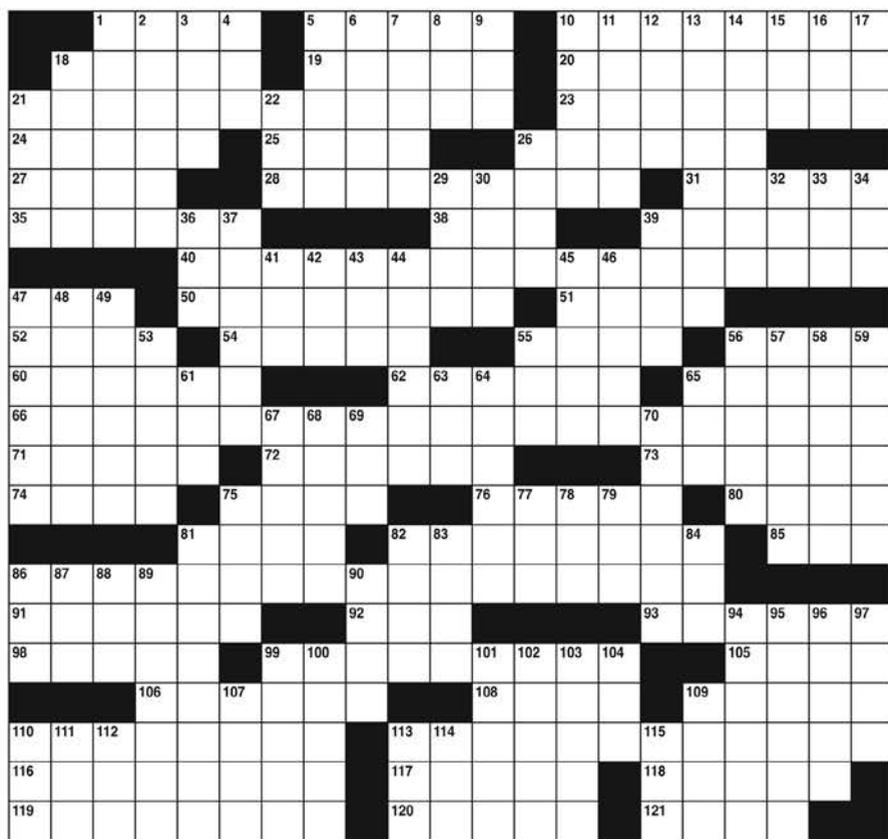
# Puzzles

## OVER THE MOON

BY OLIVIA MITRA FRAMKE / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Olivia Mitra Framke, of Jersey City, N.J., is an academic adviser at the New School's College of Performing Arts in Manhattan. She started solving crosswords during college — but not at college. Her dad would hoard New York Times Magazines, and the two of them would solve together when she returned home. This is Olivia's ninth crossword for The Times, and her fourth Sunday. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Pest-control product
  - 5 Luggage label
  - 10 Color effect in graphic design
  - 18 Video-game princess of the Kingdom of Hyrule
  - 19 Writer Zora \_\_\_\_\_ Hurston
  - 20 Take part in a D.&D. campaign, e.g.
  - 21 Brand of fruity hard candy
  - 23 *Personae non gratae*
  - 24 *Uranus*
  - 25 "Arrivederci!"
  - 26 Jerks
  - 27 "\_\_\_\_ to differ!"
  - 28 One taking the long view?
  - 31 Tarot-deck character
  - 35 Some surgical tools
  - 38 "Unit" of fun
  - 39 All-star duo?
  - 40 Comfort in not knowing, say
  - 47 Request
  - 50 *Jupiter*
  - 51 Ships passing in the night?
  - 52 Sch. on the Rio Grande
  - 54 Hollers
  - 55 Like some parties and flowers
  - 56 "Back to the Future" antagonist
- DOWN**
- 1 Leans (on)
  - 2 Claim
  - 3 Pastoral poem
  - 4 \_\_\_\_\_ es Salaam
  - 5 Navel type
  - 6 Sticker on the back of a laptop, say
  - 7 Home to the Sugar Bowl and Heavenly ski resorts
  - 8 Draft pick?
  - 9 Neighbor of Belg.
  - 10 Word after focus or Facebook
  - 11 See 72-Across
  - 12 Mountain map figs.
  - 13 Ones getting the message
  - 14 Rio beach of song
  - 15 Hollow center?
  - 16 Turner who led an 1831 slave rebellion
  - 17 Grateful sentiments, in online shorthand
  - 18 "The Greek" of film
  - 21 Corner space in Monopoly
  - 22 Juggling or magic, in a talent show
  - 26 Nobel laureate Morrison
  - 113 Classic carnival ride
  - 116 Cherished family member
  - 117 *Neptune*
  - 118 Golding of "Crazy Rich Asians"
  - 119 Sporty car
  - 120 Deliver a speech
  - 121 World of Warcraft spellcaster
  - 29 Poker variety
  - 30 "This Will Be" singer Natalie
  - 32 Sommelier's métier
  - 33 "Monsters, \_\_\_\_\_"
  - 34 Be on the level?
  - 36 "Notorious" Supreme Court initials
  - 37 Knocked 'em dead
  - 39 Not spoiled
  - 41 Suffix with serpent
  - 42 One of five in "pronunciation": Abbr.
  - 43 Choice of sizes, briefly
  - 44 Celebratory, quaintly
  - 45 Deception
  - 46 Cowboy or Patriot, for short
  - 47 Zeros
  - 48 Distinct melodic segment
  - 49 Not waver from
  - 53 Fruit also called a custard apple or prairie banana
  - 55 Baby's cry
  - 56 Cue at an audition
  - 57 Land jutting into il Mediterraneo
  - 58 Quaker
  - 59 Community of followers
  - 61 Thesaurus listing: Abbr.
  - 63 Melber of MSNBC
  - 64 Candy featured in a classic "MythBusters" episode
  - 65 Confucian's spiritual path
  - 67 In \_\_\_\_\_ (peevd)



- 68 Nintendo dinosaur who eats fruit and throws eggs
- 69 Bring to court
- 70 2003 best seller whose title is one letter different from a fantasy creature
- 75 Pleasures
- 77 Grammy winner DiFranco
- 78 Rendezvoused
- 79 \_\_\_\_\_ gow (Chinese domino game)
- 81 Money earned from an event, say
- 82 Gush
- 83 Archaeologist's find
- 84 Brian once of glam rock
- 86 U.S. health org.
- 87 "Hands off, that's mine!"
- 88 Austrian article
- 89 Sent off
- 90 Lose a layer
- 94 Bit of luau wear
- 95 "No question!"
- 96 Magazine whose 60th anniversary issue had the cover line "Denzel, Halle & Jamie"
- 97 What's hard about a melon?
- 99 Origami shape called "orizuru"
- 100 Tree surgeon, at times
- 101 Interior chambers
- 102 Gem weight
- 103 Bonnie's partner in crime
- 104 Quadratic formula subj.
- 107 Oodles
- 109 Measurement in plane geometry
- 110 Camera type, briefly
- 111 As well
- 112 DuVernay who directed "Selma"
- 113 Queue before P
- 114 Canal locale
- 115 Piece de resistance?

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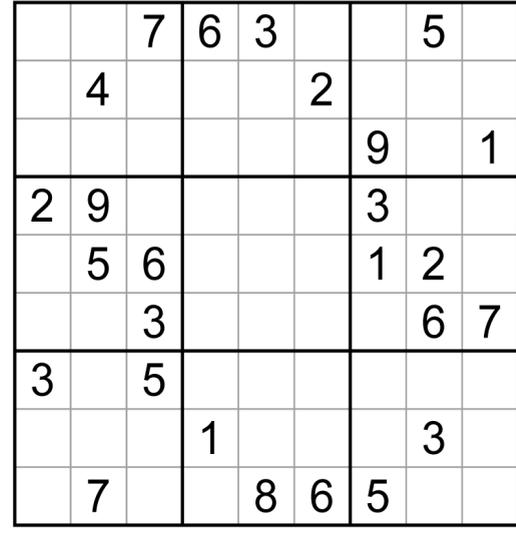
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**HARD - 100**

Fill in the blank spaces in the grid so that every vertical column, every horizontal row and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There is really only one solution to each puzzle.



### Answers to last week's puzzles

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



# Calendar

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## BABY BEATS!

Meeting via Zoom, 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM. The Beatbox Dads are Mr. Root and Mr. Max, two Human Beatboxers from Baltimore. Their show features music, language and movement designed to engage and elicit kinesthetic and linguistic response from young audiences. Register: <https://acpl.librarycalendar.com/events/baby-beats>. For 3-10 year olds.

## TIMELESS TENNIS - FREE CLINIC

Ocean Pines Racquet Center, 11443 Manklin Creek Road, 1:00 PM. If you can swing a racket and take a few steps, you can play. All abilities welcome. Training and equipment provided. Sign up: [timelesstennisop@gmail.com](mailto:timelesstennisop@gmail.com), 302-270-8118 or visit FB page Timeless Tennis OP.

## BOOK DISCUSSION: 'EMILY DICKINSON'S GARDENING LIFE' BY MARTA MCDOWELL

Meeting via Zoom, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Join this group each month for a lively book discussion. Copies of the books are available on Hoopla ([hoopla.digital.com](http://hoopla.digital.com)). Register: [worchesterlibrary.org](http://worchesterlibrary.org) under events.

## MARYLAND CRAB CAKE DINNER

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM. Cost is \$12 for one Maryland crab cake sandwich, green beans, baked potato and cole slaw; \$20 for two Maryland crab cake sandwiches, green beans, baked potato and cole slaw; or \$8 for Maryland crab cake sandwich. Carryout only.

## 2ND FRIDAY IN BERLIN

Downtown Berlin, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Live outdoor and indoor music, kids art, shops open late and plenty of restaurants offering outdoor dining. <https://www.facebook.com/events/271507361198452>

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

Columbus Hall, behind St. Luke's Church, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD. Doors open at 5 p.m. and bingo begins at 6:30 p.m. Masks are required while moving around inside. 410-524-7994

## POLLINATOR GARDENING

Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 PM - 7:30 AM. Learn the basics about creating a pollinator garden. Register: [worchesterlibrary.org](http://worchesterlibrary.org) under events.

## Sat., April 10

### EASTERN SHORE EASTER KEG HUNT

Hopper's Tap House, 1400 S. Salisbury Blvd. The inaugural Eastern Shore Easter Keg Hunt is coming Saturday, April 10. For more information and to register: <http://easternshorekeghunt.com/>. Megan Burak,

[easterkeghuntmd@gmail.com](mailto:easterkeghuntmd@gmail.com), 443-373-3455, <http://easternshorekeghunt.com>

## CYPRESS PARK CLEAN-UP DAY

Volunteers can pick during three time slots: 8:30-10:30 a.m., 10:30-12:30 p.m. or 1-3 p.m. Volunteers will assist Lower Shore Land Trust staff in identifying and removing unwanted vegetation, pruning existing trees and shrubs and removing trash from the Olive Lippoldt Tidal Wetland Garden in Cypress Park, Pocomoke City. Bring gloves and shovels if possible. Sign up: Frank Deuter, [Fdeuter@lowershorelandtrust.org](mailto:Fdeuter@lowershorelandtrust.org) or 443-234-5587.

## FREE FAMILY ARTS DAY

Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Barbara Buford will instruct this class. For the whole family, so children must be accompanied by an adult and adults must be accompanied by a child. All materials provided. Masks required. Advance registration required: 410-524-9433 or [www.ArtLeagueofOceanCity.org/Classes](http://www.ArtLeagueofOceanCity.org/Classes).

## PITCH, HIT AND RUN EVENT

Northern Worcester Athletic Complex Senior Field, 9906 Buckingham Lane, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Boys and girls, ages 7-14 years, may stop in at any time for their skills assessments on pitching, hitting and running. Assessments will take approximately five minutes per individual. Winners will move on to sectionals, with hopes to move on to partake at a big league ball park. Pre-registration is recommended. Register: [www.pitch-hitrun.com](http://www.pitch-hitrun.com). Allen Swiger, [aswiger@marylandscoast.org](mailto:aswiger@marylandscoast.org), 410-632-2144, Ext. 2520, <http://www.playmarylandscoast.org>

## KIDS CREATE

Trimper's Rides, 700 S. Atlantic Ave., 12:00 PM. Kids can join in to create their own masterpieces to take home. Arts and crafts leaders will be on hand to assist with projects. Art projects organized by the Art League of Ocean City. Unlimited ride wristbands will be discounted to \$20. Park events are weather-dependent. <http://www.trimperrides.com/upcomingevents>

## FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

Saturdays - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Shop for everything from fresh local produce to unique handmade artisan goods. Open to the public.

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## Mon., April 12

### DEADLINE FOR SPRING CRAFT WORKSHOP

Northside Park Recreation Complex, 200 125th St. Takes place on April 17 from 10:30 a.m to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 for Ocean City residents and \$25 for non-residents. Participants should bring a non-perishable lunch and a water bottle. Sign up by April 12: <https://rec.ocean.com/wbWSC/webtrac.wsc/SPLASH.html>. 410-250-0125

### SCIENCE AND SPORTS COMBO CAMP

Worcester County Recreation Center, 6030 Public Landing Road. Students, kindergarten through eighth grade, will have fun with science crafts and competitions in the morning and play sports in the afternoon. All participants are asked to bring a lunch. A snack will be provided. There are two time frames to choose from either 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for extended care at \$40 per child and \$35 for each additional child or 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at \$35 per child and \$30 for each additional child. Derek Jarmon, [djarmon@marylandscoast.org](mailto:djarmon@marylandscoast.org), 410-632-2144, Ext. 2509, <http://www.playmarylandscoast.org>

### SAFE SITTER CLASS

Worcester County Recreation Center, 6030 Public Landing Road, 9:00 AM - 2:30. Registered participants, in grades 6th through 8th, will learn how to be safe home along, watching younger siblings or babysitting. The group will practice rescue skills, like choking rescue and CPR and well as learning safety, first aid, life, business and child care skills. Cost is \$50. Trudy Gebhardt, [tgebhardt@marylandcoast.org](mailto:tgebhardt@marylandcoast.org), 410-632-2144, Ext. 2514

### INTERACTIVE STORY TIME, 'COLORFUL POP UP BOOKS'

Meeting via Zoom, 10:30 AM. Zoom in to see colorful numbers and animals pop off the pages. Also, preview this week's craft kit: Salt Painting. For ages 2-5 years. Register: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) under events.

### TRAVELING THROUGH BOOKS WITH KIKI AND FIFI

Held via Facebook, 2:00 PM. Travel vicariously with this intrepid duo as they visit new and exciting places in episode seven.

### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

Meeting 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

## Tues., April 13

### KIDS YOGA WITH MINDFUL START

Meeting via Zoom, 10:30 AM. Join this healthy mind-body movement class, that teaches mindfulness, breathing, sharing and self-regulation. For 3-10 year olds. Register: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) under events.

### DISABILITY 102

Meeting via Zoom, 2:00 PM. Matthew Baxter from the Social Security Administration will discuss work incentives for individuals already receiving disability benefits through either the Social Security or SSI program who are interested in re-entering the workforce without negatively impacting their benefits. Register: [worchesterlibrary.org](http://worchesterlibrary.org) under events.

### PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

Meeting via video call, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Group provides discussions and mutual support, as well as education on exercise, nutrition, coping techniques, medications and developments in treatment. Kay Kinnikin, [kkinnikin@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:kkinnikin@atlanticgeneral.org), 410-641-4765, <http://www.delmarvaparkinsonsaliance.org>

## Wed., April 14

### DEADLINE FOR CHICKEN & DUMPLIN' CARRYOUT

Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department, 10709 Bishopville Road. Event takes place on April 17, 5-7 p.m. Menu includes chicken, dumplings, green beans and sweet potatoes. Cost is \$13 and \$7 for an additional pint of dumplings. Call ahead by April 14 to have your carryout ready, 619-922-9950.

### ZOOM WITH YOUR BABY

Meeting via Zoom, 10:30 AM. Babies under 2 years and their caregivers are welcome to join the Zoom for songs, rhymes and stories. Optional: have a scarf and rattle/shaker handy for interactive rhymes. Register: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) under events.

### GARDENING WITH GINNY ROSENKRANTZ

Meeting via Zoom, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Rosenkrantz will cover where to plant, how deep to plant, when to plant and what to plant for long lasting springtime beauty. Register: [worchesterlibrary.org](http://worchesterlibrary.org) under events.

## ONGOING EVENTS

### 14TH ANNUAL NATIVE PLANT SALE

On April 30 and May 1, the Lower Shore Land Trust will host the plant sale. The event will be pre-order only with curbside pickup. There will be more than 75 varieties of native plants, shrubs and trees. Info: [www.lowershorelandtrust.org](http://www.lowershorelandtrust.org) or Taylor Carty, 443-234-5587 or [tcarty@lowershorelandtrust.org](mailto:tcarty@lowershorelandtrust.org).

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