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## TEACHER RALLY

Worcester County Public Schools teachers gathered Tuesday at the Stephen Decatur High School stadium for a back-to-school kick-off event for the 2021-22 year. School officially starts for students on Tuesday. See story on page 4.

# Judge to rule Sept. 27 in Farr case

Says ballot-counting can proceed, while he weighs testimony, legal arguments

By Greg Ellison  
Staff Writer

(Sept. 2, 2021) The property ownership status of Ocean Pines Board of Directors candidate Rick Farr remains undecided after a Worcester Circuit Court judge on Monday agreed to let the ballot counting proceed, while he decides whether Farr should be de-

clared eligible to run.

By refusing to extend an injunction that stayed the election on Aug. 11, Judge Sidney Campen, retired from the Talbot County Circuit Court bench, recognized requests from Farr and the OPA for a speedy resolution of the argument. To that end, Campen scheduled a hearing on Sept. 27, when he will issue his decision.

Farr's attorney, Bruce Bright, had argued that the injunction was intended to keep ballots in the custody of the Ocean Pines Elections Commit-

tee, while restricting counting returns or certifying results.

Farr was declared ineligible to run on July 27, even though Ocean Pines Board member and Secretary Camilla Rogers certified Farr's candidacy on May 11. An "anonymous tip" however, suggested that Farr was not a property owner at the qualification deadline of Jan. 1.

"He believes he had strong support from his community," Bright told the court.

Bright argued Farr had wrapped up

campaigning prior to the late July revelation.

"His name was on the ballot distributed through the elections committee," he said.

Additionally, Bright noted Farr had participated in an election forum with fellow candidates Stuart Lakernick, David Hardy and incumbent Frank Daly.

Further, Farr had placed election signs throughout the community and went door to door visiting hundreds of

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# OP Environment Cmte. looks at golf course effluent spray

By Greg Ellison  
Staff Writer

(Sept. 2, 2021) After hosting an expert speaker to review the possibility of spraying wastewater effluent on the Ocean Pines Golf Course, the OPA's Environment and Natural Assets Committee discussed other projects during its meeting last Wednesday.



Ken Wolf

Speaking to the committee about using highly treated wastewater effluent to irrigate golf courses was Ocean Pines Service Area Water & Wastewater Advisory Board member Fred Stiehl.

"Highly treated effluent" is defined as water meeting current Maryland Department of the Environment Bay Restoration standards.

Environmental and Natural Assets Committee Chairperson Ken Wolf said Stiehl was invited in advance of an "Effluent Town Hall," slated for Sept. 9 at 2 p.m. at the Golf Course Clubhouse.

In February 2020, the Ocean Pines Service Area Water & Wastewater Advisory Board received permission

from the Worcester County Commissioners to explore the possibility of spraying treated sewage effluent at the site.

Wolf said the Stiehl's presentation was highly informative, since association officials received preliminary designs for related infrastructure upgrades this spring.

Among the benefits of spraying treated wastewater on the golf course, the committee learned, would be pulling less from the aquifer to water greens and fairways.

On average, 200,000 gallons of ground water are used daily to maintain conditions at the golf course during the summer.

"It would be recharging the aquifer rather than taking water out of it," Wolf said.

Employing that irrigation method at the course would reduce demand on the five water supply wells that serve Ocean Pines.

Wolf said the approach also might reduce nutrients being discharged into area waterways.

"It still has trace amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus," he said of the effluent.

Delving into other topics, committee

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# Taylor welcomes back WCPS teaching staff 'with a bang'

By Mallory Panuska  
Staff Writer

(Sept. 2, 2021) Worcester County Public Schools teachers are going back with a bang — literally.

With Nelly's "Hot in Herre" playing and fireworks blasting into the sky, Superintendent Lou Taylor made a beeline Tuesday morning for his elderly mother to give her a hug commemorating his "first day of school" at the district's annual kick-off for teachers and staff at Stephen Decatur High School's stadium.

Taylor's parents were seated among many of the district's 2021-22 teachers, who gathered — distanced, outdoors — to ring in the new school year under a banner that read "BACK WITH A BANG!" in large bold letters.

"Thank you, thank you for what you did," Taylor said, referencing the educators' response to the challenges of the pandemic over the last year and a half.

"You were asked to do things that nobody dreamed possible," he continued. "You were asked to do things that your superintendent didn't know whether it was right or wrong. You were asked to do things with kids that are above and beyond, which you are required to do. I wish there was a greater word than 'thank you.'"

Roughly 700 teachers will preside over public classrooms across the county this school year, teaching about 6,600 students. Of those teachers, 55 are new to the district, several of whom stood up for recognition during keynote speaker Hammish Brewer's upbeat, motivational speech  
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Worcester County Public Schools Superintendent Lou Taylor speaks during a back-to-school kick-off event Tuesday for teachers at the Stephen Decatur High School stadium.

## Worcester County offices closed for Labor Day holiday

(Sept. 2, 2021) Worcester County Government (WCG) offices, including the Central Landfill in Newark, Homeowner Convenience Centers, Worcester County Recreation Center (WCRC), and the five branch libraries, will be closed Monday, Sept. 6, for the Labor Day holiday.

The recreation center will also be closed Sunday, Sept. 5.

Worcester County Government offices will resume standard operating hours on Tuesday, Sept. 7.

## Committee talks future concepts

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tee members explored approaches for addressing mailbox clusters long in need of repairs.

"The mailbox issue is kind of in purgatory," he said.

Wolf said members bandied ideas on how "to make it manageable."

"Maybe we can't move forward on all these mailboxes, but let's take a look at moving forward on a few of them," he said.

Last year, association officials estimated costs for pedestals at \$35,000, with roughly \$20,000 for mailboxes and about \$10,000 in concrete work per cluster.

The committee proposed a piecemeal approach for the task would be determining opportune spots to begin the years long undertaking.

"It could be a combination of the worst and then some that we thought

would get a lot of visibility," he said. "So the community could actually see what what was involved."

Another topic committee members discussed was the use of a small section of bay front property on a sliver of land across from the Beach Club on 49th Street that the association leases to Seacrets for parking.

"To see if there's an opportunity there to do something to benefit the environment," he said. "We're in the early stages."

While not looking to alter the long-standing agreement to lease the area to provide 450-plus parking spots, committee members looked for ways to accommodate Seacrets and their own objectives.

"It's not anything about stepping away from the Seacrets' use of the property, but what we could do to co-exist with that, and have some bene-

fits for property owners," he said.

Wolf said one idea was to restore a bayside pier that existed at the site roughly a quarter century back.

"The fact that we have that waterfront property there's some potential ... at least we're looking at it," Wolf said.

Wolf said the Marine Activities Committee once explored the concept but to no avail.

"We did get the benefit of a report that was submitted to the board about 10 years ago by the Marine Activities Committee on ideas that they had to utilize some portion of that property," he said.

Wolf said none of the earlier proposals for developing the section of bayside waterline earned support.

"They were totally spurned by the board about doing anything 10 years ago," he said.

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# Man injured after being hit by car on Bay St. in Berlin

By Greg Ellison  
Staff Writer

(Sept. 2, 2021) Berlin Police reported a 74-year-old man was injured after being struck by a vehicle in the 500 block of Bay Street last Wednesday around 7:40 a.m.

In a press release, Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing said Berlin Emergency Medical Services were summoned on Aug. 25 to transport a pedestrian involved in the accident to TidalHealth in Salisbury.

The unidentified man was subsequently released from TidalHealth.

Investigators discovered the driver involved in the collision was unlicensed and operating an unregistered vehicle.

Downing said the errant driver was charged with a multitude of vehicle violations.

Police are continuing to investigate the incident and ask anyone with information to contact the department at 410-641-1333.

# Worcester Public Schools get set for new year with masks

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at Tuesday's event.

The Virginia principal, who has made national headlines because of his unique and effective approach to teaching and inspiring students, shared some of his secrets for success. They included focusing on the legacies, and finding ways to apply the skills and knowledge that students learn, rather than teaching to pass tests.

In Worcester County, teachers and staff have already faced challenges ahead of the official kick-off of classes for all students next Tuesday.

Taylor has made some tough decisions regarding return plans, with the most polarizing being the debate over mask mandates. Initially, the plan recommended, but did not require, masks for everyone indoors. That changed last Friday, though, when members of the state Board of Education voted in favor of an emergency order requiring masks to be worn in an effort to prevent widespread cases

of covid. The county is abiding by that order.

The challenges of the virus have also been taking a toll well before the past few weeks. In March 2020, like most all schools across the country, county public schools shut down buildings and sent students home to face the uncharted territory of virtual school. And as challenging as it was for the students, the teachers were the ones guiding the ship.

Like Christina McQuaid, the 2020 Worcester County teacher of the year, said during her introduction speech Tuesday, teachers wear a lot of hats, a number of which increased over the last year and a half.

"Teaching is hard," she said. "Teachers are the first line of defense, teachers are resources, teacher are mentors, teachers are negotiators, teachers are cheerleaders, teachers are rule enforcers, and lately, teachers are IT specialists ... If 2020 has taught us anything it's that students are resilient but so are educators."

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# OP Golf Cmte. reviews current, future needs

**By Greg Ellison**  
Staff Writer

(Sept. 2, 2021) The Ocean Pines Golf Committee reviewed equipment upgrades, course conditions and budget needs during its meeting last Wednesday.

Chairman Fritz Lahner revisited a number of equipment issues that had been discussed at the groups' last meeting, and brought up some parking lot visibility problems.

Lahner said members have found it difficult to see oncoming traffic when leaving via the first parking lot exit.

"It's hard to see around that turn," he said.

Committee member Susan Morris said that maintaining hedges bordering the course and parking area could help alleviate some of that.

"As long as they keep it clipped," she said.

Lahner said he had discussed the matter with General Manager of Golf John Malinowski and that two approaches were identified.

"One idea was a mirror, like in a warehouse, or [directional] arrows," he said.

Lahner said until recently the lot's entrance and exit were marked with arrows.

After upcoming parking lot renovations are completed this fall the topic



Ocean Pines Golf Committee members, from left, Susan Morris, Fritz Lahner and Joe Lynch, mulled equipment and course issues during its meeting last Wednesday.

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will be revisited.

Defibrillator access and training sessions were also revived from last month's meeting.

"At the last meeting, the question was do we have one," he said. "Right now we have a portable one."

Lahner suggested mounting a stationary defibrillator in the golf facility.

"There should be one mounted so everyone knows where it's at," he said.

"Does anybody know how to use

it?" Committee member Joe Lynch asked.

Lahner agreed that training is vital, adding, "If you don't know what you're doing you could do more damage."

Morris recalled attending training courses at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center.

"It's relatively simple," she said. "Once you open it up, the thing starts buzzing and gives you directions."

Lahner said the training is straightforward and takes roughly 15 minutes.

Before the meeting on Wednesday, Malinowski confirmed receipt of new water refill stations to replace jugs currently in use, Lahner said.

The water apparatus is slated for installation by course restrooms.

Morris said similar equipment has proven popular at the Racquet Center.

"There's two at the Racquet Center and they work," she said.

Turning to course conditions, Lahner said maintenance crews were aerating fairways that Wednesday and Thursday.

Lahner said despite dipping into the dog days of summer both greens and tees have remained in top form.

Lynch agreed the course had been well maintained to this point in the season.

"This is the time of year that the trouble usually begins," he said.

He also noted that Mother Nature has been fairly accommodating.

"We actually had a cool week in August," he said. "We haven't had the torrential downpours and 90-degree heat the next day, which is when it burns."

Lahner, however, pointed out that the fairway is beginning to show some slight damage, while Lynch added that the area leading up to the eighth hole needed reseeding.

"For some reason that area has always been a problem," he said.

Also a problem for the committee is finding people to serve on it. At the moment, an opening on the committee has gone unfilled for three months even though that vacancy has been posted on the association's website.

"I've asked a number of people," he said. "It's hard to get people to volunteer."

As for financial matters, Lahner said 2022 budget requests would be compiled in November.

Lynch asked about a previous idea of trying to boost membership by holding an open house at the golf course and clubhouse.

"It would have to be budgeted," he said.

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# Maple Ave. development concerns

By Greg Ellison  
Staff Writer

(Sept. 2, 2021) Longtime residents on Maple Avenue in Berlin are concerned about the ramifications of current and future development on the small street dotted with single-family homes.

Wallace Purnell, 89, said several rounds of heavy rains in recent weeks wreaked havoc on his home at the end of Maple Avenue.

"Water backs up to the front steps and runs around the sides of the house," he said.

Purnell, who has lived in the area since returning home after serving in WWII, said his father bought the Maple Avenue property in 1942.

"I've been down here since then," he said.

Flooding problems arose for Purnell and neighbors after the Willows at Berlin project, with its 66 housing units on an eight-acre parcel at the end of the street, broke ground earlier this year.

"They brought 200-300 loads of sand in there and built everything up," he said.

The introduction of construction has apparently exacerbated traditionally challenging drainage problems in the area of Flower Street and Maple Avenue.

Berlin resident Gregory Purnell said a long-neglected ditch bordering the Willows site has failed to accommodate increased storm water flow.

"There's a ditch over there the town says it doesn't own," he said.

Wallace Purnell concurred the clogged ditch needs addressing.

"They won't clean out the ditch," he said.

Gregory Purnell said despite the introduction of a retention pond to handle storm water overflow from Flower Street, extreme precipitation has caused problems.

"It now empties into a retention pond but when full, it still goes into the ditch," he said.

Residents' flooding concerns, along with traffic issues, were heightened during an Aug. 18 Berlin Planning Commission meeting to consider site plan approval for a proposed 33-town-home community on Maple Avenue.

Maple Avenue of Berlin LLC and UTR Ventures LLC representatives sought approval for the "Mapledale," project, which involves three parcels on 4.5 acres by Maple Avenue and Elizabeth Street, which is in the multi-family R-3 apartment zone.

"If they don't fix this here, what are they going to do when they bring in more people?" Wallace Purnell said.

Planning Director Dave Engelhart

said the Planning Commission tabled site plan approval for Mapledale because of flooding and traffic issues and directed developers to commission a traffic study to determine impacts on the neighborhood.

"It's the responsibility of the developer to show that it is doable, and it is not a detriment to the neighborhood," he said.

Gregory Purnell said the new house-  
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Longtime Maple Avenue resident Wallace Purnell displays pictures from recent flooding in and around his home.

## Pines course conditions stellar

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said.

Lahner said earlier plans were shut down because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Lahner said Director Frank Daly, the committee's current board liaison would coordinate the undertaking with General Manager John Viola.

"We did it once five to six years ago and it was a total fiasco because nobody really planned it," he said.

Ideally, the affair would motivate

past members to renew their memberships or entice new faces in the community to sign up.

Morris characterized the event as a meet and greet.

Lahner said while costs should be minimal, human capital is required.

"It's mostly volunteers and that's going to be the problem," he said.

Lynch took a more charitable view.

"I don't think it will be problem between the men's and women's groups and the golf council," he said.



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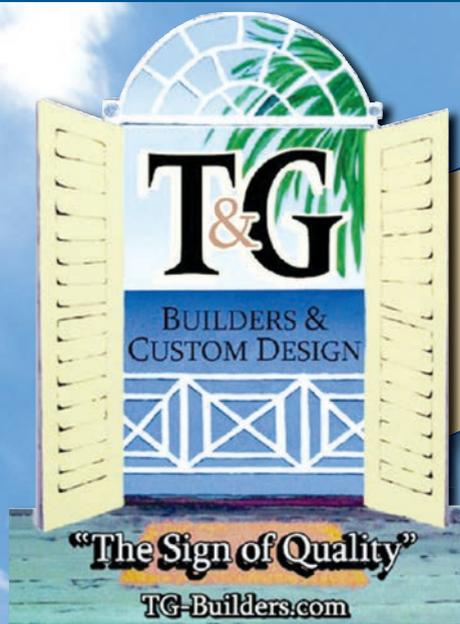
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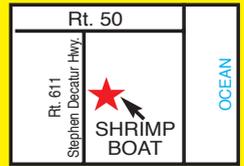
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(Sept. 2, 2021) The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will host its seventh annual car show on Saturday, Sept. 4, at Veterans Memorial Park, on the corner of Cathell and Racetrack roads.

There will be food provided by the Ocean Pines Kiwanis Club and business vendors, as well as music and a live radio remote.

For more information on registering for the car show or becoming a vendor, call the chamber at 410-641-5306 or stop in the office at 11047 Racetrack Road Berlin, Maryland 21811.

The car show will begin at approx-

imately 10 a.m. and trophies will be awarded at 1 p.m. There will be trophies awarded in the following categories: Classic, Antique, Hot Rod, Modern, Customs, Jeep and People's Choice.

Pre-registration is available online at [www.OceanPinesChamber.org](http://www.OceanPinesChamber.org) for \$15, or \$20 the day of the show. Registration will be at Veterans Memorial Park beginning at 8:30 a.m.

All cars must be registered by 10 a.m. to participate in the event.

For more information, contact the Ocean Pines Chamber office at 410-641-5306, or email [info@OceanPinesChamber.org](mailto:info@OceanPinesChamber.org).

# Maple Ave. residents alarmed

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 ing developments also seem out of place on Maple Avenue.

"The community is all single-family homes," he said. "People have been living here for decades."

Wallace Purnell said the influx of land developers has been increasing.

"They're starting a trend because I've had two or three people try to buy my land back here," he said.

Engelhart said the neighborhood has been in the multi-family R-3 apartment zone since the late 1970s.

"Whenever you want to do multi-family units or townhouse-style units or apartments in the R-3, it's a conditional-use that has to be granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals," he said.

Berlin's Board of Zoning Appeals and the Historic District Commission meet the first Wednesday of each month, while the Planning Commission convenes on the second Wednesday.

Shifting demographics have helped drive recent development in and around Berlin, Engelhart said.

"For a number of years now, Berlin has been increasing in popularity," he said. "People want to be in Berlin, and we have the capacity for them."

State and federal environmental

regulations also handicap developers on the Eastern Shore, Englehart said.

"Where there's land with infrastructure, that's where people who want to develop kind of have to go," he said.

Speaking last week, Wallace Purnell said Willows project construction crews have made efforts to improve drainage following the recent Planning Commission meeting.

"They came out this morning and cleaned up," he said.

Engelhart said the increased flooding problems from Willowdale are tied to storm drains the Maryland Department of the Environment requires to be covered with silt-blocking fabric while projects are underway.

The state regulations are intended to prevent runoff from the under-construction Willows site going into storm drain system.

"They opened up the storm drains so the water could go down," Wallace Purnell said.

Englehart said the Mapledale project's next steps remain unknown until the town is notified about undertaking the requested traffic study

"I don't know where they're going with it now," he said.

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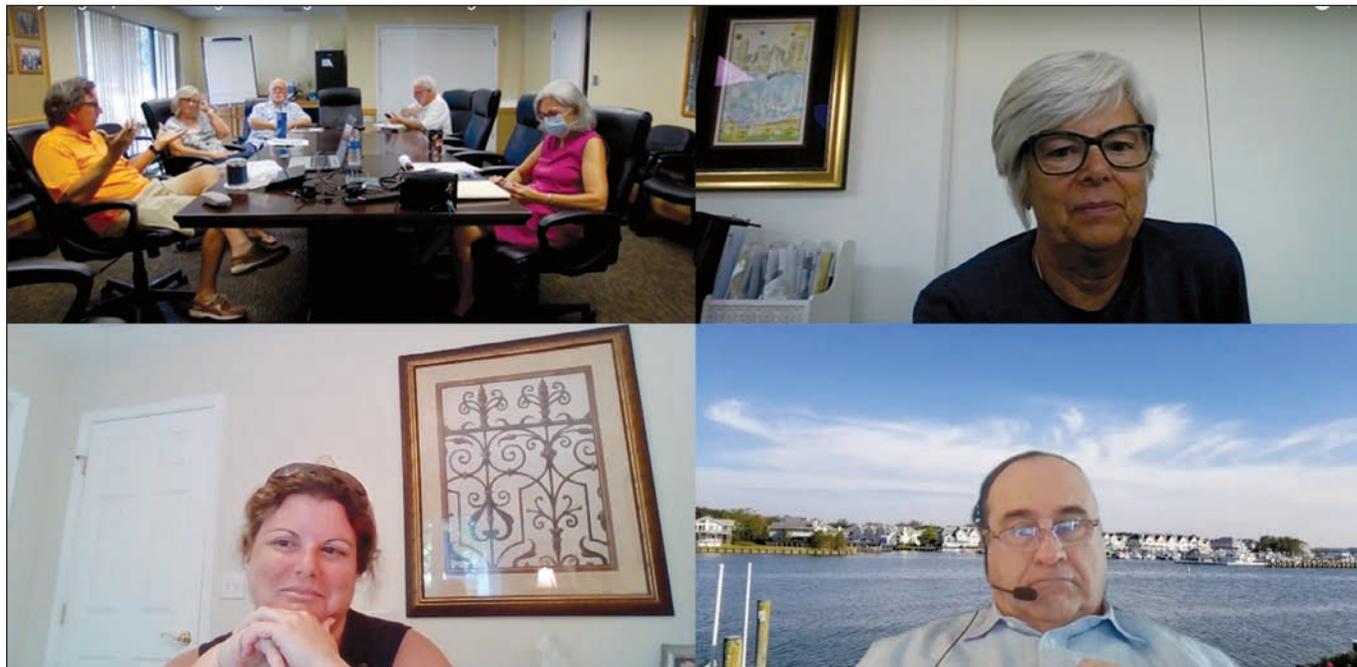
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SCREENSHOT/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The bulk of the Ocean Pines Strategic Planning Committee met in person, while, clockwise from right, Helen Johnson, Wesley Blackley and Jenny Cropper-Rines dialed in virtually for its meeting last Thursday.

# Strategic Planning forming survey

**By Greg Ellison**  
Staff Writer

(Sept. 2, 2021) While some adjustments remain, the property owners' survey being developed by the Ocean Pines Strategic Planning Committee is closer to being finalized, with a date of distribution still undecided.

“We’re kind of in this holding pattern with the survey,” Co-Chairman Bernie McGorry said of the online poll.

Last conducted in 2018, the property owners' survey seeks comments from residents on the development of long-range planning and association priorities.

Since the group's last meeting on July 22, which was one day after McGorry

provided the board of directors a progress update, work on the survey took a leap forward after Survey Monkey software was acquired.

Once initial questions were uploaded on Survey Monkey, it took multiple drafts to hone in the data being sought.

“That was on round five when I See PINES Page 12

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# Farr candidacy ruling expected on Sept. 27

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“Some number of voters cast votes for Farr,” he said.

Bright said the decision to disqualify Farr was based on Bylaws Section 5.02A, which states board candidates must be “owners of record,” on Jan. 1 of the election year.

“Their case is you’re not an owner unless your name is on land records,” he said.

Bright said the sole focus on 5.02A ignores conflicting details on association membership status included in the association charter and Bylaws section 2.02.

“There are a number of governing document provisions in place,” he said.

Since 2000, Farr has been a designated beneficiary of the Farr Living Trust, the legal owner of the property originally purchased by his parents in 1999.

Bright said Farr has an equitable interest in the family residence and that “Ocean Pines Association members under the charter includes legal and equitable owners.”

Other issues raised by Bright included the board’s closed session vote for disqualification in closed session during a special meeting on July 29.

During her testimony on Monday,

Rogers said she contacted Farr on July 28 and he provided property deed details during the following day’s meeting.

Association President Larry Perrone moved the July 29 meeting into closed session after Farr explained his role in trust ownership.

Bright took exception with the board’s “secret disqualification decision.”



Rick Farr

“You can go into ‘closed’ to consult with a lawyer, but have to come out of closed to vote and execute decisions,” he said.

Bright characterized the decision-making process as “patently unfair.”

“It is HOA and condo law 101,” he said. “To make decisions, you have to come out of closed and let the light of day see it.”

By contrast, Bright said the board erroneously relied on an exception to open meeting laws permitting closed session to consult with legal counsel.

“You can’t cover all that with legal advice and then make the decisions they did.”

Rogers testified that her initial qualification for Farr issued in May was based on a cursory review of on-

line land records.

“She saw Richard’s name listed initially and believed him to be owner of record of the property,” he said.

Rogers said the revelation that the deed referred to Farr’s father became apparent after additional research was conducted following the tip on July 27.

“We engaged in multiple conversations with [Association lawyer Jeremy] Tucker about land records details,” she said.

When questioned by Bright, Perrone disagreed the closed session motion and vote was illegal.

“The Maryland HOA Act permits us to consult with counsel in closed on legal issues,” he said.

Perrone said the motion passed was to proceed with the election but abstain from counting votes cast for Farr.

“We were faced with no good decision,” he said.

Perrone noted costs could reach \$25,000 to stage a new election.

“As president, my responsibility is to make sure bylaws are followed,” he said.

Bright asked Perrone if the association’s charter for section six, which covers the area of Farr’s property, was considered in the decision.

Perrone said the decision to disqualify Farr was made by Rogers and

subsequently approved by the board.

Bright said the bylaws fail to specify the secretary has authority to reverse an earlier approval to later disqualify board candidates.

“Wrong decisions made in patently wrong ways,” he said.

During his testimony, Farr said he has been a full-time resident in Ocean Pines since Aug. 2019 and has paid all association fees.

Prior to that, Farr also paid a portion of utility costs and has maintained the lot since it was acquired in 1999.

“I’ve always taken care of maintenance of that property,” he said.

Farr also highlighted voting in the last three board elections.

“My belief was I was a beneficiary of the trust,” he said.

Farr became an official trustee after his mother died this May.

“In May, after my mom died, I became a trustee with my sister,” he said.

Bright said there was no question that in reaching the decision to disqualify Farr the board narrowly focused on bylaws section 5.02A while ignoring contradictory details regarding membership qualifications.

“In his mind, he was a property owner since 1999,” he said.

Campen agreed the 5.02A reference to “owner of record,” conflicts with other association member parameters.

Still, Campen opted to deny the plaintiff’s request for a preliminary injunction but to fast-track the hearing. In allowing the vote-counting to begin, Campen did not dictate how it should be done, but said, “I would hope the association would count all the ballots” and that the election results should be shared with the court and Farr’s attorney.

How the board undertakes that job and what it does subsequent to do the count is up to the directors, judging from Campen’s advice. But, Farr observed, “If OPA certified the election before the 27th and I am ruled eligible by the judge, this will create a bigger mess to this election that will need to be resolved.”

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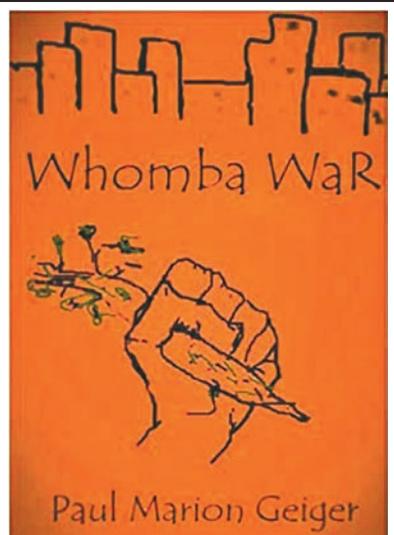
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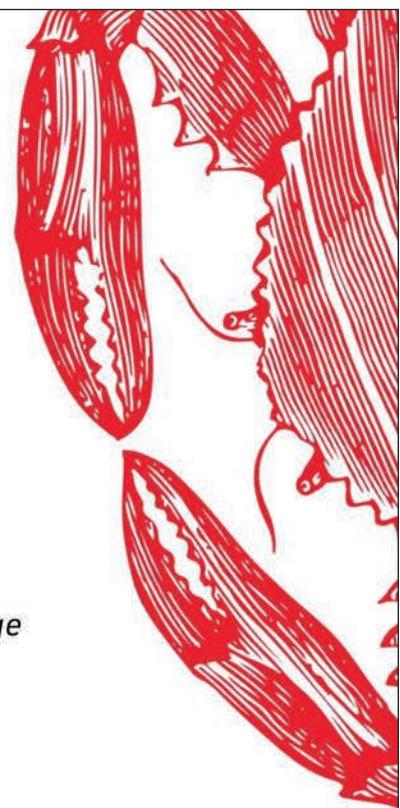
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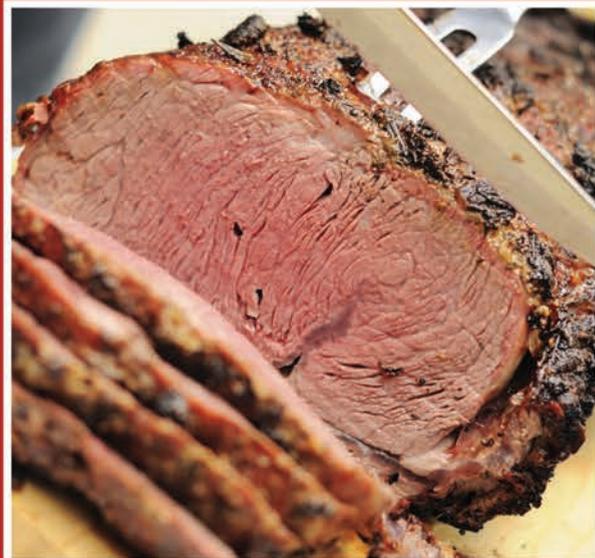
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# Ocean Downs sportsbook set for later start

### Enacting sports wagering in Maryland delayed beyond kickoff date for NFL season

**By Mallory Panuska**  
Staff Writer

(Sept. 2, 2021) Sports junkies who were hoping to place bets at Ocean Downs Casino — or anywhere across the state — on NFL games when the season launches in a couple of weeks will likely have to wait at least a little while longer.

In a meeting last week, the state's Sports Wagering Application Review Commission discussed the status of sports wagering in Maryland. And despite taking some steps to start approving applications, no date has been set for when the first bets will be taken. In addition, all signs point to it not getting up and running before the Dallas Cowboys and Tampa Bay Buccaneers kick off for the first regular season game on Sept. 9.

Bettors have been awaiting the debut of sports wagering in Maryland since voters resoundingly approved the measure at casinos and stadiums by a 2-1 margin in November.

The state is well behind neighboring Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware and Pennsylvania, which all passed some form of sports wagering in the



FILE PHOTO

Ocean Downs Casino is still set to open a sportsbook once sports wagering is officially launched in the state, but it will not be in time for the start of the regular NFL season on Sept. 9.

last few years, leaving Maryland in the dust in collecting revenues.

At Ocean Downs, General Manager Bobbi Sample said in an email last week that casino officials and their vendor partners are ready to move forward with licensing applications as soon as they are able.

"Together we are making the nec-

essary preparations to implement sports wagering at our property," Sample said. "The regulations that govern this new industry are going through their process, as dictated by Maryland law. Once the regulations are final, we look forward to working with the Maryland Lottery & Gaming Control Agency on implementation."

The approval of sports wagering in Maryland paved the way for legislators to iron out details in the 2021 session. Filed as House Bill 940, the legislation allows 60 online operators and 30 retail sportsbooks — including casinos, professional sports stadiums, small businesses and others — to obtain sports betting licenses.

Among them is Ocean Downs, which is seeking an A-2 license. Sample said the license carries a \$1 million application fee as well as costs for background investigations.

According to the bill, application

fees could be as high as \$2.5 million for casinos, depending on operation size.

Officials initially hoped to launch sports betting operations, both online and in brick and mortar locations, in time for the start of the NFL season, but that timeline seems to have been pushed back.

Last week, according to a Maryland Matters story, Gov. Larry Hogan called for members of the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency — which is developing sports wagering regulations — to move as quickly as possible. That agency and the Sports Wagering Application Review Commission will work together on vetting applications.

With Hogan's push, sports wagering may be running in time for the NFL playoffs, which could still reign in a hefty sum of revenue if it happens.

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The Worcester County Commissioners approved the Department of Public Works's proposal for the FY22 Consolidated Transportation Program letter, to be sent to the state to request funding for various infrastructure projects. This year, the letter will put the top focus on expanding Route 90, revitalizing the Route 50 drawbridge and adding several smaller projects.

# County approves roadway wish list for state

**By Jack Chavez**  
Staff Writer

(Sept. 2, 2021) In a 6-0 vote, the Worcester County Commissioners last Tuesday approved a draft of the Department of Public Works's FY22 Consolidated Transportation Program Letter, which outlines the department's priority projects it wants the state to address.

"Maryland 113 has been (addressed)," DPW Director Dallas

Baker told the commissioners. "Maryland 90 for the last couple years has been the No. 1 priority. We're still maintaining that and still maintaining the U.S. 50 drawbridge as the second priority and the dualization of Maryland 589 as the third priority."

According to a memo from Baker, the FY22 letter differs from past iterations by including suggestions for phased improvements on Route 90

and other smaller projects.

"We have the opportunity to present the state with other projects in the county that they can advance," Baker continued. "The larger projects are \$100-million, 10-plus-year projects to develop fully into construction. There are smaller improvements that we can make, adding signals at some strategic locations to reduce congestion, improve the flow of traffic (conduct

pedestrian studies and enhancing the bicycle network throughout the county."

Commissioner Chip Bertino praised the plan and what it means for the county moving forward.

"This is excellent and this is an opportunity to get our fingers into other (transportation programs)" he said. "You are to be commended for doing this."

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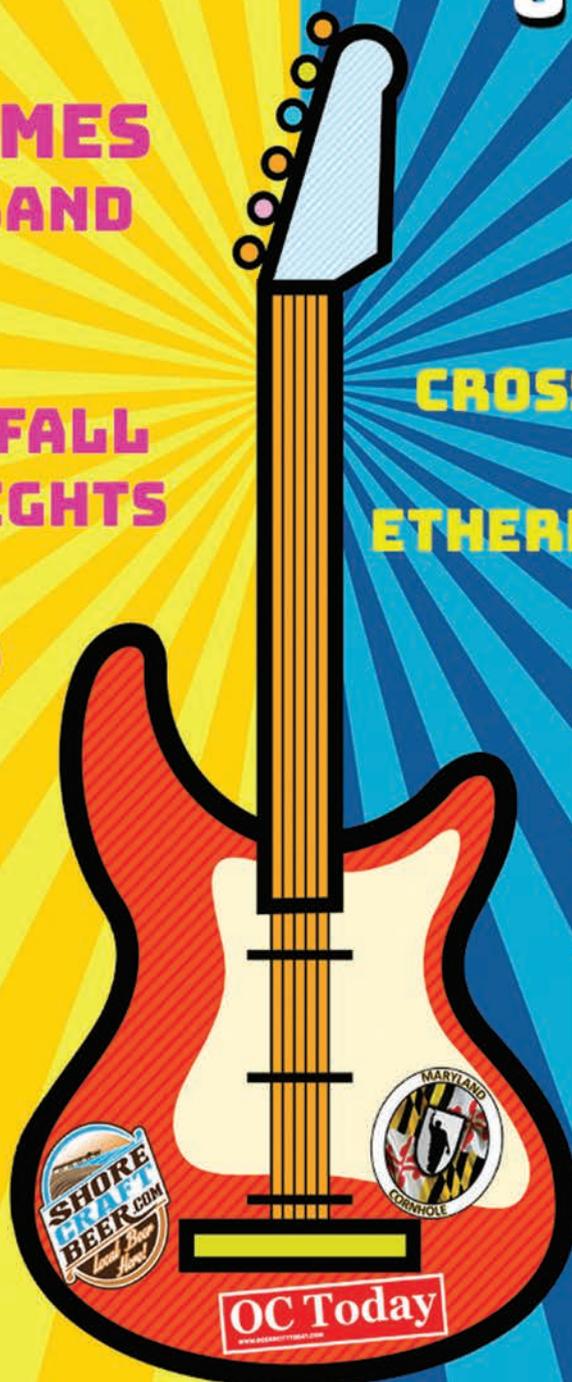
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# Sidewalk Sale in Pines, Sept. 3-5

(Sept. 2, 2021) The Pine'er Artisan Gift Shop will offer top-quality handmade items at bargain prices during the second annual Sidewalk Sale, Sept. 3-5.

Gift Shop Co-Manager Kimberly Perrone said the event is made possible through the generosity of local crafters, who have willingly reduced their regular prices for the sale.

"Shoppers will find unique, quality handmade items at discount prices," she said. "That includes everything from crocheted items, unique wood crafts, pottery, children's clothes and accessories, to ladies' hand-crocheted and beaded trimmed socks, nautical items, Christmas items, pillows, and jewelry."

The Craft Club regularly donates sale proceeds to the Ocean Pines Association and local community groups. Perrone said donations from the sidewalk sale will go to the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department, police department, Neighborhood Watch, and recreation programs including children's activities and Concerts in the Park.

"The upcoming Pine'er Artisan Gift Shop Sidewalk Sale is just another way for the Pine'er Crafters to add to our donations," Perrone said. "To date, our organization has donated over \$170,000 to the Ocean Pines community."

The Pine'er Artisan Sidewalk Sale will be held outside, in front of the

Pine'er Artisan Gift Shop in White Horse Park. The shop will also be open during the event.

The Sidewalk Sale is scheduled to run Friday, Sept. 3 from 5-8 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 4 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"This is the only sale the Pine'er Artisan Gift Shop has during the year," Perrone said. "We hope everyone will come and buy some of our wonderful handmade items, and help us continue our charitable giving to support this community."

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# Funding outlined for roads, more

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Commissioner Ted Elder asked if Baker's connections could move these projects forward.

"I know a thing or two about the CTP letter and how to take advantage of some of these pots of money," he said. "The money they would put into Maryland 90 is not from the same pot

they'd use to install a traffic signal or the same pot to build a hike-or-bike path, not the same pot that they'd use to fix the flooding in Snow Hill along Route 12."

Commissioner Jim Bunting asked about the intersection of Bishopville Road and Saint Martins Neck Road in Bishopville, specifically about scaf-

folding near the intersection that was supposed to be removed, but continues to block motorists' views as they enter the intersection.

"You can't see (people coming), someone on a motorcycle," Bunting said. "Somebody's going to get hurt."

Baker said he'd follow up on the issue.

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# County plans merge of environmental laws

Combining Chesapeake and coastal bays would be efficient move, officials say

**By Jack Chavez**  
Staff Writer

(Sept. 2, 2021) The Worcester County Department of Environmental Programs introduced to the county commissioners last Tuesday plans to merge the Atlantic Coastal Bays and Chesapeake Bay Critical Area programs into a single code.

“Worcester is the only county that has two critical area codes,” Environmental Programs Director Bob Mitchell told the commissioners. “It will simplify the program for our citizens and our contractors.”



**Bob Mitchell**

Mitchell said that the code is also updated to reflect changes in state law that have occurred since the last time the two programs were addressed. The last update occurred in 2002.

“We’re recommending that, since we have recently been given new language from the Critical Area Commission staff since the last presentation to the Planning Commission in February, we will again visit them at their September meeting to detail these changes and ask for any comments.”

The bill for the changes will be introduced during the September meet-

ing, Mitchell said. The department plans to gauge community response throughout the county and brief the commissioners on the feedback they receive, all of which will occur before an official public hearing. The department is suggesting that a hearing be held at the commissioners’ November meeting.

“This is going to be a lengthy bill,” Mitchell said. “It’s really formatting and repositioning. We’re going to reduce a lot of the pages from our county code to take it and combine it into one code. But we are already enforcing the state law and (and other changes).”

The proposed merger combines language and statutes that cover areas such as commercial timber har-

vesting, forest protection, animal conservation, surface mining, critical buffer zones and a host of legal definitions.

The merger updates the critical area base maps, removes wetlands from the habitat protection plan — because it is now under the jurisdiction of the state Department of the Environment — and includes a new section for non-water dependent structures on piers.

Commissioner Jim Bunting, who asked if the updates will change how the county manages stormwater runoff, was told it would not.

“We’ve had to add some new language of course with new events that come on by, like weddings, RCA’s and also for energy-generating.”

## Worcester County Commissioners Briefs

**By Jack Chavez**  
Staff Writer

(Sept. 2, 2021) The Worcester County Commissioners discussed the following during the Aug. 17 meeting:

### Conference attendance

The commissioners approved Department of Emergency Services Director Billy Birch’s request to attend the International Association of Emer-

gency Managers Conference in Grand Rapid, Mich., in October. The travel costs requested was \$3,994.80, coming out of the FY22 budget.

### Bishopville speed

The commissioners approved recommendations from the Department of Public Works on following speed studies that were conducted in Bishopville on Dixie Drive, St. Martins

Neck Road and North Piney Point. Each road will maintain its current posted speed limits.

### Community Resilience

The commissioners approved a modification to funds awarded through the Maryland Community Resilience Grant, which assists with coastal impacts of climate-related hazards. The funding is being directed

to shoreline stabilization and marsh restoration along Selsey Road in West Ocean City. The Department of Environmental Programs requested additional time following multiple delays in the project.

### Respite care services

The commissioners approved the selection of Children’s Choice of Mary-

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This event can be completed on a river, creek, bay, trail, or biking. Log miles any time between Saturday, Sept. 4, and Sunday, Sept. 26, on the MapMyTracks App.

All ages, abilities and fitness levels are encouraged to participate. Gather friends, family, and co-workers and explore the shore. All registrants will receive a T-shirt and interactive map loaded with places to paddle, hike and bike.

Participants are encouraged to use the MapMyTracks app but a downloadable form can be used to track miles.

Sponsors for the event include: Bank of Ocean City, Holiday Johnson, Ayers Creek Adventures, Maryland Delaware DC Beverage Association, Baked Dessert Café, Harrison Group, US WIND, Worcester County Tourism, Somerset Trail Mix and West O Bottle Shop.

Prizes will be awarded to most miles in each category. Follow RiverRally2021 Facebook group to meet up and paddle, hike, bike or join other events.

Conservation on the Lower Shore is key to the health of the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Coastal Bays and work today will ensure a healthy environment and strong economy for residents and visitors alike.

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land Inc., as the vendor for the Worcester County Local Behavioral Health Authority's proposed implementation of respite care services. The program will support family caregivers of children up to 18 years old with emotional and behavioral disturbance who are eligible for Maryland's Public Behavioral Health System in the tri-county area, according to a memo

from Jessica Sexauer, LBHA director.

### Opioid treatment peer

The commissioners approved the health authority's request to field proposals from qualified organizations to embed peer recovery support specialists in licensed and accredited opioid treatment programs in the county, for which the authority has already re-

ceived funding, according to a memo from Sexauer.

The program seeks to enhance recovery treatment by offering support from "individuals who have lived experience with recovery themselves." The memo gave Sept. 27 as a deadline for proposals and requested participation through June 2023. Budgeted funds will not exceed \$76,477 for the fiscal year, the memo said.



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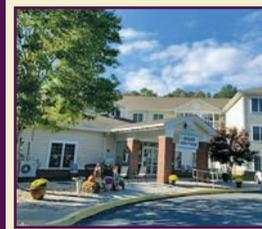
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## VISIT

In an ongoing campaign to encourage more Marylanders to get vaccinated against covid-19, Gov. Larry Hogan recently visited a vaccine clinic in Snow Hill with Sen. President Bill Ferguson. Maryland is nearing its goal of vaccinating 80 percent of adults by Labor Day.



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## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Every year, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City donates to the Worcester G.O.L.D. (Giving Other Lives Dignity) School Supplies for Students program. On Aug. 20, Kiwanis member and Kiwanis liaison to G.O.L.D. for all the club's donations, Jim Spicknall, delivered the goods. He is pictured with G.O.L.D.'s Program Coordinator Taylor Cardy, left, and Executive Director Nicholas Cranford. To donate school supplies, call Cranford at 410-677-6830, visit [www.WorcesterGOLD.org](http://www.WorcesterGOLD.org) or email [WorcesterGOLD@gmail.org](mailto:WorcesterGOLD@gmail.org).



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## GIVE ME A HOOT

Salisbury Zoo volunteer Kara McClymont shows off a burrowing owl to a group of Salisbury University cheerleaders at Bubba's Celebrity Basketball Game in Snow Hill on Saturday. The event raised funds for cancer, mental health and bullying awareness.



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## GUEST SPEAKER

Jennifer Keener, director, Worcester County Development, Review and Permitting, was the guest speaker during the Aug. 25 weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City at the Ocean Pines Community Center. She is pictured with Club President Steve Cohen.



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## KICKER

On Sat July 31st, Ocean City Jeep Club held its third annual Lunchbox School Supply Drive on July 31, in coordination with Debbie Smullen of Worcester Youth and Family Counseling. This year, the club teamed up and were joined by the Bikers Without Borders Foundation.

# Pines pickleball tournament for Oktoberfest, Oct. 22-24

(Sept. 2, 2021) Oktoberfest at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center will be marked by a three-day pickleball tournament that will, for the first time, include a money bracket with a \$1,250 prize purse.

Scheduled Oct. 22-24, the event is likely the first pickleball tournament with cash prizes to place on the Delmarva Peninsula, tournament Co-Director Darryl Noble said.

Noble is the former chairman and treasurer of the Board of USA Pickleball, the sport's national governing body of the sport of pickleball.

"Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States, and possibly the world," Noble said. "We encourage everyone to come out and participate in this exciting new tournament, or just come and watch. Don't miss your chance to participate or spectate on some incredible matches."

Noble said the Ocean Pines Racquet Center is open to the public. Anyone can sign up to play a game, or just come out and watch to get a feel for the sport.

"Anyone is welcome to play at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center pickleball courts, and we encourage everyone to try it for themselves. It's fun to get out and get some exercise, and the facility is top notch," he said.

For the tournament, singles and age 60-plus mixed doubles matches are scheduled Oct. 22, men's and women's doubles are scheduled Oct. 23, and mixed doubles are scheduled Oct. 24.

The money bracket for players under 50 is scheduled Oct. 23, and the money bracket for players 50 and older is set for Oct. 24.

The prize purse is \$375 for gold (first place), \$160 for silver (second place) and \$90 for bronze (third place). The money bracket is open to any combination of genders and skill levels.

For general play, each grouping category – men's, women's and mixed – will include four skill-level brackets: 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5/5.0. The minimum skill level for the tournament is 3.0, and tournament directors will set age and skill-level brackets about three weeks prior to the tournament.

The registration fee, due by Oct. 1, is \$35, plus \$10 per event. Money brackets are \$30 per event.

Tournament organizers will post the full tournament schedule, including match start times, two weeks prior to the tournament.

Food, beer and cold beverages, ice cream and snowballs, and other vendors will be onsite during the tournament.

The tournament is outdoors only, and no rain date is scheduled. No refunds or credits will be given in case of a cancelation.

To register online, visit <https://app.pickleballden.com/external-tournament/8732201>.

Organizers are also seeking sponsors for the event. Gold level sponsors, \$500, will receive large banner advertising for one year at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center, an onsite advertising location during the event, public appreciation announcements during the tournament weekend, press exposure in news releases and social media posts, and five complimentary giveaways.

Silver level sponsors, \$250, will receive banner advertising at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center, public appreciation announcements during the tournament weekend, press exposure in news releases and social media posts, and two complimentary giveaways.

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# Worcester Animal Control advises public of new laws

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(Sept. 2, 2021) The Worcester County Animal Control Office is reminding residents that revised animal control laws took effect on Aug. 2.

“During (the recent) heatwave, my officers have been patrolling areas where we know there are a lot of tethered dogs,” said Chief Animal Control Officer Glen Grandstaff. “If they saw the dogs tethered, they stopped, got out and spoke to the owners.”

The officers are handing out copies of the new laws to residents they encounter and advise them that, in this extreme heat, tethered animals must have suitable shelter from the blistering sun or must be brought inside.

“We’d like to see all dogs be members of the family,” Grandstaff said. “There are certain situations where people will still tether, but in extreme cold or extreme heat, they’ll have to make arrangements better.”

Grandstaff pointed to one common risk where, even if a dog has access to a shaded area but is tethered, the rope or chain could get tangled on something and leave the dog with inadequate slack to reach the shade.

“That’s why we’re trying to educate the public on extreme weather conditions to bring animals in or have a fenced-in yard, or an (accessible) kennel with a top,” he said.



Glen Grandstaff

Grandstaff added that his office is not yet issuing citations for these infractions, as his officers have found that some residents didn’t know the laws have been changed.

“It’ll have to be an educational period for a while,” Grandstaff said. “We’re trying to protect the animal and educate the county at the same time.”

As of Monday, Grandstaff said his office has not had to remove any animals because of extreme heat. He pointed out that, if they did, it’d have to be under the state statute, not the county law.

“Animal control laws are continuously changing because the public is getting more demanding and educated,” Grandstaff said. “Maybe we’ll look at other changes down the road, but right now we’re happy with what the commissioners approved for us back in May.”

The comprehensive overhaul of animal control law also includes criteria for how long to hold strays, who may operate a kennel, the standards they must meet, vaccinations and mental state requirements for adoption, and specific definitions for animal control terminology for everything from “commercial kennel” to “dog.”

# OP Children’s Theater casts for Disney production in Jan.

(Sept. 2, 2021) The Ocean Pines Children’s Theater will be casting for its January, 2022 production of Disney’s “Frozen Jr.”

Auditions for children and teens between the ages of 12 and 18 will be held at the Ocean Pines Library on Sept. 13, from 5-6:30 p.m.

Those auditioning for singing roles will need to be prepared to perform 16 measures of a song from the show. Girls may choose either “Let it Go” or “Do You Want to Build a Snowman,” and boys can pick either “Love is an Open Door” or “Reindeer Are Better Than People.”

In addition, participants may be asked to do a “cold” reading from the script.

The Ocean Pines Children’s Theater requires that all who attend the audition, or those who participate in any subsequent activity related to the production, present proof of full vaccination against covid-19.

For more information, contact [opchildrenstheater@yahoo.com](mailto:opchildrenstheater@yahoo.com).

Disney’s “Frozen Jr.” is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

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# Phipps pens second murder mystery set in Ocean Pines

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Sept. 2, 2021) Ocean Pines author Dana Phipps is promoting her second novel. "Pursuit in Ocean Pines," which picks up where her earlier work, "Murder in Ocean Pines," left off.

Phipps, an educator for decades in the Baltimore region, published "Murder in Ocean Pines" in 2019 and for the latest installment revived a host of characters including, Amie, Patrick, Cici, Joe Crabbe and Hulk.

"The first book that was released about three years ago, and a year later, in August, the sequel came out but then the virus came," she said.

The onset of the coronavirus pandemic in 2020 stymied promotional efforts.

"I had to cancel book signings the summer of coronavirus," she said.

As health restrictions began to ease this year, Phipps revived the publicity campaign.

"I had my book signing [at] Bethany Beach [Books] on Aug. 1," she said.

The creative process was streamlined for the second volume.

"The other one took me three years to write," she said. "It was easier to write the second one because I had all the characters."

Phipps said the writing bug initially took hold while she was completing course work in elementary education.

"I majored in elementary education and one of our projects was to construct and write two children's-aged books," she said. "That's where I first got the interest to write, but then I was teaching."

Prior to the recent murder mysteries, Phipps had published two children's books, "Emily and Hurricane Isabelle," and "Emily and Her Pouting Puffer Fish."

"After I wrote the children's books, I wanted to write something for



Dana Phillips

adults," she said.

Phipps said she was inspired by her favorite authors, including Sue Grafton and John Grisham, along with Michael Connelly and James Patterson.

"I like the twist in their novels, the entertainment and the element of suspense," she said. "I thought it would be good to put in a new page-turner."

Phipps also drew inspiration from familiar surroundings.

"We have a place in Ocean Pines, and I love it there," she said. "I decided to make that the setting for a murder."

Localizing the action was the mark Phipps aimed for in her stories.

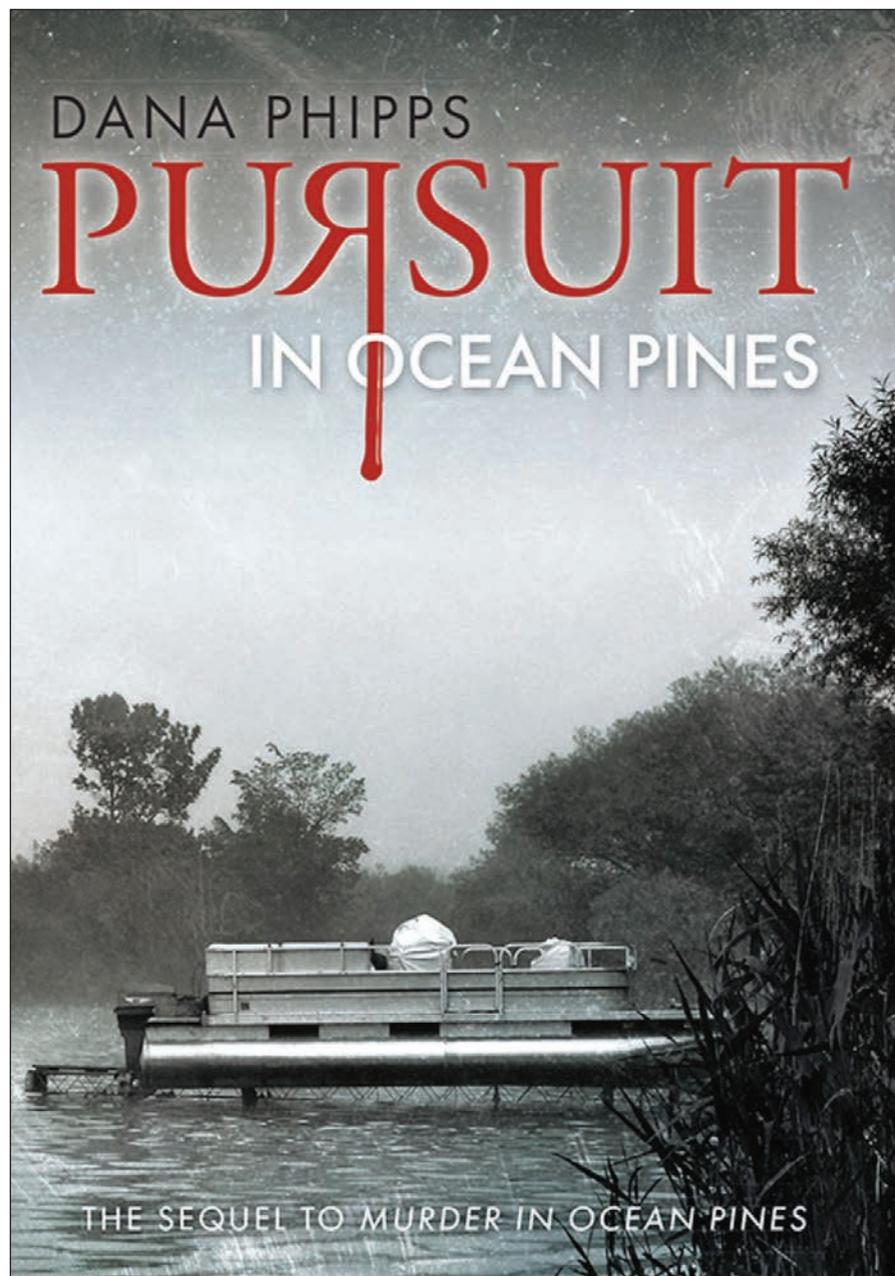
"I wanted the characters to give you the feel of the beach and the ocean," she said. "One of the characters is named Joe Crabbe to add some local Eastern Shore feel."

Phipps also recognizes that murder mysteries are not suitable for all audiences.

"There's some people who just don't want to read about murder, but there are a lot of people who do want to read something that's suspenseful and intriguing," she said.

Revealing bright spots in dark moments was also her intent.

"That's what I was aiming for ... life could be great even in the darkest of



circumstances," she said.

In addition to area bookstores, "Pursuit in Ocean Pines" is available to purchase online through major retailers such as Target, Walmart and Amazon.

"It's also in the library," she said.

Working her literary craft on familiar grounds proved engaging for Phipps.

"I felt like I was right there when I was writing. It was fun," she said. "I know the area pretty well and could feel myself walking through the woods or getting on the boat."

Readers have warmed to the local references.

"A lot of people have said to me, 'I like reading it because I knew that restaurant or I knew that place,'" she said.

While it took time for Phipps to publish the first pair of installments in novel series, she offered encouragement for other would-be writers.

"I would just say if anybody out there that wants to write to not give up," she said. "Make sure your content is credible, do your research and hire an editor."



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## RALPH EDGAR CHINN

Ocean Pines

Ralph Edgar Chinn, age 81, devoted husband for nearly 55 years of Wilma McClain Chinn, and a resident of Ocean Pines, Maryland, was called home to be with his Lord and Savior on Aug. 24, 2021, with his wife and youngest son at his bedside.

He departed this life with the same dignity and strength with which he lived.

Born on Oct. 30, 1939, in Washington, D.C., Ralph was the son of the late Edgar Chinn and Delores Johnson Chinn.

He was educated in the District of Columbia public school system.

Ralph completed the Vehicle Ambush Countermeasure Training Program at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. For 15 years he provided personal chauffeur services for three U.S. Department of the Interior secretaries and three under secretaries.

His last 10 years of service he served as property management chief where he was honored with the Meritorious Service Award, the second highest award in the department, for his sustained service to the department and his personal achievements.

After 30 years of service, in 1995 he retired and he and his wife moved to Ocean Pines, Maryland.

Since 1996 Ralph has been a very active and loyal member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City. He served as president of the Ocean Pines Club twice, and as lieutenant governor for the Capital District, for which he received the "Distinguished Lt. Governor" award.

In 1997 he received the "Volunteer of the Year" award. This year he received the Legion of Honor Award for 25 years as a Kiwanian. In 1999, Ralph became a licensed and very successful realtor.

Ralph was a Christian, a member of Berlin First Baptist Church where he faithfully attended Sunday services, Sunday school, weekly bible study and assisted in the food pantry.



Ralph Chinn

Throughout his life, he had a deep and abiding faith and trust in God and often told people that he had "never" had a bad

day in his life.

Ralph was a true leader and an honest, kind, compassionate, giving man who dearly loved his family and friends.

Many knew him as a great listener, counselor and true friend with a great sense of humor and a vibrant and caring, engaging personality that attracted a wide circle of friends and a smile that would light up a room.

He was a keen analyst of politics and loved to talk politics with anyone who wanted to discuss political topics.

Ralph was a "people" person who cherished the many close relationships he developed, and he was always genuinely interested in people's stories about who they were and what they were about. He was an engaging conversationalist who enjoyed the exchange of ideas and witty speech and was an unconventional thinker with

a sharp mind and an interesting world view.

Ralph leaves to mourn his passing his loving and devoted wife of 54 years and 11 months, Wilma; his children, Ralph E. Jr. (Nicey), Temple Hills, Maryland, Marlin E. (Tiffany) Canton, Georgia, Sharon Chinn, Heathsville, Virginia, Sheila Chinn, Bowie, Maryland, and Patricia Dixon (Tim Spear), Decatur, Georgia; sister, Raphael Jacobsen, Ellicott City, Maryland; three grandsons, three granddaughters, one grandson-in-law, four great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces, cousins and many friends.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters, Elaine James and Florence Davis; brother, Lee Chinn; and stepson, Kevin M. Lowe.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to: Berlin First Baptist Church, 613 Williams Street, Berlin, Maryland 21811; or to the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City, 239 Ocean Parkway, Berlin, Maryland 21811.

At Ralph's request there will be no service.

The family wants to sincerely thank Coastal Hospice and especially the caring, compassionate nurses who provided Ralph with such wonderful care. Condolences may be sent by visiting [www.bishophastingsfh.com](http://www.bishophastingsfh.com).

## Bertino to host town hall meeting Sept. 23 in Pines

(Sept. 2, 2021) Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino will host a town meeting on Thursday, Sept. 23, at 6 p.m. at the Ocean Pines library.

This will be Commissioner Bertino's first community meeting since before the pandemic.

"I'm pleased to restart these meetings," he said. "It will be nice to once again meet personally with residents."

Commissioner Bertino's guest speakers are Worcester County Health Officer Rebecca Jones and Superintendent of Worcester County Schools Lou Taylor.

"The two areas about which I received the most questions during the pandemic related to health issues and our schools. I'm glad Mrs. Jones and Superintendent Taylor will be joining me," Bertino said. "They were a big help to me as I worked with constituents who contacted me with questions related to covid testing sites, vaccination appointments and remote learning issues."

Commissioner Jim Bunting will join the meeting as well.

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# Opinion

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## Counting all ballots smart thing to do

The Ocean Pines Board of Directors has a choice, as ballot counting begins. It can direct election officials to record every vote cast, or order it to restrict the count to candidates the board has recognized as legitimate and wait to see if the Worcester County Circuit Court agrees.

That's about the sum of Judge Sidney Campen's decision Monday, when he refused to extend a stay on the election process requested by plaintiff Rick Farr, whose candidacy was declared void by the board of directors in July.

At issue, as most everyone knows by now, is whether Farr's membership in a real estate trust constitutes property ownership for election qualification purposes.

Campen told the parties in Farr v. the Ocean Pines Board of Directors he would decide that matter at a hearing later this month, but in the meantime the vote count could proceed.

He left it to the board to decide how that should be handled, but the choices it faces aren't that simple.

If the board sticks with its position that Farr is not a candidate, and doesn't record the votes cast for him, it still can't announce the winners with any certainty. The judge, after all, could decide in Farr's favor. If he does, votes for Farr would have to be added to the total, with the possibility of a different outcome hanging in the balance.

Another scenario is that the Elections Committee could count all the ballots, with Farr doing well enough to win a seat, but the judge decides against him. That's going to be awkward for anyone who trailed him but won by default. Further, although the board might be vindicated by the court, some animosity toward the directors by Farr supporters would be inevitable.

No matter what the board decides to do, it will be something of a gamble, so it might as well go all in and do a complete vote count. If it declares votes for Farr are provisional ballots, subject to the court's decision, so be it. But at least the public will know the full score, which is the most important aspect of any election.

Besides, Farr could lose the race anyway, making this case — aside from the need to resolve the conflict between the bylaws and declarations of restrictions — a moot point.



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Law enforcement not enemy of state

Law enforcement is not the enemy of the people. Yet more and more the service and sacrifice of law enforcement professionals is being undermined by a small but increasingly vocal contingent bent on devaluing their importance to our communities.

It's difficult enough for police officers to stay safe in an ever more violent environment. They should not be subjected to abusive torrents from the very people they are sworn to protect and serve, especially from those in elected office.

During the recent Maryland Association of Counties conference held in Ocean City, our colleague Commissioner Diana Purnell spoke at the Large County Coalition's annual breakfast.

During a conversation about police reform, Mrs. Purnell made statements, quoted in an article by "Maryland Matters," that we believe do not reflect the reality of law enforcement in Worcester County.

She disparaged the integrity and professionalism of the men and women who protect our Worcester

County communities as well as the many veterans who join the ranks of law enforcement.

Among her comments she said, "the thing that scares me the most about any police department are those policemen that come back from war zones and they are here to kill."

We do not agree. To suggest that combat veterans who serve in law enforcement are "killers" is an affront to every man and woman who has worn, and currently wears, a military uniform in service to our country.

Such incendiary comments debase dedicated professionals and diminish the sacrifices made by military personnel and their families.

It's discouraging when such comments are made by ordinary citizens.

When such comments are proffered by an elected official of this county, we are all diminished. There is no place in public discourse for assailing the reputations of the officers who day and night work to ensure the safety of each of us living in Berlin, Ocean City, Ocean Pines, Snow Hill, Pocomoke, Bishopville, Whaleville, Stockton, Girdletree and

everywhere else in our county.

They deserve respect not rancor.

Members of our own families have served in the military and are, or have been, law enforcement officers. We recognize and respect the solemn responsibilities and unrelenting risks inherent in wearing a uniform.

Officeholders - local, state and national - should communicate and act in ways that shape our society into stronger, more vibrant and more tolerant communities; establishing bonds of trust not sowing seeds of discontent.

That task is made more difficult when individuals in positions of power confuse abusive remarks for meaningful dialogue. Our communities improve when public discourse is constructive, especially among officeholders.

Mrs. Purnell is entitled to express her opinion, which she did.

Free speech is a fundamental liberty cherished by all Americans. But let's not forget that because of the service of the many men and women who have answered the call of duty to our communities and to our nation,

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# Joyce May discovers father's grave in Snow Hill cemetery

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(Sept. 2, 2021) After years of speculation, wondering and searching, 91-year-olds Donald and Joyce May know the identity of Joyce's biological father.

Earlier this year, the Lynchburg, Va., pair found out, with the help of their son, his name — Richard Alfred Clarke — and his final resting place — the Whatcoat United Methodist Cemetery in Snow Hill.

Clarke died of lung cancer in Norfolk in 1972.

The Mays, who have been married 70 years, are left now with theories about why Joyce's mother, who gave her up for adoption when she was 9, never told the truth about the father.

"(Joyce's) mother told her the guy died a long time ago. We think she just didn't want to tell the story about him," Donald said. "Keep it a secret, from embarrassment (of having a child out of wedlock). Right away, we found out through searches and we got in touch with a family in Norfolk, Virginia, that knew him and had a picture of him, which we got. We know where he's buried in Maryland and we have a picture of his gravesite."

The Mays said they have no plans to visit Snow Hill to see the gravesite.

Joyce's biological parents had a brief tryst in Detroit, where she was born and raised. What they know of Clarke is that he was from the Eastern Shore and worked in real estate. About three years after Joyce was born, he married another woman.

Joyce's mother carried on as a single mother for the first several years of Joyce's life but decided to give her up for adoption to give her a chance at a more stable life.

Donald and Joyce met in Detroit



PHOTO COURTESY DONALD MAY

Donald and Joyce May, seen here celebrating her 85th birthday, recently discovered that Joyce's biological father is buried in Snow Hill. The couple, both 91 years old and married for 70 years, said they're satisfied with knowing who the father she never knew was.

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our rights are protected.

It is our hope that upon reflection, Commissioner Purnell realizes that the effect of her comments makes it difficult to realize the great promise of our community.

Denigrating the motivations of those sworn to protect and serve weakens the bonds that make a community strong and resilient. Initiating a positive dialogue would have more productively advanced discussion on the concerns Mrs. Purnell believes need to be addressed.

Chip Bertino and Jim Bunting  
Worcester County Commissioners

and married in 1950. Around 1980, they moved to Lynchburg.

Joyce said that after the age of 16, no one really talked much about her biological father. The general thought is that, whoever he was, he was gone, possibly dead.

Donald said that they wanted to get a Bible verse added to the gravestone, Galatians 6:1, but the gravesite managers haven't been responsive. The verse would convey a feeling of forgiveness and salvaging something

worthwhile and dignifying out of a tumultuous life experience.

At the end of it, the Mays are just happy to know what Clarke looked like.

"Joyce is appreciative of what we found and it kind of proves that her father was not a deadbeat dad," Donald said. "We suspected he never knew she was born, that he got her mother pregnant. That's probably why her mother didn't say too much because she wanted to keep it a secret."

## OPEN HOUSES SEPTEMBER 2 - SEPTEMBER 9

DAY/TIME	ADDRESS	BR/BA	STYLE	PRICE	AGENCY/AGENT
Fri-Mon, 11am-4pm	Heron Harbour, 120th St., Bayside	1BR/2BR/3BR/4BR+	Condos, Towns & SF	-	Nanette Pavier/Holiday Real Estate
Friday 11-2pm	718 Mooring The Chateau, Unit 202B	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$279,900	Lauren A. Smith/Keller Williams



# Young takes reins as new county chief administrator

(Sept. 2, 2021) Weston Young stepped into his new role as Worcester County's chief administrative officer last week.



Weston Young

"There's no one more qualified to take on the day-to-day challenges that come with the position of chief administrative officer than Weston,"

Commissioner President Joe Mitrecic said. "From day one, the commissioners have been impressed by the quality of the leadership shown by this talented, young innovator. He brings a fresh set of eyes to the table and an innate ability to assess and reassess county business policies and practices to provide us with the professional advice and recommendations we need to make the best possible decisions for Worcester County."

Young, a professional engineer and local government administrator, joined Worcester County government as the assistant chief

administrative officer on April 30, 2020.

He played a key role in developing the county's operating budget and helping it navigate the covid-19 pandemic.

This included working closely with the commissioners and government departments and agencies to distribute state, local and federal grant funds to help support the four municipalities and Ocean Pines, numerous local businesses, nonprofit agencies, and fire and emergency medical services agencies affected by the pandemic.

Young brings nearly 14 years of local government experience to his new role.

The post administers the affairs of the county commissioners, including the operating budget, financial controls, personnel matters, reports and records. The chief administrative officer also acts as an official representative of the commissioners and the county with other governmental units, the general public, and the media.

Young was born and raised in Pocomoke. He and his wife, Anne, are parents of twins.

# Delmarva Blood Bank alerts public for supply shortages

(Sept. 2, 2021) Blood Bank of Delmarva recently announced a blood emergency, with a 3.7-day overall blood supply.

That includes just a 0.7-day supply for type O negative blood and 2.3 days for O positive blood. Ideally, the Blood Bank of Delmarva would have a seven-day supply of all blood types daily.

It is important for the Blood Bank of Delmarva to bolster reserves now because it is still scrambling to make up for the deficit caused by most college and high school blood drives being wiped out by the pandemic. That usually accounts for 25 percent of the blood collected daily.

"The current numbers are indicative of how tough it's been locally as well as nationally," said Patty Killeen, senior executive director of the Blood Bank of Delmarva. "Summer makes it even harder to collect blood as people are vacationing or traveling, so we are asking people to give blood now as the school year approaches."

The Blood Bank of Delmarva has implemented new strategies to recruit young donors, among other things. That includes the successful

Blood for a Brew Summer Tour drives, sponsored by TD Bank, and held in partnership with local breweries Two Stones Pub, Revelation, Big Oyster, Tall Tales, Camp Adventureland, Dogfish Head and Crooked Hammock.

Sarah Bridge was among those who rolled up her sleeve to give blood at Crooked Hammock in Middletown, Delaware.

"I donate blood because I love the impact that this small act can have on my community," Bridge said. "Blood donations save lives and I'm proud to donate in order to help someone else."

The temporary lease entered into with Tanger Outlets has been another way to increase the number young donors through the "meeting donors where they are" strategy, Director of Donor Recruitment Marie Forrestal said. This pop-up donor center began in May and will last through October.

In addition, the blood bank has encouraged young donors to give in stationary donor centers in Christiana, Delaware; Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania; Dover, Delaware; Dagsboro, Delaware. See EMERGENCY Page 31

## NOW PLAYING

### CAPTAIN'S TABLE

15th Street and Baltimore Avenue, Located in The Courtyard by Marriott  
410-289-7192/7191 / Captainstableoc.com  
Every Friday: Phil Perdue on Piano, 5-9 p.m.

### COCONUTS BEACH BAR & GRILL

In the Castle in the Sand Hotel  
37th Street Oceanfront, Ocean City  
410-289-6846 / www.castleinthesand.com  
Sept. 3: Darin Engh, noon to 4 p.m.; Time Police, 5-9 p.m.  
Sept. 4: The Everafter, noon to 4 p.m.; Zion Reggae, 5-9 p.m.  
Sept. 5: Rick & Regina, noon to 4 p.m.; Stratus Fear, 5-9 p.m.  
Sept. 6: Bob Wilkinson & Joe Smooth, noon to 4 p.m.; Monkee Paw, 5-9 p.m.  
Sept. 7: The Loomatix, 4-8 p.m.  
Sept. 8: Lime Green Band, 4-8 p.m.  
Sept. 9: Kevin Poole & Joe Mama, 4-8 p.m.

### COINS

28th Street and Coastal Highway, Ocean City  
410-289-3100 / www.coinspub.com  
Sept. 3: Full Circle Duo, 7:30-11:30 p.m.  
Sept. 4: Jim Long Live, 3-6 p.m.  
Sept. 5: DJ Wax, 10 a.m.  
Sept. 8: DJ Wax, 10 p.m.  
Sept. 9: High Five Swan Dive, 5-9 p.m.

### OCEAN CLUB

101st Street, Ocean City  
Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel  
410-524-3535 / www.clarionoc.com  
**Ocean Club**  
Sept. 3-6: First Class, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

### Lenny's Bar & Grille

Sept. 3-5: On The Edge, 5-10 p.m.; Stephen Anthony, noon to 4 p.m.  
Sept. 6: On The Edge, 5-10 p.m.

### OCEAN PINES YACHT CLUB

1 Mumfords Landing Road, Ocean Pines  
410-641-7501 / www.opyachtclub.org  
Sept. 3: Tranzfusion, 6-10 p.m.  
Sept. 4: Full Circle, 6-10 p.m.  
Sept. 5: Great Train Robbery, 6-10 p.m.

### RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT

300 Seabay Lane, Ocean City  
410-723-2222 / www.ResidenceInnOC.com  
Every Sunday: Karaoke, 5-8 p.m.  
Every Tuesday: Carlie & Harleigh Kids Corner, noon to 2 p.m.  
Every Wednesday: Trivial, 7-10 p.m.

### SEACRETS

49th Street and the bay, Ocean City  
410-524-4900 / www.secrets.com  
Sept. 3: Bobby-O on De Bay, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; Jah Works, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Kristen & the Noise, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Davie, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Bobby-O, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.  
Sept. 4: Bobby-O on De Bay, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; DJ Tuff, noon to 1:50 a.m.; Nowhere Slow, 1-5 p.m.; Jah Works, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; The Karl Malones, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; Gypsy Wisdom, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Bobby-O, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; Kono Nation, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.  
Sept. 5: Bobby-O on De Bay, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; DJ Tuff, noon to 8 p.m.; Jah Works, 1-5 p.m.; Triple Rail



### FIRST CLASS

**Ocean Club:**  
Fri-Mon,  
Sept. 3-6,  
8 p.m. to 1 a.m.



### KRISTEN & THE NOISE

**Seacrets:**  
Fri, Sept. 3,  
10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.

Turn, 5-9 p.m.; The Event Horizon, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; DJ Davie, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; Lost in Paris, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.  
Sept. 6: Bobby-O on De Bay, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.; Element K, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
Sept. 7: Element K, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

### THE VIEW AT THE CAMBRIA HOTEL

13 St. Louis Ave., Ocean City  
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Every Tuesday: Karaoke, 7-11 p.m.

### TSUNAMI PATIO BAR & GRILL

118th Street, in the Carousel, Oceanfront Hotel and Condos, Ocean City  
410-524-1000 / www.carouselhotel.com  
Every Friday: Troy Hanna, 4-8 p.m.  
Every Saturday: Monkey Paw, 4-8 p.m.  
Every Sunday: Jason Lee, 4-8 p.m.  
Every Tuesday: Frankie Moran, 4-8 p.m.  
Every Wednesday: Bill Dickson, 4-8 p.m.  
Every Thursday: Dave Sherman, 4-8 p.m.

# Emergency plasma stocks fall under four days' worth

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Delaware and in Salisbury.

Donors allow the blood bank to keep 19 hospitals in Delmarva stocked with the blood products they need to perform surgeries and treatments and to help patients in times of emergencies and traumas.

The blood bank relies on the kindness of donors to meet its mission as blood cannot be manufactured outside the human body. The problem is that while 38 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to give blood – already a fraction of the general population – just 3 percent of that subgroup actually roll up their sleeves to donate.

Donating blood is safe, and the blood bank has taken extra precautions to help prevent the person-to-person spread of covid-19. As always, people are not eligible to donate if they're experiencing a cold, sore throat, respiratory infection or flu-like symptoms.

Additional information on donor eligibility and covid-19 precautions is available at [www.delmarvablood.org](http://www.delmarvablood.org).

It usually only takes one hour to give whole blood. But, given the national hiring shortage that the blood bank is not immune to, staff ask for patience as wait times may be ex-

tended during the blood emergency.

Donors can schedule appointments by calling 1-888-8-BLOOD-8 or visiting [www.delmarvablood.org](http://www.delmarvablood.org).

Blood Bank of Delmarva is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) community blood bank with a simple mission: saving lives.

The Blood Bank of Delmarva achieves its mission every day by providing safe blood and blood products to all 19 hospitals in Delmarva and relies on over 80,000 volunteer blood donors each year to ensure patients' needs are met.

The Blood Bank of Delmarva distributes over 130,000 blood products annually and operates four donor centers.

Each year, the Blood Bank of Delmarva normally hosts over 600 blood drives. These blood drives would not be possible without the commitment of community organizations that volunteer to serve as sponsors or coordinators, which provides opportunities for blood donors to give blood and help patients in need.

Blood Bank of Delmarva is a New York Blood Center Enterprises affiliate and a member of AABB and ABC. For more information, visit [delmarvablood.org](http://delmarvablood.org) or follow us at [facebook.com/delmarvabloodbank](https://facebook.com/delmarvabloodbank).

# Calendar

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## Thurs., Sept. 2

### CPAP MASK FITTING

Atlantic General Hospital's Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin. Free clinic for those having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. Appointment only: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726.

### FREE PINOCHLE CLASSES

Ocean City 50plus Center, 104 41st St., Ocean City, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Lunch can be purchased with advance notice. Info: Pat and Ed Lockett, 410-289-4725.

### STORY TIME 'BACK TO SCHOOL'

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Stories, songs and rhymes. Take-home activity included. For 2-5 year old children. Register: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) under events. 410-632-2600

### MUSIC AND MOVEMENT: 'WALKING THROUGH THE JUNGLE'

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin, 10:30-11:30 a.m. A story about the animals found in the jungle and a small group game with a matching take home activity to do with the little ones. Ages 2-5 years. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

### MERRY MAKERS

Create pebble-art designs, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Ten kits available by calling 410-208-4014. Kits can be picked up at the Ocean Pines library. Register: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) under "events"

### POCOMOKE BOOK OF THE MONTH: 'THEY CALLED US ENEMY' BY GEORGE TAKEI

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, 2-3 p.m. Lively discussion facilitated by

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<b>THU, SEP 2</b>	<b>6-10PM</b>	<b>THE ROCKAHOLICS</b>
<b>FRI, SEP 3</b>	<b>6-10PM</b>	<b>TRANZFUSION</b>
<b>SAT, SEP 4</b>	<b>6-10PM</b>	<b>FULL CIRCLE</b>
<b>SUN, SEP 5</b>	<b>6-10PM</b>	<b>GREAT TRAIN ROBBERY</b>
<b>FRI, SEP 10</b>	<b>6-10PM</b>	<b>BOB LOUGHEED &amp; THE MEMPHIS MAFIA</b>
<b>SAT, SEP 11</b>	<b>6-10PM</b>	<b>OVER TIME</b>
<b>SUN, SEP 12</b>	<b>6-10PM</b>	<b>MARCELLA</b>
<b>FRI, SEP 17</b>	<b>6-10PM</b>	<b>SONS OF PIRATES</b>
<b>SAT, SEP 18</b>	<b>6-10PM</b>	<b>KITTYBACK</b>
<b>FRI, SEP 24</b>	<b>6-10PM</b>	<b>GREAT TRAIN ROBBERY</b>
<b>SAT, SEP 25</b>	<b>6-10PM</b>	<b>TRANZFUSION</b>
<b>SAT, OCT 2</b>	<b>6-10PM</b>	<b>ECLIPSE JOURNEY TRIBUTE</b>

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Cynthia Hanagud and Gail Samis of Salisbury University. Copies of the book can be found at the library. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

### SNOW HILL FARMER'S MARKET

*Thursdays through October* - Sturgis Park Pavilion on the Pocomoke River, noon to 5 p.m.

## Fri., Sept. 3

### YARD SALE AND BAKE SALE

Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, 8 a.m.-noon. Items include riding lawn mower, art work, home decor, housewares, furniture, etc. Proceeds benefit the church. No vendor spaces to the general public. [bethany21811@gmail.com](mailto:bethany21811@gmail.com), 410-641-2186

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 6:30-11 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. and bingo begins at 6:30 p.m. Masks are required while moving around inside. 410-524-7994

### 'MUCH ADO ABOUT SHAKESPEARE: STAGE TO PAGE' LIBRARY WORKSHOP

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin, 1-2 p.m. Audiences of all ages are invited to join Brown Box Theatre Project in an exploration of Shakespeare's words and worlds. Free event. Register: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org). 410-632-2600

### PINE'EER ARTISAN GIFT SHOP SIDEWALK SALE

Pine'eer Artisan Gift Shop, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 5-8 p.m. Offering top-quality, handmade items at bargain prices. Proceeds will be donated to the Ocean Pines Association and local community groups. <https://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/artisan-craft-shop>

### FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION FOR SEPTEMBER EXHIBITS

OC Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., Ocean City, 5-7 p.m. Openings also taking place at the Princess Royale Oceanfront and Coffee Beanery. Meet the artists and enjoy hors d'oeuvre and refreshments. <https://artleagueofoceancity.org>, 410-524-9433

### 10TH ANNUAL SUMMER SHAKESPEARE TOUR

Sturgis Park, 100 River St., Snow Hill, 7:30-11:59 p.m. Free, outdoor performance of the comedy "Much Ado About Nothing." No tickets required. Social distancing through lawn seating, blankets and lawn chairs are welcome. <http://www.brownboxtheatre.org>, 443-808-1215

## Sat., Sept. 4

### HONORARY PADDLE OUT

70th Street Beach, Ocean City, 8 a.m. Paddle out in honor of Lifeguards Nor-

man Inferra who lost his life while on duty in Cape May, NJ and for Keith Pinto the guard that was struck by lightning in South Seaside Park, NJ.

### JELLYFISH FESTIVAL

North Division Street Beach, Ocean City. Live music, cornhole tournament, DJ stage, vendors, artists, Surfing & Expression, Beach Fun Challenge, Kids Interactive Art & Music Zone and Fat Tire Beach Bike Zone. [www.jellyfishfestival.com](http://www.jellyfishfestival.com)

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### FIRST SATURDAY WRITERS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin, 10-11 a.m. Structure includes critiques and appreciation, market leads and writing exercises. Novice and established writers welcome. Register: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) under "Events." Drop-ins welcome. 410-632-2600

### CRAFTY SATURDAY - BACK TO SCHOOL CRAFTS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin, 10-11 a.m. Join the group for some hands-on crafts, perfect for back to school. While supplies last. Ages 3 years and older. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

### 7TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW

Veterans Memorial Park, Race Track Road, Ocean Pines, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Open to classic and antique cars and local Jeep and Corvette clubs. Food, vendors and a live radio remote. Pre-register online, \$15 or \$20 day of show beginning at 8:30 a.m. [www.OceanPinesChamber.org](http://www.OceanPinesChamber.org), 410-641-5306

### BBQ CHICKEN PLATTER

American Legion #123, 10111 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 11-11:59 a.m. Platters include a half BBQ chicken, two sides and a roll. Cost is \$10. The public is welcome. 410-641-3760

### SHORE CRAFT BEER FEST: BEER ON THE BEACH AT THE JELLYFISH FESTIVAL

North Division Street Beach, Ocean City, 12-4 p.m. Unlimited 4 oz. pours of 25+ beers. First 1,000 arrivals received souvenir glasses. Cost is \$65 for VIP, \$45 general admission and \$10 designated driver. [www.jellyfishfestival.com](http://www.jellyfishfestival.com), 410-703-1970

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### FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

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

## Sun., Sept. 5

### BERLIN FARMERS MARKET

Downtown Berlin, Pitts Street, Berlin, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays through September - Located in Downtown Berlin. This week the market will feature more than 30 farmers, bakers, distillers, food cultivator and more. 410-973-2051

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### SUNDAES IN THE PARK

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Enjoy free music. 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>

### OC DRONE SHOW

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 9-9:30 p.m. Come experience Ocean City's new drone show. <https://www.ococean.com/events/oc-drone-shows2021>

## Mon., Sept. 6

### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (T.O.P.S.) MEETING

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### DELMARVA WOMEN'S A CAPELLA CHORUS

*Mondays* - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 7:00-9:00 p.m. All ladies that love to sing invited. Contact Mary, 410-629-9383 or Carol

Ludwig, 302-242-7062.

## Tues., Sept. 7

### FAITH-BASED PARTNERSHIP VIDEO CHAT

A cooperative effort between local worship centers and AGH to increase health awareness and education, 10-11 a.m. Contact Gail Mansell at 410-641-9725 or [gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org) for more information.

### SANCTIONED BRIDGE GAMES TO START

Ocean Pines Community Center - Marlin Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 10 a.m. The first week is free, but \$7 thereafter. Masks are required. The group will try to get partners as needed. Charles Rouse, 410-600-0006, [coriski@aol.com](mailto:coriski@aol.com); or Linda Rau, [lindarau1@verizon.net](mailto:lindarau1@verizon.net)

### STORY TIME 'FUN AT THE OCEAN'

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Stories, songs and finger plays. Take-home activity included. For children ages 2-5 years. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

### MARYLAND BASIC BOATING SAFETY COURSE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin, 6-9 p.m. Held Sept. 7, 8 and 9. Cost is \$20 for all three evenings. Register: Barry Cohen, 410-935-4807 or [CGAUXOC@gmail.com](mailto:CGAUXOC@gmail.com).

### DELMARVA HAND DANCE

*Tuesdays* - Selbyville Elks Lodge 2173, 13324 Worcester Highway, Bishopville, 5:30-9:00 p.m. Show proof of vaccination or wear a mask. A picture on your phone of your vaccination card is acceptable. [delmarvahanddance@gmail.com](mailto:delmarvahanddance@gmail.com), <https://delmarvahanddancing.com>

## Wed., Sept. 8

### CRAFT TIME 'SAND ART'

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Featuring fun activities using sand art to create a masterpiece. For 2-5 year old children. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

### OCEAN CITY BOOK OF THE MONTH: 'PIONEERS' BY DAVID MCCULLOUGH

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 2-3 p.m. Join the group each month for a lively discussion facilitated by Cher Grazier. Copies of the book are available at the Ocean City branch. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

### HOW SOON IS NOW

Join Dustin Pari as he examines the concept of time, challenges our understanding of the passing days and questions the way we measure our lives, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Register: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) under "Events." 410-632-2600

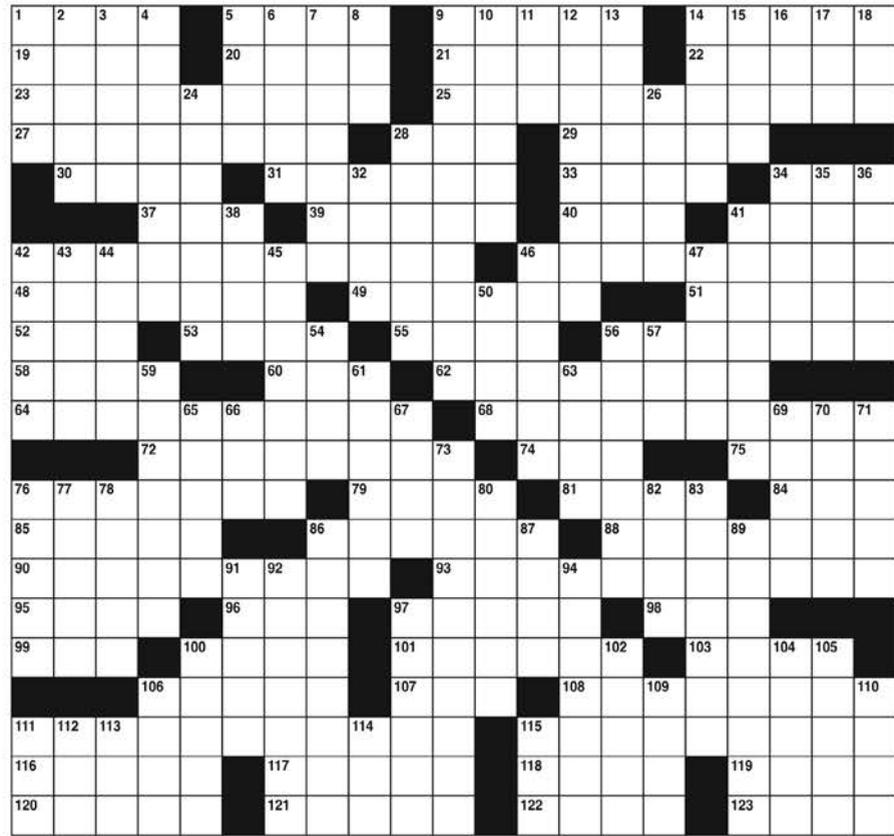
# Puzzles

## RESETTLING LETTERINGS BY STEPHEN MCCARTHY / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Stephen McCarthy, a native of Vancouver Island, British Columbia, is a Ph.D. student studying transportation modeling in Stockholm. He got his start in puzzles by solving cryptic crosswords in Toronto's Globe and Mail with his grandfather. Last year he began constructing American-style puzzles, incorporating some of the wordplay of cryptics in his themes and clues. This is a good example. Stephen's last Times crossword was "Maple Leaf," in June. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 What a drawbridge may bridge
  - 5 In that case
  - 9 Control-tower installation
  - 14 Pass
  - 19 "That one's \_\_\_\_" ("My bad")
  - 20 Amelia Bedelia, e.g.
  - 21 "Go me!"
  - 22 Member of a noble family
  - 23 2004 film about a group of MALIGNERS
  - 25 It might be put on for stage PAGEANTRIES
  - 27 Annual film festival where "Saw" and "Get Out" premiered
  - 28 "\_\_\_\_ La La" (1964 hit)
  - 29 Senator, e.g., for short
  - 30 Avoids a bogey, perhaps
  - 31 Being
  - 33 Be hopping mad
  - 34 Cool one
  - 37 W.W. II hero, informally
  - 39 Muletas are waved at them
  - 40 Canon camera
  - 41 Branch of Islam
  - 42 You might be MARVELING AT this as it whizzes by
  - 46 Sort of SCHEMATIC for Christian education
- 43 Like some casts
- 49 City nicknamed the Old Pueblo
- 51 French city near the Belgian border
- 52 Prefix with colonial
- 53 Tightfitting
- 55 Toni Morrison title heroine
- 56 Annual British acting award
- 58 Series of questions, maybe
- 60 Counterpart of elles
- 62 Opposite of never
- 64 Many relationships are INSTIGATED on one
- 68 Healthy eaters may give this A WIDE BERTH
- 72 Disrupt an online meeting, in a way
- 74 Mauna \_\_\_\_
- 75 Grp. that hasn't yet found what it's looking for
- 76 Wonder Woman and others
- 79 Valuable load for a mule
- 81 Influence
- 84 Pioneering gangsta rap group
- 85 Burdened
- 86 Just
- 88 Preferring one's own company, perhaps
- 90 They can be NOISELESS while stalking prey
- 93 Explorers of the UNTRAVESED
- 95 Burden
- 96 Old cable-TV inits.
- 97 Fill in
- 98 Word repeated in "I \_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_, it's off to work I go"
- 99 Lick, say
- 100 "\_\_\_\_ merci!" (French cry)
- 101 "On it, captain!"
- 103 "No need to make me a plate"
- 106 Five-letter word that replaces a four-letter word?
- 107 1980s gaming inits.
- 108 Not even
- 111 Writing done GRAPHICALLY
- 115 The Trojans lacked the FORESIGHT to turn this down
- 116 It's multilayered
- 117 You should always bring it to a competition
- 118 Children's author Blyton
- 119 Be taken aback
- 120 One way to cook a 116-Across
- 121 Unenthusiastic
- 122 They know the drill: Abbr.
- 123 Word after hard or before short
- 7 Feature of many British accents
- 8 Binges too much, for short
- 9 As if orchestrated
- 10 Indexed data structures
- 11 Directly
- 12 Fourth person to walk on the moon
- 13 Do a double take?
- 14 Boot
- 15 Almost
- 16 What makes Shrek shriek?
- 17 One side in a debate
- 18 It may be blown
- 24 They may be blown
- 26 House Republican V.I.P. Stefanik
- 28 Star in Canis Major
- 32 Just so
- 34 Hot-dog topper
- 35 Airline passenger request
- 36 Lion \_\_\_\_
- 38 "Dear \_\_\_\_ Hansen" (2017 Tony-winning musical)
- 41 Responds to br-r-r-risk weather?
- 42 Like zebras and lions
- 43 Voice with an Echo
- 44 Rub it in
- 45 "It is what it is" and others
- 46 Mike Krzyzewski, to Duke basketball fans
- 47 Rise
- 50 Hot-dog topper
- 54 A little too silky, maybe
- 56 Justin Trudeau, by birth

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- 57 Don't believe it!
- 59 Aftmost masts on ships
- 61 Gives fuel to
- 63 Gets a move on, quaintly
- 65 Who can hear you scream in space
- 66 Ending with poly-
- 67 Title meaning "commander"
- 69 "\_\_\_\_ Meenie" (2010 hit)
- 70 Battling
- 71 Rings up
- 73 Showing the effects of an all-nighter, say
- 76 Give one's blessing to
- 77 It has more coastline than California, surprisingly
- 78 Score after seven points, maybe
- 80 Certain radio format
- 82 Apropos of
- 83 "Like that'll ever happen!"
- 86 "Appetizers" or "Desserts," at a diner
- 87 International cosmetics company \_\_\_\_ Rocher
- 89 Content people?
- 91 Larsson who wrote "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo"
- 92 Pooh-pooh
- 94 Common April activity, nowadays
- 97 Vietnamese sandwich
- 100 Group trying to sack a QB
- 102 Make over, as a ship
- 104 A crowd, they say
- 105 It has 104-Down legs
- 106 Obscure, with "out"
- 109 They may be set by industry grps.
- 110 Girl in "The Old Curiosity Shop"
- 111 sin/tan
- 112 Major Japanese carrier
- 113 "Kill Bill" co-star
- 114 You can chew on it
- 115 Some appliances

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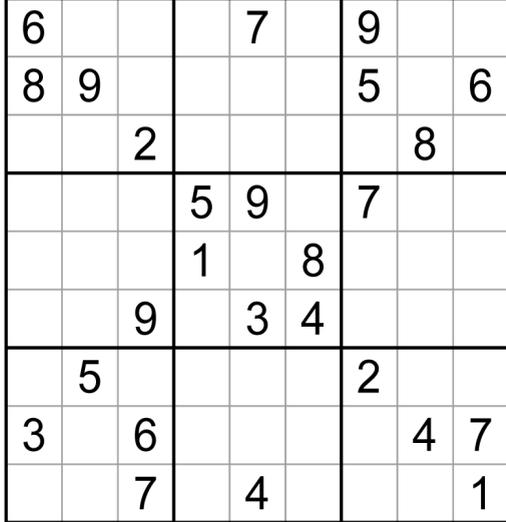
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**HARD - 79**

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

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



# Cuisine

## Pork dish best prepared over open flame

(Reprint from Sept. 7, 2017)

St. Augustine of Hippo wrote quite some time ago – paraphrased – that

people can't help "but to watch a man crushed under a cart's wheel, knowing the outcome, but not able to stare away nonetheless." I remember having a senior honors class on the dude at Loyola back in the 90s, and that



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was the one thing that I took away from all of those readings.

Nowadays we coin this human phenomenon "train wreck," something that kids first say when they open their mouth full of food to show off to their friends on the other side of the ubiquitous octagonal lunch table. It progresses from there to full-on train wrecks, whether they be the drama between friends and foes, reality TV or the silly things we see on local news.

The evening hours are creeping up on me, and I'm getting ready to watch "La Femme Nikita" – the original French version with subtitles, with the inimitable Anne Parillaud. I'm excited, as I haven't seen it in years and it puts Bridget Fonda's redo ["Point of No Return"] to shame. It is a movie that is brutally raw and exciting, invoking inner emotions of ire, vengeance and justice.

But no, I stumble across an American series-remake with a cast I am assuming are leftover members from "Dawson's Creek," "Baywatch" and "Beverly Hills, 90210;" and I can't stop watching it, it's so bad. It's sensationalistic drama at its finest, complete with Jim Carey-esque overacting and "NCIS" Mark Harmon melodrama that would make Mlle. Parillaud blush in shame and horror at having the franchise named after her famous film.

This is my train wreck and I cannot look away. It is now 2:30 in the morning and I must be up at 6 a.m., but darn these producers, the cast of pretty-people-playing-bad-guys has me enthralled for no other reason than I just want to find out "what happens next." They are



good at the hook, I'll give them that.

Luckily, I sit and ponder this travesty with a bottle of Montepulciano and a belly full of al pastor tacos that I had thrown on the rotisserie for dinner. There's no need to snack, as I'm feeling good and satiated from our last cookout of summer. Have no fear, though, I cookout all year long, but this is just technically the last hurrah before the kids and I are back in school. But back to the dish.

Al Pastor is a pork preparation that I get when I can from taquerias around the area, and the dish is so easy to make – and satisfying – that I can't help but smile as I run to the fridge to nosh a little more on the leftovers (I lied; I am going to snack my way through this).

Al pastor is a taco that is made from pork that is based loosely on a shawarma-type apparatus. The dish has some pineapple incorporated, but I honestly cannot tell you when that step in the process was introduced. All I can tell you is that fire-roasting this on a skewer over open hardwood charcoal, and then shaving the meat off, will take you right back to the street carts in Baja or on the mainland.

In the picture, you will probably notice that I used pork loin and I don't recommend this, but it's what I had in the

icebox at the time. Pork shoulder and Boston butt are the preferred cuts for this, but you will need to marinate them longer, as the enzymes in the pineapple and other ingredients will help to tenderize the meat over time.

I went uber-simple on the recipe, even throwing some of you a bone (those of you who often tell me that I overcomplicate things in this column). You can buy Sazon Goya spice packets that will have everything you need for the marinade. In the end, at least you know there won't be any drama in the making of your al pastor tacos – a meal that would make even St. Augustine proud.

### Cheater al Pastor

enough for about 20 tacos

2 pounds Pork butt  
2 packets Sazon Goya\*  
4 oz. Pineapple juice  
1/4 c. Olive oil  
Salt & Pepper, only if needed  
1 pineapple, skinned

1. Cut the pineapple into large chunks that won't fall apart when you skewer them

2. Combine everything but the pineapple in a bowl, tossing well

3. Marinate in the refrigerator

overnight or for at least four hours

4. This dish is best prepared over an open flame, and a lot of people have rotisseries on their grills, so that's what I would suggest. Otherwise, you can roast this and it will be good ... just not the same

5. Skewer the pineapple and the pork, alternating as you go

6. Fire-roast this bad boy until the pork is done and getting slightly charred. The smoky flavor with the char and the sweet from the pineapple will literally cause a flavor explosion as you eat

7. When you are ready to serve, use corn tortillas (I'm a stickler), avocado and/or guacamole, diced tomato, diced red onion, chilies if you prefer and some crème fraîche

Simply shave the pineapple and pork off the skewer in a slicing fashion to make small bits and make your tacos

And have a beer to celebrate the kids being back in school. Go ahead, you deserve it

\*get the Sazon with cumin and annatto

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