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## Townhomes downsizing gets BZA OK

Special exception granted for flood zone workaround

By Greg Ellison  
Staff Writer

(July 15, 2021) Berlin's Board of Zoning Appeals approved both a conditional use and special exemption request for a proposed 33-townhome community on Maple Avenue during its meeting last Wednesday.

Maple Avenue of Berlin LLC and UTR Ventures LLC are looking to develop three parcels on Maple Avenue in the multi-family R-3 apartment zone.

Prior to going through site plan review, property developers sought sign-off from the appeals board for zoning permissions and to reduce minimum unit widths for 18 to 16 feet.

Attorney Mark Cropper, representing developer Bobby Kitchens, asked the board to grant a conditional use as required in town code to build townhomes in an R-3 zone.

After flood plain issues were discovered while mapping out initial site plans, developers responded by reducing unit widths to 16 feet from the 18 feet required by town code.

Cropper said the width-alteration request was originally filed as a variance but could more accurately be classified a special exception.

"Special exemptions are deemed presumptively permitted uses," he said.

Cropper said the burden of proof required for a special exception is markedly different than a variance.

"That set of criteria and that condition is much different from a variance."

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**'There are other townhouses in Worcester County under 18 feet that have proven to be marketable.'**

## HOOPING IT UP

Gleeful children flood Main Street during an interactive hula hoop interlude between heats of the Berlin Bath tub Races on Friday.

## Bathtub hubhub welcomed as racers return to Main St.

After year off, event draws throngs back to downtown on combined Second Friday

By Greg Ellison  
Staff Writer

(July 15, 2021) Throngs of spectators cheered the return of the annual Bath tub Races to Main Street Berlin Friday, when the 31st annual outing saw the Worcester County Parks and Recreation team take the trophy away from Deeley Insurance Group, the 2019 champions.

Economic and Community Devel-

opment Director Ivy Wells said after the event went on hiatus last year because of the pandemic, the competition this year was probably enjoyed even more.

"We haven't taken a bath in two years, so it was good," she said.

Along with friendly tub-based race action presented by the Berlin Chamber of Commerce were family-friendly activities, including a kids' zone sponsored by Worcester Youth & Family Counseling.

"Obviously, the weather was beautiful," she said.

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Worcester Park's Derek Jarmon pushes Ally Hernandez to Bath tub Race victory.

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# Berlin Historic District vets several projects

By Greg Ellison  
Staff Writer

(July 15, 2021) Berlin's Historic District Commission approved requests for replacement windows, new signs and demolition plans for a trio of properties during its meeting last Wednesday.

### Demolition

Historic District Commission members voted unanimously in favor of demolition plans for a home at 19 Gay Street proposed by Jonathan Selway, managing member with R&S Investments.

Selway's firm is in the midst of purchasing the parcel to build a mixed-use structure with residential units above commercial space.

"The value is in the lot in the zoning," he said. "If we can't redevelop the property, it just doesn't make sense from an investment standpoint."

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said the parcel is among four properties on Gay Street rezoned as B-1 town center district three years ago.

"When we rezoned those four parcels, the [Berlin] Planning Commission said it would be a good idea," he said.

Commission member Norman Bunting asked Engelhart to outline the approval process to raze the existing single-family home.

Outside of sign-off from the Historic District Commission, Engelhart said a demolition permit from the town would



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Jonathan Selway, with R&S Investments, speaks to the Berlin Historic District Commission to assure development plans involving the demolition of a property on 19 Gay Street can proceed as planned without additional permissions.

be required, with additional approvals needed for new construction.

"Is it a structure of historical importance? That's usually your purview," he said. "If he purchased it, he has the right to take it down."

Commission chair Carol Rose said land records indicate the earliest structure built at the site dates to roughly 1920.

"There's certainly no historical value to the home," she said.

Selway, a licensed architect, con-

ducted multiple inspections of the existing home.

"It's in really bad shape," he said. "Nothing's level and the sub-floor is spongy all over the place."

Commission member Robert Poli concurred, saying, "The best thing would be to tear it down and put something better there. That's going to improve the whole street."

Engelhart said the proposed changes for 19 Gay Street are another step to develop the Main Street adjacent corridor

to expand commercial viability.

"It's an extension of downtown," he said.

### Berlin Commons

In addition to entrance signs for Berlin Commons, a triangle-shaped parcel between Gay and Jefferson streets, the Historic District Commission also approved pergola-covering material for the public green space.

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# Gay Street property latest site planned for renovations

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On May 5, the commission granted initial approval for Buzz Meadery owners Brett and Megan Hines to establish a community space for special events and outdoor dining at 21 Jefferson Street.

Megan Hines returned last week with a wooden sign prototype, measuring two-by-two feet, intended to be pole-mounted 10-feet off the ground with illumination from low-wattage solar lighting.

"There's two gates, so one on either side," she said.

Hines said once the location is further developed, a third sign would be added.

Berlin residents since 2015, the Hines launched the Buzz Meadery last June and produce a "honey wine" averaging 6-8 percent of alcohol.

Rose said the commission was provided a sneak preview of the sign design during its earlier approval in May.

"We all liked it last time she was here," she said.

Poli applauded the Hines for the work completed thus far to upgrade the location for wider-community usage.

"What they did to that piece of property is amazing compared to what was there before," he said.

## Main Street windows

The commission also agreed to give retroactive approval to new front windows for commercial property at 10 South Main Street

Mike Poole, with PF Investments, requested approval for recently replaced single-pane windows at the location.

Rose asked Poole why window replacements were completed without appropriate permitting.

"You were not aware you were in a historic district?" she said.

Rose said regardless of historic district designations, the window work requires permits.

Poole, who pleaded ignorance to the historic district commission's oversight, said his intent was to replicate exterior

details at the adjacent Berlin Welcome Center at 14 South Main Street.

Poole said extensive interior and exterior repairs had been performed since his purchase of the property over a year ago.

"I spent a lot of money fixing that place up," he said.

While making amends for previous oversights, Poole also highlighted plans to further replicate the Welcome Center appearance by painting the façade of his location white.

"The face of my building and the Welcome Center ... were built about the same time," he said. "I thought it would make it a cleaner appearance."

Rose said although the commission does not approve color selections the proposal sounded ideal.

# Paving will impact traffic on half-dozen OPA streets

(July 15, 2021) The Ocean Pines general manager's office announced last week that Chesapeake Paving will begin road rehabilitation on half a dozen association streets, beginning with Drawbridge Road.

Other affected streets include: Admiral Avenue, Carriage Lane, Harbor Mist Circle, Raft Road and Tail of the Fox Drive.

The work is expected to last several weeks.

Public Works Director Eddie Wells said none of the streets

would be closed entirely, and flaggers would direct traffic through portions that are closed because of the construction.

"We will update the Association nightly with the best information we have on when and where construction will proceed next," General Manager John Viola said. "It is our understanding that the road work will be minimally invasive and residents should not have any trouble getting in and out."

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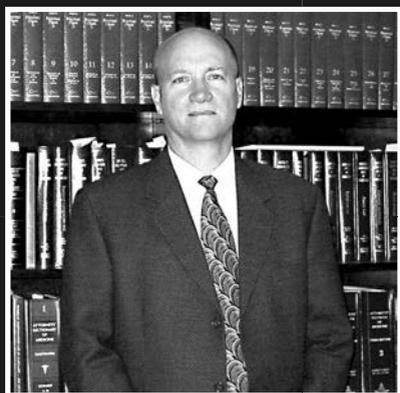
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Preliminary layout plans for a disc golf course proposed for Stephen Decatur Park by Eastbound Disc Golf.

# Berlin signs off on disc golf test events at Decatur Park

By Greg Ellison  
Staff Writer

(July 15, 2021) Disc golf will get a trial run at Stephen Decatur Park next month, following the Berlin Town Council's 3-1 vote Monday to allow three events to take place on an 18-hole course at the site.

Local disc golf pros Austin Widdowson and Shawn Johnson, both members of Eastbound Disc Golf, presented their plans to the mayor and council and said the park was large enough to

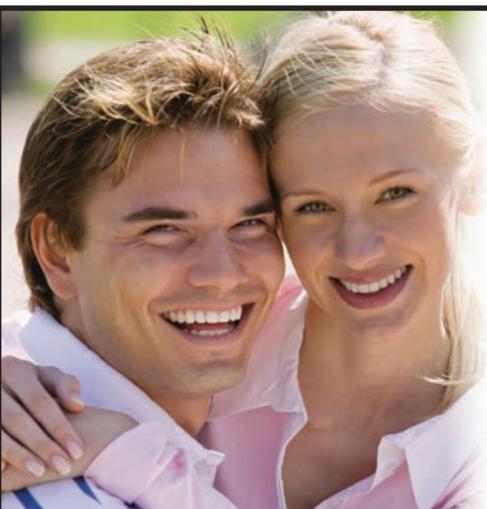
handle two courses, one for beginners and another for advanced players.

Councilmember Jay Knerr voted against the measure, while Councilmember Dean Burrell was absent.

"We're trying to make a name for disc golf in Berlin," he said.

In early May, the duo vetted the proposal with Berlin's Parks Commission, which endorsed the concept despite certain reservations.

Maintenance, safety concerns for  
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# Liability concerns raised over course pitch

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park patrons and encroachment on private property were issues mentioned by the Parks Commission.

Johnson, who was reared in Snow Hill and moved back to the region last fall, had helped establish a disc golf club at Kinder Farm Park in Millersville, a 288-acre site operated by Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks.

"With one or two discs, you can enjoy this sport," he said. "It's not about tee times, it's about availability."

In terms of potential injuries to other park users hit by flying discs, Widdowson said the odds are better to be struck by lightning.

"In all of the years I've played, I've never seen a person get hit with a Frisbee," he said. "It's very distant and you're throwing off into the field."

The intent is to peacefully co-exist with the larger community and minimize impacts.

"We are trained to be courteous to others," he said. "If there are blind spots, we will have signage."

Widdowson said project organizers are hoping to function as ambassadors for the park and would help clean up overgrowth.

"There's vines taking over tress back there," he said. "We want to leave it better than we found it."

Widdowson said all course apparatus purchases would be financed with grants and donations.

"We're looking to 100 percent do-

nate all the hardware and equipment," he said. "There would be no cost to the town."

Johnson said disc golf organizers are aiming to hold test runs at the site, including three events on Aug. 1, 10 and 22.

"After those events we will confer back with the core group and member base and submit a final layout," he said.

Mayor Zach Tyndall asked if approval was being sought for the larger project or just a pilot phase in August.

"Right now we would like overall approval but we want to be forthcoming with how to implement it," he said.

Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood highlighted safety issues related to disc golf courses.

"Parks are closed at dusk, but kids could linger," he said. "I'm concerned from a risk perspective because of the moving parts."

Fleetwood said based on background research, the potential exists for young children to suffer strangulation if entangled by chain-link disc baskets.

Tyndall admitted certain risks are involved tied to disc golf but noted other park equipment could also present dangers.

Johnson also cast doubt on liability issues stemming from disc golf courses.

"I don't personally know of any incidents," he said.

Fleetwood asked about insurance requirements.

"Who is absorbing the risk?" he said.

Johnson said the onus would be on the municipality.

"At the end of the day, we want to donate this course to the town, so I guess the town would," he said.

Tyndall said long-term plans for course installation might need to be slightly delayed.

"It sounds like we have some questions, risk profile-wise, that we should figure out on our end," he said.

Hoping to confirm insurance needs before establishing a course setup, Tyndall suggested permitting Eastbound Disc Golf organizers to stage three events next month and reconvene discussions afterward.

"At that point we should have risk

issues figured out and maybe we can reach a long-term plan," he said.

The council voted to require town event applications for three dates in August, while also requesting confirmation of liability insurance.

Tyndall said the pending disc golf gatherings would provide elected officials and staff an opportunity to observe the sport up close.

"We get to see this in action," he said.

Tyndall suggested that Widdowson and Johnson appear before the council on Aug. 23 to determine what happens next.

Councilmember Troy Purnell said a firm decision would likely be reached at that point.

"By the time you get to the end of that, we'll know if we like it or we don't," he said.

## Klump receives accolade for suicide awareness education

(July 15, 2021) Worcester County resident Kim Klump received a William Donald Schaefer Helping People Award on Tuesday for her efforts to prevent and to raise awareness of suicide.

Presented by Comptroller Peter Franchot, the award recognized Klump's work through the Jesse Klump Memorial Fund, which was named after her son, who took his own life in

2009. The fund also provides scholarships and grants to those who establish mental health programs through the annual Jesse's Paddle fundraiser.

The Schaefer award, named after the late governor and comptroller, was created in 2012 and honors residents who help the more vulnerable people in their communities.

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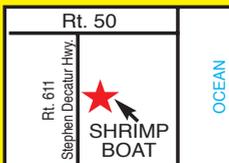
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# After 30 years, Bohlen mulls Berlin's continuing evolution

By Greg Ellison  
 Staff Writer

(July 15, 2021) After jumping on board in the early phases of the downtown's resurgence, Berlin Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen has witnessed the evolution of Berlin from a typical Eastern Shore community into Budget Travel's 2014 title holder of America's Coolest Small Town.



Mary Bohlen

Native to the region, Bohlen grew up in Talbot County and graduated from St. Michael's High School before enlisting in the U.S. Army and serving in the Military Police Corps during the mid-1980s.

"I've always been on the Eastern Shore," she said.

Bohlen had relocated to the area several years earlier when her spouse, John Bohlen III, launched his law enforcement career with the Berlin Police Department.

"My husband was a police officer here in Berlin when we moved down," she said.

John Bolen retired from the Berlin Police Department in 1998 and operated J & M Boating, providing charting fishing excursions on the "Mary Claire," named for the couple's daughter, until his death in Dec. 2018.

Bolen was hired by the Town of Berlin in July 1991, after spending several years working for the Wicomico County Humane Society.

"I started working for the town right after it had significant investment from private sources and [through] grants," she said.

"I started out in the front office ... doing what front office ladies do," she said.

After a couple of years of answering phones and processing utility payments, Bohlen's work ethic earned her a promotion in July 1993, when then Grants Administrator Linda Worstall stepped down.

"The town at that point was well on its way to being 'America's Coolest Small Town,'" she said, giving credit to a consortium of civic-minded business people for breathing renewed life into the downtown business corridor.

"There was a group of business people who jointly owned the Atlantic Hotel at that time," she said. "That was sort of a catalyst for the downtown renovations."

She remained in that post until the

flow of grants began to slow to a trickle, the position was eliminated and she moved into her current role.

"This was kind of the ... turn off on the big surge in state and federal grant money," she said. "A lot of the programs no longer exist, which is part of why that title no longer exists."

Over the years, although the town has continued to pursue grants, most of Bohlen's efforts have been focused elsewhere.

"When I first came, there were a number of vacant storefronts on Main Street and we now have virtually 100 percent occupancy," she said. "I have nothing to do with that — it's [Economic and Community Development Director] Ivy Wells and before her Michael Day."

Bohlen's accomplishments do, however, include a multitude of "one-off projects," and numerous oversight roles.

"I deal with the [Berlin] Parks Commission and do all the leg work for town elections," she said.

Bohlen has also overseen the town's webpage from its inception.

"I've done a lot of work with the Town Charter and code to bring it up to speed and keep it up to speed," she said.

Other projects Bohlen has guided through completion include instituting the town's emergency notification system.

"That was a project I recommended and saw through to the hiring of a vendor," she said.

Bohlen has also pushed numerous upgrades to park facilities, including replacing tennis courts at Stephen Decatur Park and basketball courts in Henry Park.

In a word, Bohlen characterized her position as "eclectic."

"I have always joked ... when people ask, 'what do you do?'" she said. "I always say, 'If they're not sure whose desk to put it on, it usually ends up on mine.'"

Looking ahead, Bohlen said the town remains focused on managing continued growth to maintain curb appeal.

"It's an attractive place for people to live," she said. "We see that in the number of properties that have been ... and continue to be developed, both residential and commercial."

"No matter what, not everyone always agrees with everything that gets done," she said. "We need to do what's right for most of the people most of the time and, unfortunately, it's always going to not be right for somebody."

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# Berlin Parks mulls pending projects funding

By Greg Ellison  
Staff Writer

(July 15, 2021) The Berlin Parks Commission vetted high-dollar projects for a pending grant application and future funding consideration through Program Open Space during its meeting last Tuesday.

Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen said grant applications for FY23 Department of Natural Resources' Program Open Space funding are due by Aug. 26, with award notification anticipated next summer.

"It takes such a long time to come to fruition," she said.

In a return to past practices, Worcester County asked town officials to submit a prioritized development plan, or "wish list," of projects for Program Open Space funding consideration. Berlin last completed the document in FY20.

"The county has not required this of us in the last few years," she said. "But, it's still a good tool for us to use to look at our projects."

In 2019, Berlin officials considered installing lighting for basketball courts in Henry Park, but eventually opted to head in another direction.

"The mayor and council wanted bathrooms at Stephen Decatur Park moved up so that's what we applied for and are waiting to hear back now," she said. "Henry Park basketball court lighting has been on the list for several years."



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Stephen Decatur Park in Berlin could be lined up for new bathrooms if the town is awarded funding in the state's FY22 budget.

Bohlen suggested with funding anticipated in the state's FY 22 budget to install pre-fabricated bathrooms at Stephen Decatur Park, the lighting project in Henry Park could now be deemed top priority.

"Lighting at the basketball courts in Henry Park would be just like at Stephen Decatur," she said. "It would only be available for certain hours."

Commission member Patricia

Dufendach said Berlin parks are largely underutilized from dusk until dawn, outside of illuminated tennis courts in Stephen Decatur Park.

"It really does expand the ability to use those courts in the wintertime when it gets dark at 5 p.m.," she said.

Bohlen said since the basketball lighting project was last reviewed several years ago, construction costs have spiked, with current estimates around

\$125,000 for the upgrade. Lighting costs for FY20 were anticipated to be roughly \$114,00.

"It's been on the list for so long," she said.

Other projects considered include twin proposals promoted by local non-profit We Heart Berlin to build a skate park and install ping-pong tables at Burbage Park.

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# Parks Commission considers funding pursuits with state

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Dufendach concurred with the skate park suggestion, albeit with reservations.

“It’s a big ask for this small town,” she said. “I’m sure it could be done if somebody brings \$100,000 to the table and says, ‘Let’s get it started,’ but it takes a lot of money.”

After beginning organizational meetings earlier this year, We Heart Berlin established the “Berlin Skate Park,” GoFundMe page in February, which thus far has garnered roughly \$2,000 of a \$500,000 benchmark.

Bohlen said an ideal skate park location remains open to conjecture.

“People have suggested Stephen Decatur Park,” she said.

Bohlen noted the site is also envisioned for a pending disc golf course proposal, which could create space conflicts.

“We could put it on the list without a location,” she said.

Other spots proponents have discussed include Heron Park, although at this time development plans for the site remain unknown.

Bohlen suggested skate-park funding estimates should include a small sum to hire an outside consultant for site assessments.

Commission member Sarah Hooper said town officials have employed comparable tactics when developing big-ticket park projects in the past.

Commission Chair Mike Wiley said more information would be helpful.

“We don’t know what areas we have to play with,” he said.

We Heart Berlin’s second proposal vetted by the commission was a ping-pong setup at Burbage Park on Williams Street.

In similar fashion to its skate park campaign, We Heart Berlin also established the “Berlin Outdoor Ping Pong Park,” GoFundMe page in February,

which to this date has raised more than \$1,300 of a \$25,000 fundraising goal.

Bohlen said based on earlier conversations with Natural Resources officials, projects involving new offerings tend to gain support faster than replacing aging equipment.

“They did tell me they like new projects,” she said.

Dufendach noted the town might be able to find other grant streams besides Program Open Space.

Bohlen said a large percentage of state and federal funding is intended for low- or moderate-income areas.

“There’s some truth to the statement that there’s grant money out there for everything, however, Berlin is a slightly too affluent community to access many of those funds,” she said.

Parks Commission members voted unanimously to recommend Henry Park basketball court lighting for the Program Open Space grant application due next month, while also listing ping-pong tables at Burbage Park and the skate park proposal as future funding priorities on the “wish list” with Worcester County.

Bohlen said funding recommendations would be submitted to Mayor Zach Tyndall and Town Council for final approval at its July 12 meeting.

“They may have a different swipe at it,” she said.

To donations to the Berlin Skate Park, visit [gofundme.com/f/2a8hnpodlc?member=8777888&sharetype=teams&utm\\_campaign=p\\_nasharesh&utm\\_medium=copy\\_link&utm\\_source=customer](https://gofundme.com/f/2a8hnpodlc?member=8777888&sharetype=teams&utm_campaign=p_nasharesh&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_source=customer).

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## Berlin Council vets multitude of future projects for parks

**By Greg Ellison**  
Staff Writer

(July 15, 2021) Selecting projects that could vie for Program Open Space funding was discussed by the mayor and Berlin Town Council during its meeting on Monday.

Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen said Parks Commission members considered a number of high-dollar projects for potential funding through Department of Natural Resources during its meeting last Tuesday.

County officials are seeking a "wish list" of projects for Program Open Space funding consideration. The deadline for submitting applications to the state program is Aug. 26.

"Typically, Worcester County asks for a development plan [but] they haven't in a few years," she said.

In addition to seeking money for lighting the basketball courts at Henry Park, the commission also discussed adding ping-pong tables at Burbage Park, and developing a skate park at a yet to be determined site.

Bohlen said both the ping pong and skate park proposals are being promoted by the nonprofit We Heart Berlin, with any grant support leveraged against the groups ongoing fundraising campaigns.

"What the Parks Commission thought would be the wisest course of action, rather than trying to jump right into building a skate park, would be to formulate a study to look at various locations in town and in the immediate area," she said.

Mayor Zach Tyndall suggested granting council and staff an additional two weeks to weigh which options to pursue.

"We could still go ahead with Henry Park lighting," he said. "If we were to go with a different project, we would not be saying no to lighting, we would just be saying maybe that's not the best grant to submit."

Councilmember Shaneka Nichols asked if Program Open Space funding could be used to purchase playground  
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# Bylaws delves into ARC guidelines

**By Greg Ellison**  
Staff Writer

(July 15, 2021) The extent of the Board of Directors authority over the Ocean Pines Architectural Review Committee is not as clear as it should be, the Bylaws & Resolutions Committee concluded during virtual meeting last Friday.

Committee Chairman Jim Trummel said a bylaws work group found instances of conflicting authorities between the entities as it worked on possible revisions to the governing documents.

"It is imprecise," Trummel said.

After considering the matter during the Bylaws Committee meeting last month, and at the behest of the work group, Trummel recently sought counsel from OPA attorney Jeremy Tucker.

Trummel spoke with Tucker for roughly 20 minutes last week about potential conflicts relating to Architectural Review Committee authorities.

Trummel said while association bylaws fail to give the board authority to intervene in or hear appeals of Architectural Review decisions, contradictory rules exist elsewhere within the Declaration of Restrictions.

"There is an exception ... in later DR sections, where a right of appeal does exist and has to be recognized," he said.

Trummel said Tucker is working on recommended revisions for Architectural Review guidelines, including a provision that deems decisions as final.

To further muddy the waters, all association declaration of restrictions

created after 1995 reference an appeals process.

Trummel said the appeals process has yet to be included in the Architectural Review guidelines.

The core issue involves "proper use activities" and granting committees' authority that lack appeals processes.

"The approach is based on appointing persons who can expected to be attentive to their responsibilities," he said.

Association bylaws grant the directors the authority to establish and enforce polices, including fees and procedures.

Trummel said revisions would be written to avoid any appearance of favoritism.

"The attorney will provide us with suggested wording," he said.

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# Berlin LL All-Star teams competing at state level now

By Lisa Capitelli  
Managing Editor

(July 15, 2021) Four Berlin Little League All-Star teams continue to battle for state championship titles, at different locations across Maryland.

### Intermediate All Stars:

The District 8 Berlin Intermediate All-Star squad kicked off its title run on Saturday in Thurmont, Maryland, against Rising Sun.

Berlin gained an early 4-1 lead, but Rising Sun of District 5 took advantage of some mistakes and came from behind to win, 21-8.

Berlin bounced back the next day, topping the District 2 Montgomery County team, 19-11.

On Monday, Berlin outscored St. Mary's, 14-5.

While Manager Mike Moseley said everyone contributed in Monday's victory, Seamus Orth, was a "big help," hitting two home runs with runners on first and third.

"We were down 4-1 in the second. We [then] had a rain delay and after that, our bats woke up," Moseley said. "My pitcher, Ryder Bodis, shut them down. It was a really good game."

During the game, Gage Pettit had a two-run, in-the-park home run, scoring Kenny Moseley from second.

"We're playing really well so far. We have a really good team," Moseley said.

There are 12 players on the team, ages 12 and 13.

The Berlin team was scheduled to play again on Wednesday evening in the double-elimination tournament. As of Tuesday evening, the group didn't know its opponent.

### 10-11 All Stars:

The 10-11-year-old squad earned a 7-2 victory on Saturday over District 1 West End Little League of Hagerstown in Salisbury.

"Defense played well. Offense played well," said Manager Ron Calloway. "It was a good first game."

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The Berlin Little League Intermediate All-Star squad poses for a photo.



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# Berlin looks at park additions

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Bohlen confirmed that it could happen, but that state officials are less prone to finance efforts for multiple facilities.

Parks Commission Chair Carol Rose also championed the Henry Park basketball court lighting.

"I implore you to consider keeping basketball lighting at Henry Park," she said. "I really would hate to see that go away for another year."

The council voted unanimously to revisit the matter during its next meeting on July 26.

# Berlin teams eye championships

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The Berlin squad fell to the District 2 Brunswick team, 11-1, on Monday.

“We lost because we made mistakes early and they took advantage of that. They are a team you can’t make mistakes against,” Calloway said. “It was our first loss as a team. We just have to pick up the pieces and learn from our mistakes.”

The local team faced West End Little League again on Tuesday in Salisbury and won 8-4.

“They played great. Defense was excellent and we hit the ball well,” Calloway said. “We were down by one going into the second inning and the boys started a rally of eight runs over four innings. West End made a late rally in the bottom of the sixth but we were able to hold them off.”

Berlin was slated to go head-to-head with Brunswick for the state championship on Wednesday. Since it is a double-elimination tournament, Berlin would have to beat Brunswick twice to win the title.

The Berlin squad advanced to the state championship by winning a three-game series over Fruitland Little League, to capture the District 8 title. Berlin won the first game, 8-7, in Fruitland and the second, 7-5, on its home

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The Berlin Junior League Softball All-Star team is currently chasing after a state title.

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# Two squads earn District 8 titles

Continued from Page 11 field in Berlin on July 5.

The team consists of 11, 11-year-old players. Calloway is assisted by Rob Smith and Ray Clymire.

"I'm proud of the boys, the way they've come together over the summer," Calloway said. "We've been practicing three to four days a week since the beginning of June. They've put in a lot of work. I also want to thank the parents for their help and support."

### Junior League Softball:

The Junior League Softball All-Star team is 2-0 in the state tournament in Hancock, Maryland.

The Berlin squad of 13 girls, ranging from 12 to 14 years of age, shut out its District 6 South Caroline opponents, 18-0, on Saturday. The next day, the group topped St. Mary's of District 7, 13-3.

"They're playing very well. We're hitting the ball well and we have some aggressive base running," said Manager Katie Griffin. "This is a special group of girls. A core group of them have been playing together since they were 6, 7, 8 years old."

Berlin was scheduled to face the District 5 Harve de Grace team on Wednesday. A victory would advance the group to the state title game, which as of Tuesday was slated to take place on Saturday.

"It's a good group of girls. I've



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The Berlin Little League All-Star squad captured the 9-11-year-old District 8 title, winning a three-game series over Fruitland. Berlin earned 8-7 and 7-5 victories.

coached them for a few years now and they're such fun to be around," Griffin said.

### Major League:

While the softball and intermediate squads didn't have district tournaments, because of lack of participation, the Berlin Major League All-Star team joins the 10-11-year-old squad as champions.

The major leaguers scored district wins over Fruitland, 10-3, Snow Hill, 13-0, and then West Salisbury, 12-2, in the semifinals.

"They're hitting well, they're fielding

well. They've been consistently playing well," said Manager Barb Kohut. "They're putting in the work in practice."

Berlin faced Delmar on the road on Sunday, and pulled out a 5-4 victory in extra innings.

"It was a battle. It was a crazy, nail-biter game," Kohut said.

Berlin won the coin toss, and took the option to be the home team.

Delmar scored two in the third and one in the fourth to take a 3-0 lead. Berlin got on the board with one run in the bottom of the fourth.

Delmar made it 4-1 in the top of the fifth, but Berlin answered with one run in the bottom of the inning and two in the sixth, to tie it, 4-4.

"They kept plugging away, and little by little they came back," Kohut said. "We had the bases loaded two times and we just couldn't get a run in, but the kids never gave up. I was confident they had what it takes ... they just had to execute."

In the bottom of the seventh, Bryce Huyett had a "textbook bunt," Kohut said. Tanner Edelmann – who was 4-

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The Berlin Major League All-Star team won 5-4 over Delmar in extra innings to capture the District 8 title on Sunday.

## Extra-inning victory to win title

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for-4 on the day – scored on an error, when the Delmar third baseman couldn't handle the catcher's throw.

Multiple kids played in games with their travel teams earlier in the day, Kohut said, but they couldn't miss competing in the District 8 championship.

"They know Berlin bleeds blue and the game was a big deal," Kohut said. "They hadn't been tested before. I was proud of them for coming from behind. They coped and dealt with it. It was impressive to watch. They wanted it. It was a true team effort. It was great to see."

The team – made up of 12 11- and 12-year-olds – will kick off its double-elimination state competition on Saturday in Davidsonville. The Berlin squad will take on the District 6 champs, South Carolina (Preston), at 5:30 p.m.

The squad's next game will be at 2:30 on Sunday. Opponent yet to be determined.

"The boys just need to keep doing what they're doing and believe in themselves," Kohut said. "They have all the tools, they just need to put it together and execute. They've played classy and clean, and have had fun doing it."

## Nearly 400 softball teams to play in Wor., Wicomico

(July 15, 2021) Over the next three weeks, nearly 375 girls' softball teams will make their way to the Lower Eastern Shore for the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) Eastern National Championships.

This year's Eastern National marks the 15th year of the event on the Eastern Shore.

The event was first held in Wicomico County in 2007, featuring 58 teams. Registration now averages between 350-400 teams annually.

The tournament is a major economic driver for the area. In a typical year, the estimated economic impact is between \$18-\$20 million.

Over the course of 15 years, the area has hosted nearly 3,900 teams, generating a total economic impact of over \$186 million.

The growth of the tournament is due in part to the Mid-Atlantic Amateur Sports Alliance (MAASA), a formal sports marketing partnership between Wicomico and Worcester counties and the Town of Ocean City.

MAASA was formed in 2014 to accommodate the growth of the Eastern National, which had expanded beyond Wicomico County's borders.

The Henry S. Parker Athletic Complex in Salisbury provides the main fields of play for the tournament. Other fields tentatively scheduled for use in Wicomico County include East Wicomico Little League, Eastside Youth Sports Complex, Mason-Dixon Sports Complex and WinterPlace Park.

In Worcester County, games are scheduled at Showell Park in Berlin and John Walter Smith Park in Snow Hill.

In Ocean City, games will be played at Northside Park.

The Eastern National is divided into three tournament weeks:

Week 1: July 13-18 - 10U Open, 12U Open

Week 2: July 20-25 - 14U Open, 14U B

Week 3: July 26-31 - 16U Open, 18U Open, 18U B

Tournament games are open to the public with no admission fee charged. For more information on the Eastern National, visit [www.WicoSports.org](http://www.WicoSports.org). In accordance with USSSA national guidelines, schedules will be released at the beginning of each tournament week, and will be posted to the USSSA website.

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## IN-PERSON MEETINGS

The last live meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City was March 2020. From that time on, meetings were done virtually until Wednesday June 9, 2021, when live gatherings resumed in the Assateague Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center. Pictured, below left, are Wilma and Ralph Chinn who customarily man the registration table.



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## MEETING

Republican Women of Worcester County held its general meeting at The Coral Reef Restaurant in Ocean City on May 27. The group welcomed home from Annapolis local legislators, from left, Del. Charles Otto, Sen. Mary Beth Carozza, and Del. Wayne Hartman, who highlighted the Maryland General Assembly key issues during the recent session.



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## COMMENDATION

During their June 1, 2021 meeting, The Worcester County Commissioners presented a retirement commendation and thanked Capt. Bruce Bunting, right, for providing 40 years of outstanding service to the Worcester County Jail. He is pictured with Commissioner Josh Nordstrom.



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## RECOGNITION

During the June 15 meeting, the Worcester County Commissioners, who were joined by Circuit Court Administrator Mike Howard, right, presented a retirement commendation and thanked Judicial Assistant Charlene S. Showell for providing 36 years of dedicated service to the District Court for the State of Maryland and the Circuit Court for Worcester County.

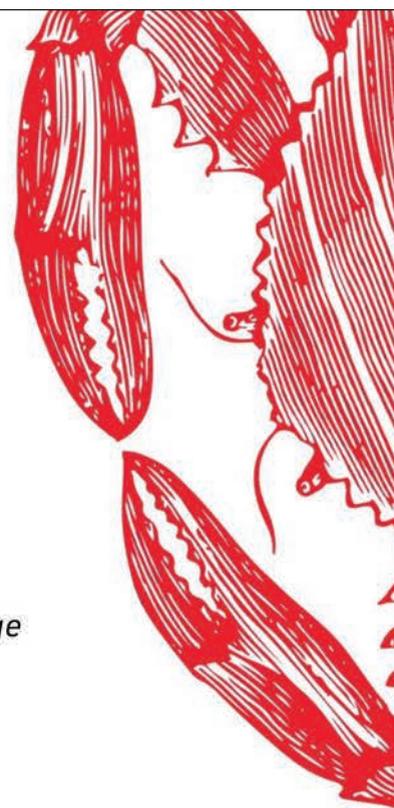
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# Art Hansen Youth Fishing Contest in Ocean Pines, Sat.

By **Brendan Miller**  
Intern

(July 15, 2021) The annual Art Hansen Memorial Youth Fishing Contest returns this Saturday in Ocean Pines.

The event is hosted by the Ocean Pines Anglers Club and will take place at the South Gate Pond in Veterans Park.

“The contest is in its 25th year and was named after the 1995 founder and first president of Ocean Pines Anglers Club,” Anglers Club Publicist Jack Barnes said.

The event is free and open to the public. It typically draws around 50 youth competitors, with family and friends in attendance to watch.

Registration will take place from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and the contest will run from 9-10:30 a.m. Participants will be split into three age brackets: 4-7, 8-11 and 12-16.

Competitors should bring their own fishing equipment, but bait will be provided.

Extra equipment will be available in the case of a fishing rod malfunction or if a contestant does not have one, but all participants are encouraged to bring their own, said Anglers Club Board Administrator John McFalls.

Trophies and fishing rods will be awarded to the top three competitors with the largest fish in each age group. Because of the support of the Berlin Optimist Club and the Atlantic Coast Sportfishing Association, all participants will leave with a prize.

“We arrange with the DNR to have about 500 bluegills stocked before the event to increase the youth’s chances of success, although a substantial number of fish are caught,” Barnes said.

In addition, a drawing will be held for two grand prizes: a deep-sea fishing trip aboard The Angler, and a custom Mike Vitak fishing rod. The participants will be given tickets for the drawing upon arrival.

Last year’s event was canceled due to the covid-19 pandemic, but the Ocean Pines Anglers Club is geared up for a big turnout this year with restrictions lifted.

“There is nothing more rewarding than watching a youth catch their first fish or watching the joy on their faces as they master a new skill,” Barnes said.

For more information about the event, call McFalls at 610-505-1697.



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Connor Newberry, 9, of Ocean Pines begins fishing, while Ocean Pines Anglers Club member Bud Heim observes during the 23rd Art Hansen Memorial Youth Fishing contest at the South Gate Pond in 2019.

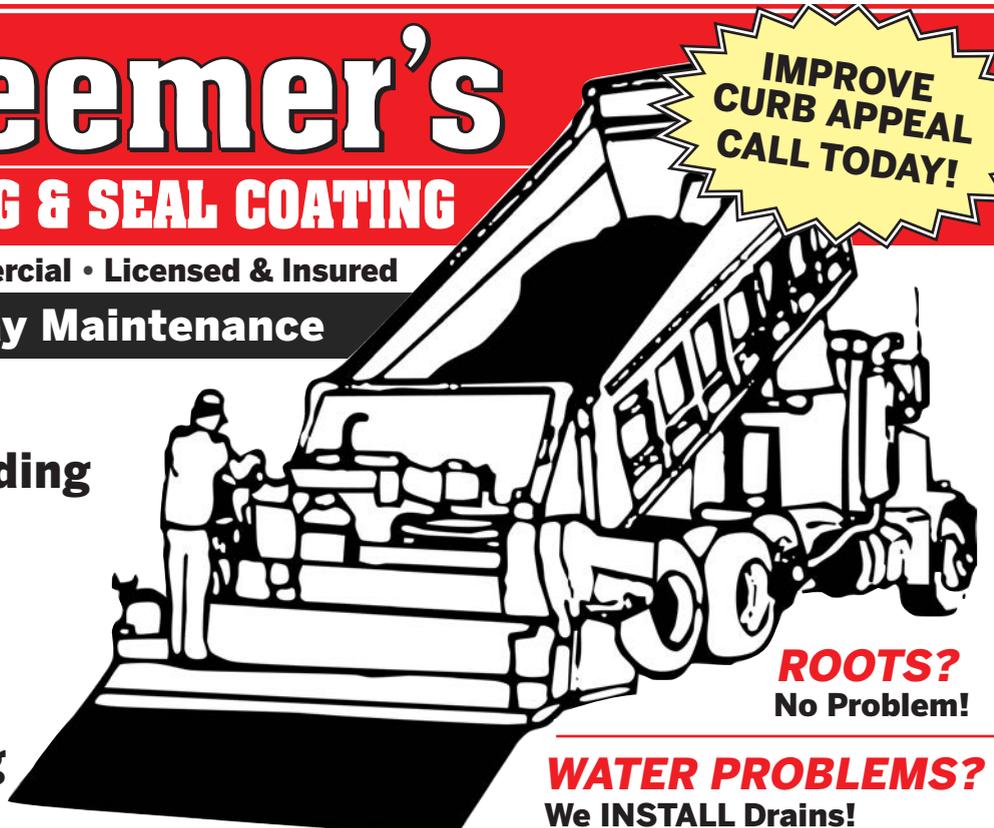
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# Friends of Ocean Pines Library host annual book sale

(July 15, 2021) The Friends of the Ocean Pines Library will host its 20th annual Book Sale, July 23, 24 and 26 at the Ocean Pines Library, 11107 Cathell Road.

The sale will feature over 20,000 hard and soft cover books, CDs, DVDs and audio books, all priced 50 cents to \$2 each. Topics include children's, fiction, nonfiction, history, art, music, self help, biography, science fiction, westerns, animals and nature, foreign language, home school and education, cookbooks, crafts and hobbies.

There will also be room where guests may purchase antique, author signed, first editions, rare, collections, historical, local interests, reference and other books, which are all priced individually.

Over 100 volunteers are scheduled to assist with setup, monitoring, selling, tear down and coordinating of the sale with approximately 800 hours of volunteer time.

All proceeds benefit the Ocean Pines library with equipment and other needs that cannot always be provided through the budget provided by Worcester County.

Recent purchases include new book return boxes on the porch, a smart board used for meetings and classes and an audio visual sound and projection system for the meeting room.

Friday, July 23 from 6-8 p.m. the sale will be open to Friends members only. Those interested in joining the group can do so at the door for \$5.

On Saturday, July 24 and Monday, July 26, sale hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Everything will be half price on Monday.

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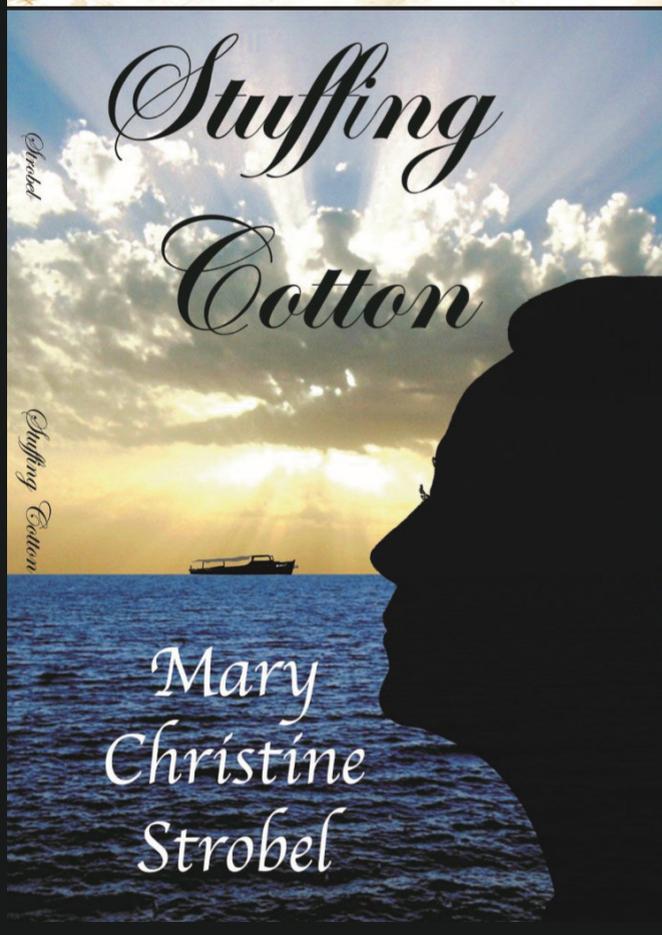


The Friends of the Ocean Pines Library will host its annual Book Sale, July 23, 24 and 26 at the Ocean Pines Library.

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Mary-Christine Strobel, known as Christine is the wife of the love of her life, Michael Strobel. She is the mother of four, stepmother of two, and grandmother to nine. Beginning at an early age, the energetic Christine's love of competitive swimming shaped her into a self-disciplined, driven, and highly motivated individual, preparing her to face a host of rare adversities that few people could withstand. Christine's heart's desire is to share lessons learned on her journey that others can implement, sparing them the heartbreak of trial and error.

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## CRAFTY

Ginny Albrecht has been named the Pine'eer Craft Club of Ocean Pines' July Crafter of the Month. Albrecht grew up in Rochester, New York, and learned to sew from her mother when she was 8 years old. Albrecht taught herself how to create sterling silver jewelry as well as watercolor painting. With her friends and her husband they started selling their jewelry and art at festivals and fairs only stopping when she moved to the Ocean Pines area seven years ago. During the pandemic shutdown she learned to make fabric wrapped coiled baskets. Her baskets and other items are available in the Pine'eer Craft Shop in White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines. The shop is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

# Earth friendly 'Save Water Challenge' launched July 11

(July 15, 2021) Colgate, ShopRite and TerraCycle announced this year's Save Water Challenge that asks students, teachers, parents and community members to take the pledge to save water on behalf of their school for the opportunity to win one of three recycled gardens made from recycled oral care waste.

Launched on July 11 in partnership with Colgate-Palmolive and regional retailer ShopRite, the program invites any public school, private school, college or university located in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Connecticut or Maryland that is enrolled in the TerraCycle network to enter for the opportunity to win a garden and outdoor furniture made from recycled toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and floss containers.

Through Sept. 30, consumers can pledge to save water on behalf of a participating school once a day during the promotion. The top three schools with the most pledges by the end of the contest period will win prizes. The grand prize winner will receive an additional ribbon cutting event.

All winners will be announced in October and the gardens will be in-

stalled in spring 2022.

Schools can rally their community's support by asking them to pledge online by logging onto <https://www.terracycle.com/colgateshopritegarden2021>. ShopRite is also encouraging community participation in the contest with displays throughout its 321 stores and information about the contest on ShopRite's Facebook page.

A full set of rules for the 2021 "Save Water Challenge" can be viewed: <https://www.terracycle.com/colgateshopritegarden2021>.

To learn more about the Colgate Save Water initiative, please visit <https://smiles.colgate.com/page/content/everydropcounts> or your local ShopRite retailer.

The Colgate Oral Care Recycling Program is an ongoing activity, open to any individual, family, school or community group. For each piece of waste sent in using a pre-paid shipping label, participants earn money toward donations to the school or charity of their choice.

To learn more about the program, please visit [www.terracycle.com/colgate](http://www.terracycle.com/colgate).

## Community Briefs

### President's List

A number of Worcester County residents were named to the president's list at their respective colleges and universities.

They are: Gabrielle Izzett, Berlin, Shenandoah University; Katherine Mitchell, Berlin, Coastal Carolina University, marine science major; Maya Ziashakeri, Berlin, College of Charleston, public health major; Rachael Weidman, Berlin, College of Charleston, psychology; and Amy Lizas, Berlin, College of Charleston, middle grades education; Elizabeth Mcguiness, Berlin, College of Charleston, history and political science.

### Dean's List

Several Worcester County residents were named to the dean's list at their respective colleges and universities.

They are: Patrick Miller, Ocean City, Coastal Carolina University, business administration; Andrew Luhmann, Ocean City, Lehigh University; Tara Fischer, University of Alabama; Keith Cheek, Berlin, Widener University, marketing; Ryan Sauer, Ocean City, Widener University, mechanical engineering; Max Bisaha, Berlin, College of Charleston, political science; Laila Mirza, Ocean Pines, Georgia Institute of Technology; Gabrielle Izzett, Berlin, Shenandoah University; Abbie Baker,

Berlin, Frostburg State University; Hunter Morris, Berlin, Frostburg State University; Maggie Bunting, Ocean City, University of Tampa; and Madison Van Orden, Berlin, University of Tampa.

### Graduates

Bucknell University presented degrees to over 800 graduates at commencement on May 23. Among those graduates was Lydia Kappelmeier, of Berlin, who earned a B.S. in Biomedical Engineering.

Widener University honored its graduates at ceremonies between May 11 and 14 on the campus in Chester, Pennsylvania. Graduates in-

cluded: Ryan Sauer, Ocean City, Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering from the School of Engineering cum laude; Keith Cheek, Berlin, Bachelor of Science in business administration in marketing from the School of Business Administration; Katrina Harrell, Ocean City, Bachelor of Science in nursing from the School of Nursing; Blair Nowacki, Ocean City, Bachelor of Science in nursing.

Coastal Carolina University recognized nearly 1,200 students during its in-person spring 2021 commencement ceremonies, May 7 and May 8. Among the graduates were: Christopher Leitgeb and Patrick Miller, both of Ocean City.



## APPLY BY JULY 31 FOR A HABITAT HOME

Visit [habitatworcester.org](http://habitatworcester.org) to find out if you qualify, then email an inquiry to [families@habitatworcester.org](mailto:families@habitatworcester.org) by July 31. Please note that 3rd party approval is required and construction will not begin until 2022.

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# OP resident flees hit-and-run scene

Two-vehicle collision costs elderly woman her life after being ejected onto roadway

**By Greg Ellison**  
Staff Writer

(July 15, 2021) Ocean Pines resident Luke Sichau, 25, was arrested for leaving the scene of a fatal crash Friday afternoon on Route 1 near Odessa, Delaware, where a 92-year-old woman was killed after being ejected from the vehicle.

Delaware State Police said the collision occurred about 3:15 p.m. on July 9, when a 2003 Nissan Sentra driven by Sichau merged into the left lane and struck a 2015 BMW 428 on its right side.

Police reports indicate the BMW, which was being operated by a 61-

year-old woman, veered westward, rolled over a guardrail and came to rest on its roof in a grassy area near the southbound travel lanes.

The woman driving the BMW and a 59-year-old man in the front passenger seat, both from Camden-Wyoming, Delaware, were both wearing seatbelts and escaped with minor injuries.

Police said the 92-year-old victim was unrestrained in the right rear seat of the BMW and that she was ejected from the car by the force of the collision.

The crash victim, Shantaben Patel, also of Camden-Wyoming, was airlifted to Christiana Medical Center,

where she was later pronounced dead.

Police said that Sichau continued traveling north on Route 1 after the accident, but surrendered to Delaware State Police at about 5:30 p.m.

Sichau, who was uninjured, is charged with felony leaving the scene of an accident involving a fatality and released on \$2,000 unsecured bond.

Police said passage northbound and southbound on Route 1 was restricted for more than four hours while the collision was investigated.

The investigation remains active and police ask anyone with information about the crash to contact Detective J. Forester with the Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit at 302-365-8485 or Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or online at [www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com](http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com).



Luke Sichau

# Orphaned Assateague foal moved

(July 15, 2021) The three-month-old foal that was orphaned after her mother was struck and killed by a motorist at Assateague National Seashore has been relocated to the Virginia portion of Assateague Island.

Its mare, Moonshadow, was found dead by a park employee in the Oceanside Campground at Assateague Island National Seashore on July 6.

It is believed that her injuries were due to a low speed hit-and-run automobile accident the previous week along Bayberry Drive.

The foal was also likely involved in the same motor vehicle accident. Although the foal was left slightly lame from the accident, she has been observed grazing and is apparently in good health, park officials said. But given her young age, the foal is at a significant disadvantage with the death of the mare.

Park Service wildlife veterinarians said foals generally nurse more than three months, and are still learning to graze as well as how to integrate socially into a herd.

After consulting with wildlife experts and veterinarians, park officials decided to relocate the foal to the Virginia portion of Assateague Island, where its chances of survival would be improved.

As part of the Virginia herd managed by the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company, the foal will receive immediate supplemental care if needed. She then will be introduced into the herd at the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge.

The Refuge serves as an ideal site for relocation since the environmental conditions and grazing habitats are nearly identical between the two sites. National Seashore officials

thanked the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Department for its response to this situation.

Visitors are reminded to slow down and always drive with caution along Assateague's roadways. Be on the lookout for pedestrians, bicycles,

horses, and other wildlife when visiting the National Seashore.

Any road accident within the park, especially those involving other visitors or wildlife, should be reported to law enforcement rangers at the ranger station.

# Obituary

**MARY LOU MALZONE**  
Colchester

Mary Lou Malzone (née Brayton) formerly of Bowie and Ocean Pines, Maryland, started her well deserved eternal rest on the morning of July 3, 2021 in Colchester, Connecticut.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, F. Richard Malzone.

A Mass of Celebration will be held Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2021, at noon at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 14720 Annapolis Rd., Bowie, Maryland.

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# Opinion

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## Good times roll again in downtown Berlin

Like the Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney films of the late 1930s and '40s and their inevitable line, "Hey, gang, let's put on a show," the Town of Berlin is at its best when it takes to the streets to present entertainment.

Whether that would be in the form of a music festival, arts exhibition, a parade or a celebration, its varied events always seem to draw an enthusiastic crowd. This is largely because of sponsor support, the experience and creativity of organizers, and what seems to be the public's commitment to having fun.

So wedded to this ideal are the business and residential communities, that it almost seems many Berliners believe that the pursuit of enjoyment is a civic responsibility, and that the failure to celebrate would cast a shadow on the town's carefully developed postcard image.

That celebratory mood was certainly in evidence last Friday, when businesses, the chamber of commerce, the town government and a corps of volunteers entertained a massive crowd with its combined monthly Second Friday event and annual Bathtub Races.

More than anything, the revival of the tub races after a year off because of the pandemic signaled the area's return to semi-normalcy. After a year of worry, misfortune, suffering and isolation, the races were a public statement of sorts that the good times will roll again.

But it was one of the Second Friday/tub races' attendant events that best illustrated the change in atmosphere that made last Friday's celebration one of the best.

This week's front page photo shows scores of kids in the street with hula hoops. Take a look, and see the smiles, the laughter, the running and pure enjoyment of the moment. If that doesn't say a good time was had by all, then nothing does.



## OP Players auditions through July 17

(July 15, 2021) The Ocean Pines Players are holding general auditions for actors, prospective actors, and singers for the upcoming season by appointment between July 5 and July 17.

Locations may vary by day, but will all be in Ocean Pines. These auditions are open to everyone and are designed to be casual and fun.

Depending on availability, up to four people may be scheduled to audition simul-

taneously, which often creates a more relaxed, creative, and informal dynamic.

There is no need to prepare anything in advance. Monologs, resumes and head shots are welcome, but not required. Everyone will be asked to participate in an acting audition.

Actors may also audition as singers, if desired. Casting decisions always focus as much on attitude, potential, and willingness to take di-

rection as on experience, so beginners are encouraged to try out.

To schedule an audition, contact Karen McClure at 703-727-0528.

The Ocean Pines Players is a local all-volunteer 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. More information about the upcoming season and the Players can be found at [www.oceanpines-players.com](http://www.oceanpines-players.com) or by following the Ocean Pines Players on Facebook.

## Coastal Bays Program marks 25 years

(July 15, 2021) This year marks the 25th anniversary for the Maryland Coastal Bays Program (MCBP).

Established in 1996 to address environmental problems associated with intensified development and an ever-increasing population, Maryland Coastal Bays Program formed a coalition of partners focused on preserving and protecting Maryland's coastal bays.

As an EPA-supported National Estuary Program, Maryland Coastal Bays Pro-

gram and its partners were able to bring resources and expertise to help characterize current environmental conditions and chart a path for the future.

Twenty-five years of planning, influencing policy, monitoring and restoration projects, Maryland Coastal Bays Program along with its partners and community can point to a host of accomplishments and actions that have had a positive effect on the area.

But there is still much to be done to protect the five

bays behind Ocean City and Assateague Island.

Algal blooms and poor water quality continue to be problematic in some areas. And over the last 15 years there has been a precipitous decline in some of the coastal bay waterbirds. Nesting populations of black skimmers and common terns have declined by over 90 percent.

This anniversary year, Maryland Coastal Bays Program is focusing on coastal bay waterbirds and is imple- See QUARTER Page 21

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# Quarter-century event slated for Windmill Creek

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menting actions and strategies with partners to make sure that these iconic species continue to live and nest in the coastal bays.

Maryland Coastal Bays Program will host an anniversary celebration and movie night, Thursday, Sept. 30 from 5-10 p.m. at Windmill Creek Vineyards and Winery in Berlin. (Rain date Oct. 7).

This will be a family-friendly event with music, exhibits and silent auction. Movie feature will be "The Biggest Little Farm," which chronicles the journey of John and Molly Chester, local natives, and their 200-acre farm located 40 miles outside of Los Angeles. This movie illustrates the challenges of farming and working to do it in harmony with nature.

John Chester will be providing a virtual welcoming message prior to the showing of the movie.

Tickets are not available yet; but, can be found on the website once the platform is launched. Adult admission \$20, children free.

Visit [www.mdcoastalbays.org](http://www.mdcoastalbays.org) to find other special events and programs introduced to celebrate 25 years protecting today's treasures for tomorrow's future.

# West OC Harbor Day set for Oct. 16

(July 15, 2021) Harbor Day at the Docks will take place in the West Ocean City Commercial Harbor on Saturday, Oct. 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the Art League of Ocean City is issuing a "call for entries" for original artwork to be used on the 2021 official event poster.

Located along Sunset Avenue in West Ocean City, this annual waterfront festival celebrates the area's rich history and maritime heritage, as well as the sport fishing and commercial fishing industries.

Highlights of the day include seafood cooking demonstrations, crab picking contests, fish cleaning demonstrations, local fisherman displays, nautical artisans, educational exhibits, entertain-

ment, food, activities for children, and a traditional Blessing of the Fleet.

Poster artwork must pertain to the West Ocean City harbor and/or local fishing industries. All media will be accepted, including photography, painting, drawing, mixed media, etc., and the artwork must be an original image produced by the submitting artist.

The Art League will award \$250 to the winning entry, which will also be professionally printed and sold as a signed, limited edition poster at Harbor Day.

The deadline to enter is July 30. Entries must be submitted as digital files to Art League Gallery Director Katie Brown at [katie@artleagueofoceancity.org](mailto:katie@artleagueofoceancity.org) along

with name, address, phone number, e-mail address, artwork title, and medium. Images submitted must be suitable for printing, at least 300 dpi at 11x14 inches.

More information is available from Brown at 410-524-9433 or [katie@artleagueofoceancity.org](mailto:katie@artleagueofoceancity.org).

The Art League of Ocean City is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing the visual arts to the community through education, exhibits, scholarship, programs and community art projects. Financial support comes primarily through membership dues from individuals and corporate sponsors. More information is available at 410-524-9433 or [www.artleagueofoceancity.org](http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org).

# AGH job fair July 29 from 3-6 p.m.

(July 15, 2021) Atlantic General Hospital and Health System will be holding a job fair on Thursday, July 29, from 3-6 p.m. to recruit for all open positions within the healthcare organization.

Benefits packages are available for both part-time and full-time positions. In-depth information regarding job descriptions and benefits packages will be shared.

Interviews will be conducted on site for qualified candidates. Interested individuals can register to attend by calling 410-641-9612 or emailing [jobs@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:jobs@atlanticgeneral.org).

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

The job fair will take place in the James G. Barrett Medical Office Building rotunda, located at the entrance of Healthway Drive on Atlantic General Hospital's campus, 10231 Old Ocean City Boulevard, Berlin, Maryland 21811.

For more information, call Atlantic General Hospital's Human Resources Department at 410-641-9612. Job listings can be found at [www.agh.care/careers](http://www.agh.care/careers).

Atlantic General Hospital has been providing quality health care to the resi-

dents of Worcester, Wicomico, Somerset (Maryland) and Sussex (Delaware) counties since May 1993.

The hospital's state-of-the-art facility in Berlin combines compassion and expertise with the latest in technology and services. Atlantic General Health System, its network of more than 25 primary care provider and specialist offices, care for residents and visitors throughout the region.

For more information about Atlantic General Hospital, visit [www.atlanticgeneral.org](http://www.atlanticgeneral.org).



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# Bathtub Races



Matt Jones pushes Diane Frederick with the Deeley Insurance team.



Ocean City Pipes and Drums members, from left, William Magargie, Pam Showell and Matt Wallace.

## TUBS RETURN

A healthy swell of spectators lined Main Street on Friday for the 31st annual Berlin Bathtub Races. Along with the comedic-edged competition, numerous children's activities provided ample distractions for youths. The family friendly evening also featured Berlin's monthly Second Friday event to round out the dance card on a humid summer night.

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Burn Wood Fired Pizza Ian Rummer rolls the ride while Doug Trice cheerleads.



Bearded Men's members Rob Dunne pushes Shelby Vick.



Seaside Plumbing team member Rob Kimber and Olivia Kurtz.



Sheppard Realty team Gussie Sholtis and Zeus Rodriguez, left, duel with team Ocean 98.1 Brita Ayd and Bunkie Evans.

# Townhomes downsize because of flood area

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 ance request," he said.

Kitchens, who is in the midst of closing on the Maple Avenue property, said the sale is contingent on the appeals board approvals and would service an underserved segment of the community.

"It's filling the market need for Berlin," he said.

Kitchens said a homeowners' association would be established for oversight of property management.

Cropper said despite town code requirement of a minimum width of 18 feet per unit, exceptions exists elsewhere in the region.

"There are other townhouses in Worcester County under 18 feet that have proven to be marketable," he said.

The minimal size difference also reduces construction and material costs, Cropper said.

Noting the home dimensions in question do not affect life safety or general welfare concerns, Cropper said the proposed 16-foot size would be consistent with growth in the area.

"It would be protecting and preserving property adjacent values, not lowering them," he said.

Board member Woody Bunting said the two-foot width reduction is an issue of some significance.

"I don't think we have any units in town that are 16 feet," he said. "Shouldn't the Planning Commission kind of weigh in?"

While not wholly opposed, Bunting said the request was, to his recollection, without precedent.



Attorney Mark Cropper, left, and developer Bobby Kitchens, discuss site plan details with the Berlin Board of Zoning Appeals for a proposed housing project requiring conditional use approvals during its meeting last Wednesday. GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

"Can the 33 units be built 18-feet wide?" he said.

Site planner Ed Hammond said the original intent was to meet code.

"We originally had started with the 18-foot wide in the site planning process," he said.

As the rough plans were being drawn with the flood plain boundaries in mind, the developers saw they were running out of space.

"We had problems maintaining the minimum distance between structures," he said. "Right now we're at 35 feet but we were really pushing it on that flood plain line."

Hammond said by lopping off two feet, along with slightly reconfiguring the townhome layout, all 33 units would be accommodated within site

plans.

Board member Doug Parks asked if the potential for traffic congestion was considered due to a number of current construction projects on Maple Avenue.

"Perhaps it needs access out besides Maple Avenue," he said.

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said Maple Avenue is wide enough to handle increased vehicular flow, while also noting the roadway would be revamped in the future.

"It's going to be resurfaced by the developer of the Willows project when they're done," he said.

In December, the mayor and Town Council transferred the deed for an 11,000-square-foot property on Maple Avenue to the Willows at

Berlin, which included several contingencies for road paving and installing sidewalks.

Board member Robert Palladino asked about potential prices for townhomes.

Kitchens said the intent is to provide lower cost buying options, while admitting precise figures have become more difficult to establish.

"Based on lumber prices in the last six months, I'm afraid to hang that number," he said. "I was hoping to come in at a price point that was at the lower end of the current market values in Berlin."

Board chairman Joe Moore said pending the board's approval that evening, project plans would next need Planning Commission approval, which could include additional conditions.

Engelhart said traffic and parking issues are among the points the Planning Commission would consider.

Despite the inclusion of an 18-foot width minimum in town code, Engelhart said the developer's requested measurement is more cost efficient.

"In modulars of lumber, 16 feet is more common and available for rafters, joists or just about anything," he said. "Eighteen is kind of an odd-duck number."

# Kids hoop it up in downtown Berlin

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Besides the Main Street racecourse lined with haystacks, spectators were also treated to an array of art offerings during the monthly Second Friday event that was sandwiched in the evening.

Bathtub Race sponsors included Bradley Atlantic Insurance Manage-

ment, Taylor Bank, Berlin Auto Wash and the Sterling Tavern.

In between heats, flow artist Nolah Walton performed briefly before inviting the assembled youth to join in the hula-hoop festivities.

"It started a few years ago where in between the heats we wanted some

things to entertain the kids," Wells said. "We did this little hula hoop contest and it's grown so much."

The organizers even stockpiled hoops in anticipation of strong turnout.

"We wanted to make sure that no child was left behind without a hula hoop," she said.

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## Thurs., July 15

### CPAP MASK FITTING

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

### UNCLE TYRONE KID'S COMEDIAN OUTDOOR PROGRAM

Sturgis Park Pavilion, Snow Hill, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Uncle Ty-Rone is a ventriloquist, puppeteer and kid's comedian with a hilarious act that inspires kids to reach their goals through reading. Register: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) under events. 410-632-2600

### UNCLE TYRONE KID'S COMEDIAN OUTDOOR PROGRAM

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, 2-3 p.m. Uncle Ty-Rone is a ventriloquist, puppeteer and kid's comedian with a hilarious act that inspires kids to reach their goals through reading. Register: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) under events. 410-632-2600

### COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC

Pocomoke City Volunteer Fire Company, 14th St. Entrance, 1410 Market St., Pocomoke City, 3-6 p.m. Providing the Pfizer vaccine and open to all individuals 12 years and older. Pre-registration is required online: [www.agh.care/pocomoke-clinic](http://www.agh.care/pocomoke-clinic). 410-690-8726

### FAMILY BEACH GAMES

Carousel Hotel, 11700 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free interactive fun for the whole family. Games include sand castle contests, tug-of-war, relays and more. Parents must stay with their children. Weather pending. <http://www.ococean.com>

### CONCERT IN THE PARK

Cypress Park, 7 Bridge St., Pocomoke City, 7-8:30 p.m. Featuring "Coastal Sound." Pack a picnic and bring lawn chairs. Admission is free. [downtown-pocomoke.com](http://downtown-pocomoke.com), 410-957-1333, Ext. 111

### SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS

Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Featuring "Saved by Zero" (80's cover band). Admission to the park is free, while beverages, including beer, are available for purchase. Bring your own seating. <http://www.ocdc.org>, 410-289-7739

### OC BEACH DANCE PARTY

Caroline St. Stage, 2 N. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 7:30-9:30 p.m. A DJ hits the Caroline Street Stage where attendees can dance under the lights on the beach. Followed by the new drone show at 9:30 p.m. 410-250-0125

### OC DRONE SHOW

North Division Street Beach, North Division Street, Ocean City, 9:30-10 p.m. Come experience Ocean City's new drone show. <https://www.ococean.com/events/oc-drone-shows2021>

## Fri., July 16

### MOVIE ON THE BEACH

27th Street Beach, Ocean City, 8:30 p.m. Featuring "Frozen 2." Weather permitting. Ocean City Recreation & Parks, 410-250-0125, <http://www.oceancitymd.gov>

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

*Fridays* - 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. More than \$1,000 paid out each night plus an opportunity to win a \$1,000 jackpot at the end of the night. 410-524-7994

## Sat., July 17

### ANNUAL ART HANSEN MEMORIAL YOUTH FISHING CONTEST

Veterans Memorial Park, Race Track Road, Ocean Pines, 9-10:30 a.m. Register, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Bring fishing rod and reel. Bait is provided. Open to ages 4-16 years. Trophies awarded. All registrants will receive a prize. Free event. John McFalls, 610-505-1697

### VIRTUAL WALK WITH A DOC

There will be a short presentation by one Atlantic General Hospital's providers on the hospital's Facebook page, 9 a.m. Participants can then walk wherever they'd like and share a selfie (#walkedwithagh). 410-641-9268

### 9TH ANNUAL OCEAN GAMES: RACING FOR BRAIN TRAUMA

The 9-mile swim begins 10 a.m. and will start or finish at Caroline Street and 145th Street. The 3-mile swim starts at noon, from 46th to 145th streets or 93rd to Caroline streets. [www.oceangame-susa.org](http://www.oceangame-susa.org)

### 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.

## Sun., July 18

### SUNDAES IN THE PARK

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Enjoy free music and each week children are offered various free activities and entertainment. Ice Cream and beverages available for purchase. Followed by the new drone show. <https://www.ococean.com>

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### BERLIN FARMERS MARKET

*Sundays through September* - Downtown Berlin, 9:00 AM - 1:00 pm. More than 30 farmers, bakers, distillers and more. Live music, live bunnies, real bee hive and free kids art projects. <https://www.berlinmainstreet.com/farmersmarket/>

## Mon., July 19

### NAACP RACE RELATIONS MEETING

American Legion #123, 10111 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 3 p.m. Pastors and representatives from Pocomoke, Snow Hill and Salisbury City Councils, and Worcester County Commissioners will be in attendance. 443-944-6701

### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. Meeting in-person and via conference call. For call-in option, dial 605-472-5789, wait for voice command, then press 944874. Support and educational group. Rose Champion, 443-880-8884

### VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE FOR SKIPJACK WIND 1 AND 2

Ørsted invites the public to learn about Skipjack Wind 2 beginning at 6 p.m. And, also giving an updated on Skipjack Wind 1. Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/skipjack-wind-virtual-open-house-tickets-161923293931>.

### MOVIE ON THE BEACH

27th Street Beach, Ocean City, 8:30 p.m. Featuring "Onward." Weather permitting. Ocean City Recreation & Parks, 410-250-0125, <http://www.oceancitymd.gov>

## Tues., July 20

### OUTDOOR GAMES

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Play outdoor games on the porch and in the backyard. Be prepared to get messy and wet while learning about a local farm animal too. All ages welcome. Register: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) under events. 410-632-2600

### CASCADING CARLOS OUTDOOR PROGRAM

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin, 2-3 p.m. Carlos Mir entertains and increases attendees brain power with his energetic performance. Register: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) under events. 410-632-2600

### KOFC SEAFOOD NIGHT

Knights of Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 5-6:30 p.m. If you would like steamed crabs or shrimp, you must pre-order on Monday or Tuesday morning between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Pre-order: 410-524-7994.

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### DELMARVA HAND DANCE

*Tuesdays* - Selbyville Elks Lodge 2173, 13324 Worcester Highway, 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM. [delmarvahanddance@gmail.com](mailto:delmarvahanddance@gmail.com), <https://delmarvahanddancing.com>

## Wed., July 21

### CRAFT MORNING ON THE OC LIBRARY PORCH

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Meet on the porch to make a handprint crab to take home with you. Ages 3-7 years. Register: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) under events. 410-632-2600

### GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

The workshop starts with a 20-minute lesson on genealogy research by Tom Dempsey followed by a Q&A session, 11 a.m.-noon. Register: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) under events. 410-632-2600

### BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Ocean City Marlin Club Inc., 9659 Golf Course Road, Ocean City, 1-2 p.m. For survivors and current patients battling breast cancer. Women Supporting Women, 410-548-7880

### MOVIE ON THE BEACH

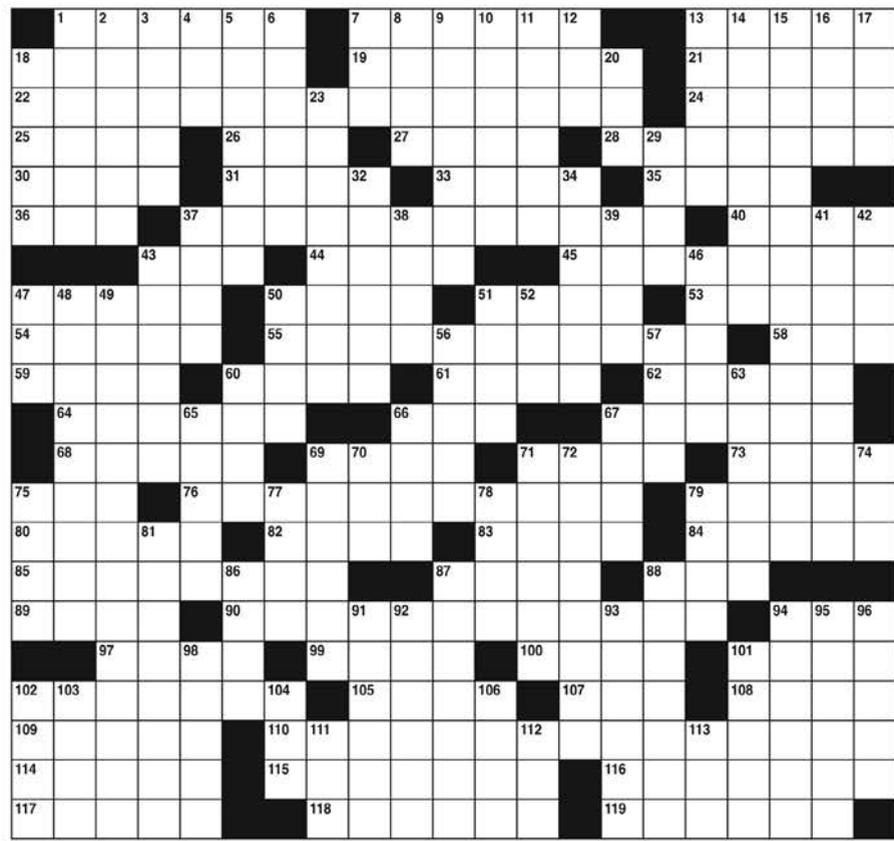
Carousel Hotel, 11700 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 8:30-11:59 p.m. Featuring "The Angry Birds Movie 2." Weather permitting. Ocean City Recreation & Parks, 410-250-0125, <http://www.oceancitymd.gov>

# Puzzles

## I'VE GOT A FEELING ... BY HOWARD BARKIN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Howard Barkin, of Hillsborough, N.J., is a software quality-assurance specialist. He has been making crosswords for The Times since 2014. The theme of this one started when he was driving one day and 15-Down "randomly came to mind" — which maybe reveals something about Howard psychologically? (Solve the puzzle to see.) But don't judge. Traffic in New Jersey can be vicious. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Like "American Pie," "American Psycho" and "American Beauty"
  - 7 Proposed portrait for the \$20 bill
  - 13 Like sports fans who paint their faces, say
  - 18 Drink with tapioca pearls
  - 19 Peach relative
  - 21 Run off (with)
  - 22 Upbeat sentry's emotion?
  - 24 Many, informally
  - 25 Regarding
  - 26 More, on a music score
  - 27 Auspice
  - 28 King's collaborator on the Grammy-winning blues album "Riding With the King"
  - 30 Take the next step in an online relationship
  - 31 Actress Blanchett
  - 33 Scotland's \_\_\_\_\_ Lomond
  - 35 Winter Olympics maneuver
  - 36 Some H.S. yearbook staff
  - 37 Bacteriologist's emotion upon a new discovery?
  - 40 Jess's best friend on TV's "New Girl"
  - 43 Glib
- DOWN**
- 44 Maker of Regenerist skin cream
  - 45 Any member of BTS, e.g.
  - 47 Pellet shooter
  - 50 What Kit Kat bars come in
  - 51 "I'm glad to hear it"
  - 53 It's full of hot air
  - 54 Mongolian shelters
  - 55 Novice window washer's emotion?
  - 58 Scathing review
  - 59 Complete set of showbiz awards, for short
  - 60 Clownish
  - 61 Really play that saxophone
  - 62 Egypt's Sadat
  - 64 Powerhouse in international men's ice hockey
  - 66 Haul away
  - 67 Art gallery tour leader
  - 68 No. 46
  - 69 Modern reading option ... or where to read it?
  - 71 \_\_\_\_\_ Building, Boston's first skyscraper
  - 73 Apt anagram of GIFT
  - 75 Brownish-gray
  - 76 Jester's emotion after the king's laughter?
  - 79 Like Ignatius J. Reilly in "A Confederacy of Dunces"
  - 80 English-speaking
  - 82 A fan of
  - 83 Dionysian ritual
  - 84 Ashleigh \_\_\_\_\_, 2019 French Open champion
  - 85 Apathetic
  - 87 Duchess of \_\_\_\_\_ (Goya model)
  - 88 One-named winner of the 2021 Grammy for Song of the Year
  - 89 Notation on a party invite
  - 90 Wild horse's emotion?
  - 94 Huge tub
  - 97 One who's able to rattle off digits of pi, perhaps
  - 99 Wine: Prefix
  - 100 Like Eeyore
  - 101 Hard-to-please type
  - 102 Result of a snow day
  - 105 Eddie Murphy's org. in "48 Hrs."
  - 107 Lifelike video game, for short
  - 108 A mighty long time
  - 109 ÷ and †, in typography
  - 110 Cat's emotion while sitting in its human's lap?
  - 114 Stuck
  - 115 Brazilian beach made famous in song
  - 116 Coming or going
  - 117 Hits the paper airplane icon, perhaps
  - 118 PC support group
  - 119 Blocks
- ACROSS**
- 7 Pay with a chip-based credit card, perhaps
  - 8 As much as
  - 9 Actor Wilford of "The Natural"
  - 10 Old-style copies
  - 11 Easy as pie
  - 12 Column of boxes on a questionnaire
  - 13 "Chill out!"
  - 14 Hair loss
  - 15 Evil genie's emotion?
  - 16 \_\_\_\_\_ fact
  - 17 "MacGyver" actor Richard \_\_\_\_\_ Anderson
  - 18 Subpar athletic effort
  - 20 Cable option for film buffs
  - 23 Relentlessly competitive
  - 29 Death Valley was once one
  - 32 The Gettysburg Address, e.g.
  - 34 Massage therapist's substance
  - 37 Some recyclables
  - 38 Jumping the gun
  - 39 Turn over
  - 41 One might take you in
  - 42 Gusto
  - 43 Finished a hole
  - 46 Justin Timberlake's former group
  - 47 When said three times, hit song for 46-Down
  - 48 Famous toon with a Brooklyn accent
  - 49 Farmer's emotion during a dry season?
  - 50 As compared to
  - 51 Eat (at)
  - 52 Commercial lead-in to Clean
- DOWN**
- 1 Fired up
  - 2 Quiets down
  - 3 Wheel of Fortune's place
  - 4 Airport info, for short
  - 5 Lesser-known song
  - 6 Kind of tire



- 56 Responded to the alarm
- 57 New Mexico art hub
- 60 One of his paradoxes claims that two objects can never really touch
- 63 Home mixologist's spot
- 65 Interior design
- 66 Big name in lawn care
- 67 Oppose
- 69 Silk Road city near the East China Sea
- 70 What "10" might mean: Abbr.
- 71 Sleeping spot for a guest, maybe
- 72 It's way above the recommended amount
- 74 Youngest recipient of the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor (2010)
- 75 Apply sloppily
- 77 St. Cloud State University's state: Abbr.
- 78 Laze
- 79 Follow
- 81 Identified, in Ipswich
- 86 Birth-control options
- 87 Rescue dog, e.g.
- 88 Estrogen or testosterone
- 91 Move from aisle to window, maybe
- 92 Recent delivery
- 93 Took steroids, informally
- 94 Brio, to Brits
- 95 Staves off
- 96 Auditory: sound :: gustatory: \_\_\_\_\_
- 98 Bursts in on
- 101 Willem of the "Spider-Man" series
- 102 Delicious food, in modern slang
- 103 Theatrical award
- 104 Nobel pursuit?: Abbr.
- 106 Putin's parliament
- 111 N.Y. tech school
- 112 Castle door destroyer
- 113 Actor who was once crowned "America's Toughest Bouncer"

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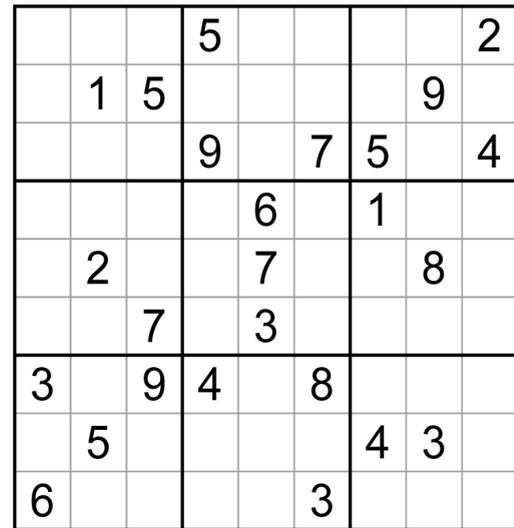
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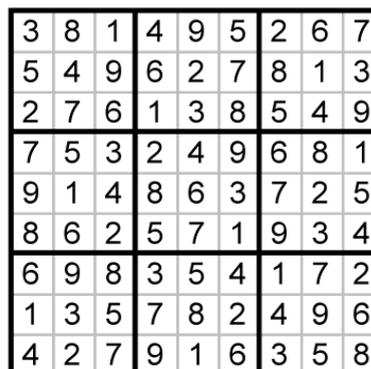
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**HARD - 86**

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



# Cuisine

## Cucumber tuna salad with pickled ginger

'Tis the season to be jolly. No, not Christmas, Silly.

I'm talking about summertime: the

season of garden-fresh vegetables, freshly caught fish and the smell of salt air slapping us in our grimy faces, sweat dripping down off our brows as we fight through the humid weather, our foreheads a bit muddy from wiping while we

garden or mow the lawn. But I will take this over ice storms any day.

As I was recently in Central America, where they actually know the meaning of the word 'muggy', I am not about to complain. If you ever want to know what it is like to literally walk through water, just fly to Costa Rica and you will find out.

The mornings start out cooler, as the mountain air whisps down to meet the ocean, but once the sun comes up, all bets are off. While walking and hiking throughout the day, it will leave you withering head-to-toe. The mornings, though, are delightful on occasion.

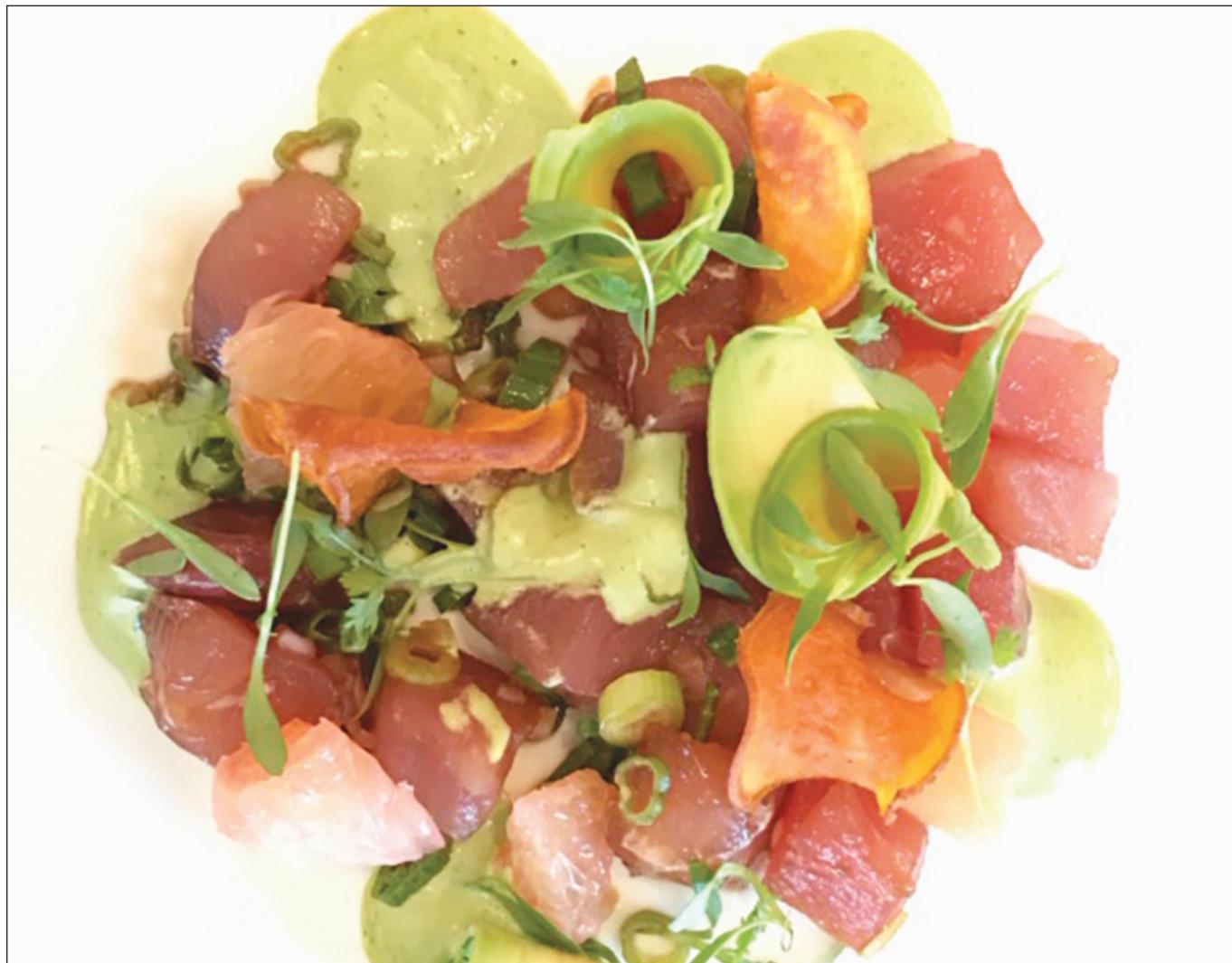
Probably my favorite part of Costa is walking the beach on such mornings and seeing someone surf fishing with a roll of line and some bait. No rod, no reel. Just a spool of fishing line. In would come the sharks, and I was told that they would eventually find their way into the fresh ceviche in the roadside stands and open-air restaurants throughout town.

At one restaurant, Fuego in Dominical, the tuna was as fresh as it is here in Ocean City after the Tuna Tournament. I was content, as I can't stand ordering tuna and then realizing that I am being served a frozen chunk of sub-standard fare. While frozen tuna has its place in the world, when it comes to this kind of dish or a seared steak or Tataki, it needs to be fresh.

While saying this, I must provide a food safety caveat. Legally, if we, as restaurateurs, are to serve raw or undercooked tuna, we need to warn our customers of the dangers of eating such foods.

They can contain parasites, and a little known fun fact is that the USDA has regulations in place requiring restaurants to freeze seafood for a particular length of time at various low temperatures to kill any bugs that might be living in the flesh.

Don't believe me? Go online and look up "sushi worms" and have a fun afternoon perusing video after video. Just



make sure to have a glass of wine and be sitting down. I'm just stating the facts, my good people. And yes, I still enjoy a nice big platter of sushi. The aforementioned worm thing is indeed rare, so I would not worry about it.

I think the diversity of fresh seafood is what I love the most about it. From searing to grilling, sashimi to maki rolls and Poke, you can do a great many things with fresh fish. The scraps can be used in seafood stew, Cioppino and the likes. And this time of year, there is plenty of it at the docks. Yes, this is the best season of all.

### Cucumber Tuna Salad

serves 4

1# Fresh Tuna, diced  
8 oz. Fresh Salmon, diced (optional)  
Fresh pickled ginger (recipe follows)  
1/2 c. Soy sauce  
2 Tbsp. Mirin  
2 Tbsp. Rice wine vinegar  
1 Tbsp. Raw Sugar  
2 tsp. Sesame oil  
1 Tbsp. Sesame seeds  
2 tsp. Korean pepper flakes  
1 Cucumber, sliced on a mandolin  
1 Lemon cucumber, same  
1 c. Fava-wasabi puree (recipe follows)

Cilantro micro greens (or chopped cilantro), as needed  
1/4 c. Sliced scallions

1. Combine your fresh fish with the next eight ingredients. Do this up to thirty minutes before service, but not much longer if you can manage that.

2. Put some fava puree on the plate.

3. Top with the seafood concoction.

4. Garnish with the cucumbers, rolling if you like. For these, I do like to dress them with something like a simple vinaigrette, but that is optional.

5. Garnish with the cilantro and scallions. This pairs well with a crisp Riesling or an ice cold pilsner. Not a drinker? Try this with fresh limeade.

### Fresh Pickled Ginger

makes 1 cup plus the pickling juice  
1 c. Fresh ginger, peeled and sliced thin  
1 c. Rice wine vinegar  
1/4 c. Sugar, or to taste  
dash salt

1. Place the ginger in a clean and sterilized Mason jar.

2. Bring the vinegar, sugar and salt to a rolling boil.

3. Pour over the ginger and cool.

4. Place the lid on the ginger and

place in the icebox for at least one week. If you use a good quality vinegar, you will see that ubiquitous shift to pink hues in the ginger. That is a natural reaction.

This will keep in the refrigerator indefinitely.

### Fava-Wasabi Puree

Makes 2 cups

1 c. Fava beans, removed from pod  
Juice of 1 lime  
2 tsp. Wasabi paste  
2 ea. Roasted garlic cloves  
3 Tbsp. EV Olive oil  
Salt and pepper, to taste

1. Bring a pot of water to a boil and add the fava beans.

Cook for 3 minutes, and then drain.

2. Place in a blender with the juice, wasabi, oil and garlic cloves.

3. Blend until smooth, adding a touch of water or oil to make it a silky-smooth puree.

4. Season to taste and set aside until ready to assemble.

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

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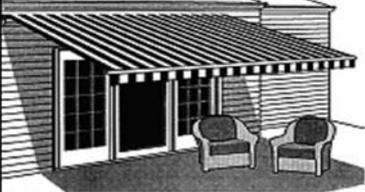
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