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## BAY DAY

Adults and kids line up at an activities table last Sunday in White Horse Park during the Maryland Coastal Bays Program's and Ocean Pines Association's Bay Day event. With a focus on protecting the inland bays environment, the event combined education with entertainment to deliver its message.

## Sports facility plan has town feeling left out

Planning com. wonders why Berlin not included in talks

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(May 19, 2022) The Berlin Planning Commission convened on May 11 with one item on their docket — a revised site plan review for the West View at Purnell Crossing planned community, which was approved.



Dave Engelhart

Then, roughly three-quarters of the nearly two-hour meeting focused on questions of how the recently approved, county-funded sports complex project will affect life in the small town.

Planning Director Dave Engelhart attended the meeting and at the conclusion of the commission's official business, started a discussion with its members and other local officials in attendance, including Worcester County Commissioners Jim Bunting and Chip Bertino — both of whom voted against the project — and Ocean City Councilman John Gehrig, a supporter of the project. Some Berlin and Ocean City residents par-

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## OPA Sec. Farr qualifies candidates

Replaces Wheatley, who steps down to seek regular seat on board of directors

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(May 19, 2022) The Ocean Pines Association shook up its ranks on Friday when Josette Wheatley resigned her position as board of directors secretary ahead of her bid to join the board.

“Although it's not a requirement that she resign, she resigned her secretary duties because of the potential for conflict in the candidate verification process, which is one of the secretary's responsibilities,” Association President Colette Horn said during a special meeting.

Board liaison Rick Farr assumed Wheatley's role after a unanimous vote by the board during the meeting. Farr himself will be replaced by



Rick Farr

Wheatley, who takes over his duties as liaison to the Architectural Review Committee, and Director Amy Peck, who assumes his role as Recreation and Parks liaison.

Farr wasted no time in his role as secretary, announcing on Monday the candidacy of six applicants for the 2022 Board of Directors.

The candidates are Paula Gray, Stephen Jacobs, Stuart Lakernick, Monica Rakowski, Peck and Wheatley.

Three director seats are up for grabs in this year's election, which are currently held by Larry Perrone, Peck and Wheatley.

Next in the candidacy process, on June 7, is a drawing to determine ballot order and seating during candidate forums.

The first candidate forum will occur on June 22 with the second following on June 25.

The cutoff to register to vote is July 6 and the ballot deadline is Aug. 10. Ballots will be counted with results announced on Aug. 11.

## Berlin's Spring Cruisers take to streets Saturday

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(May 19, 2022) Vintage wheels will be rolling down Berlin's Main Street once again this Saturday for the annual Berlin Spring Cruisers event.

For the second year in a row, the event will be at full force after

previous renditions of cruising events had to accommodate covid-19 restrictions.

Starting at 6 a.m., Main Street and adjacent streets, including Broad, Pitt and Commerce, will be shut down to accommodate the event, which runs from 10 a.m.

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Berlin's Spring Cruisers car rally returns Saturday. The annual rally will see a stretch of Main Street as well as Pitt, Broad and Commerce shut down starting at 6 a.m. until 2 p.m.

# Cruisers return to downtown for Berlin custom car event

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 until 2 p.m. Registration for prospective cruisers begins at 8 a.m.

The event includes a 50-50 raffle, live music from Ocean Pines outfit Still Rockin, and grab-and-go breakfast and lunch fare from nearby restaurants, including Sterling Tavern. Ocean 98's Big Al Reno will emcee the event.

"It is a free display of vintage automobiles," Berlin Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Larnet St. Amant said. "We close the streets, we charge \$10 per car and that includes the opportunity to be judged."

Awards will be handed out at 2 p.m. Participants receive a commemorative T-shirt.

"We welcome all cars," St. Amant said. "Everyone is invited and welcome. It's a fun day to walk around town and check out vintage cars in an

historic town."

St. Amant said the event typically draws around 200 participants but if everyone follows the proper registration protocol, it can accommodate up to 300 cars.

For non-cruising attendees, the event is free.

"It's family-oriented, it's in an historic town, it's the best of everything — food, entertainment, cars, shopping," St. Amant said. "Everyone's excited to have people here and we love to welcome the cars, cruisers, their families. (Over the years) the same people come, which we love. You start getting to know people. It's fun, and they start to reconnect with each other when they're here. It's like a little cruisers reunion."

For more information about Berlin Spring Cruisers, visit <https://berlinchamber.org>.

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Classic vehicles inch down the Boardwalk in a parade during the 2021 Cruisin' Ocean City. This year's event is set May 19-22 and will include similar Boardwalk parades.

# Excess of 3,000 participants signed up for yearly car rally

By Mallory Panuska  
Staff Writer

(May 19, 2022) The heavy vroom of classic car engines sporadically began permeating through the first drafts of real summer beach air earlier this week as the first Cruisin' Ocean City participants found their way into the resort.

And as the devastating nor'easter that stymied most Springfest events in early May gradually became a distant memory, Coastal Highway began its conversion into a display route to accommodate thousands of vintage vehicles and the people who own, drive and admire them.

"We have over 3,000 registered participants traveling more than 20 states, as far south as Florida, as far north as Maine and as far west as Arizona, Colorado and Texas," Cruisin' Organizer Jacklyn Lehr, from Special Event Pro, said in an email. "People travel from all over to attend this event. For many, they take off of work a year in advance to be in Ocean City Maryland for Cruisin'."

Special Event Pro has hosted a spring cruising event in Ocean City for more than three decades. Activities include shows and competitions for muscle cars, classic vehicles and hotrods, and more, as well as live music and other entertainment.

This year's event, set Thursday through Sunday, will feature shows at both the inlet and Ocean City convention center; dozens of vendors; live music on Thursday, Friday and Saturday; and opportunities to meet and hang with celebrities.

"There are a lot of things we are excited about for Cruisin 2022," Lehr said. "We are very excited to have JJ Walker ('Good Times') and Faye Hadley ('All Girls Garage') joining us. We will also have the 'Starsky and Hutch' show car on display inside the convention center on Thursday and Friday. Additionally there will be many fun evening events such as Legends in Concert May 19th & 20th at



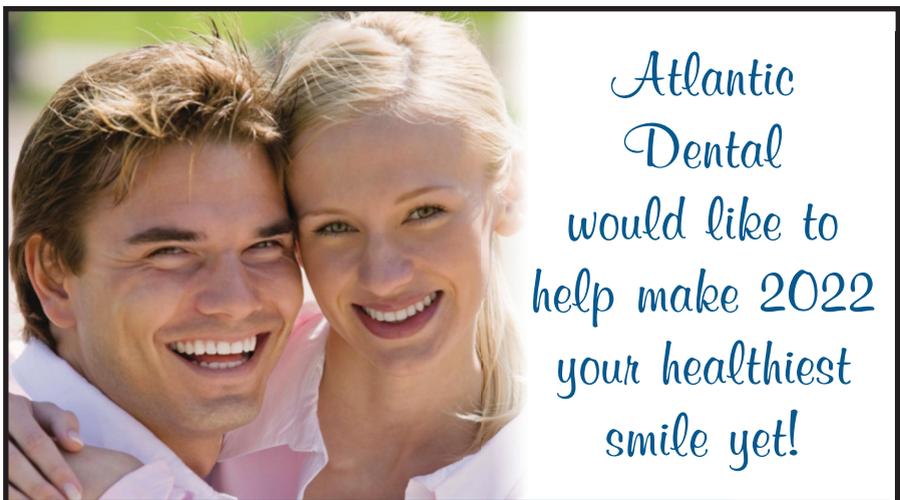
PHOTO COURTESY SPECIAL EVENT PRO  
Faye Hadley, a renowned auto technician, tv star and social media influencer, will be in town meeting fans during Cruisin' Ocean City.

the Performing Arts Center, the 7th Annual Pin Up Contest Friday at Cowboy Coast and the Neon & LED Car Show Saturday at Trimpers."

Members of the Ocean City Police Department will set up a special event zone to curtail wild driving and other illegal motorist activity during the events. The designation, which reduces speed limits and raises fines for violations, began Tuesday and runs through Sunday across the resort.

"During this time frame, citizens should expect to see a significant police presence as officers from multiple allied agencies will be assisting the Ocean City Police Department," a news release from the city said. "Officers from the Ocean City Police Department, Maryland State Police, and the Worcester County Sheriff's Office will strictly enforce all traffic laws. In addition, significant traffic congestion and alternate traffic patterns are anticipated throughout the week-

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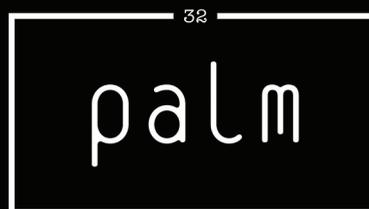
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# Cruisin' Ocean City Schedule

Cruisin' Ocean City activities are set May 19-22 in various spots across the resort. The schedule is as follows. For more information about Ocean City Cruisin' visit [specialeventpro.com/cruisin-ocean-city](http://specialeventpro.com/cruisin-ocean-city).

## Thursday, May 19

### Participants Sign-in

7:30 a.m.- 4 p.m., Ocean City convention center

### Boardwalk Parade

8 a.m., Boardwalk

### Car Shows & Vendors

9 a.m.- 5 p.m., inlet and Ocean City convention center parking lot

### Car Corral, Swap Meet & Vendors

9 a.m.- 5 p.m., Ocean City convention center indoors

### Artwork Contender Showcase

9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Ocean City convention center indoors

### Live Music

Noon - 3:30 p.m., Ocean City convention center

### Morning Car Shows Award Ceremony

1 p.m., inlet and Ocean City convention center parking lot

### Daily Awards Ceremony

4:30 p.m., inlet and Ocean City convention center parking lot

### R&M Car Show

5-7 p.m., Seacrets parking lot

### Legends in Concert\*

8 p.m., Ocean City performing arts center

### Drive-In Movie

9 p.m., inlet

## Friday, May 20

### Participants Sign-in

7:30 a.m.- 4 p.m., Ocean City convention center

### Boardwalk Parade

8 a.m., Boardwalk

### Car Shows & Vendors

9 a.m.- 5 p.m., inlet and Ocean City convention center parking lot

### Car Corral, Swap Meet & Vendors

9 a.m.- 5 p.m., Ocean City convention center indoors

### Artwork Contender Showcase

9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Ocean City convention center indoors

### Meet Jimmie JJ Walker

11 a.m.- 4 p.m., Ocean City convention center indoors

### Meet Faye Hadley

11a.m.- 4 p.m., Ocean City convention center indoors

### Live Music

Noon - 3:30 p.m., Ocean City convention center

### Morning Car Shows Award Ceremony

1 p.m., inlet and Ocean City convention center parking lot

### Daily Awards Ceremony

4:30 p.m., inlet and Ocean City convention center parking lot

### Pin Up Contest

8 p.m., Cowboy Coast

### Legends in Concert\*

8 p.m., Ocean City performing arts center

### Drive-In Movie

9 p.m., inlet

## Saturday, May 21

### Participants Sign-in

7:30 a.m.- 4 p.m., Ocean City convention center

### Boardwalk Parade

8 a.m., Boardwalk

### Car Shows & Vendors

9 a.m.- 5 p.m., inlet and Ocean City convention center parking lot

### Car Corral, Swap Meet & Vendors

9 a.m.- 5 p.m., Ocean City convention center indoors

### Artwork Contender Showcase

9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Ocean City convention center indoors

### Meet Jimmie JJ Walker

11 a.m.- 4 p.m., Ocean City convention center indoors

### Meet Faye Hadley

11a.m.- 4 p.m., Ocean City convention center indoors

### Live Music

Noon - 3:30 p.m., Ocean City convention center

### Morning Car Shows Award Ceremony

1 p.m., inlet and Ocean City convention center parking lot

### Pedal Car Show

4 p.m., inlet

### Daily Awards Ceremony

4:30 p.m., inlet and Ocean City convention center parking lot

### Neon & LED Light Car Show

9 p.m., South First Street

## Sunday, May 22

### Rodders for Christ Chapel Service

9:9:20 a.m., inlet

### Car Shows & Sponsor Showcase

9 a.m.- 3 p.m., inlet

### Meet Jimmie JJ Walker

11 a.m. - 1 p.m., inlet

### Charity Banner Auction

1 p.m., inlet

### Grand Finale Awards

2 p.m., inlet

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# Cruisin' Ocean City in 31st year, events all rain or shine

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This year will be the 31st for Cruisin' Ocean City. And minus a hiatus because of covid in 2020, the events have gone on annually as planned rain or shine.

"We've had our fair share of bad weather over the past 30 years," Lehr said. "All of our events are rain or shine and take place as best as they can in any weather, as long as it's safe. Additionally we have celebrities, entertainment, vendors and featured cars inside the convention center Thursday, Friday and Saturday."

And while rain and storm plans are in place, the forecast for this week and weekend indicates they will likely not be needed. According to The Weather Channel, as of earlier this week, temperatures are predicted in the 70s Thursday through Sunday, with skies primarily dry and sunny, and some isolated thunderstorms slated for Sunday.

If that weather pans out, it will be a welcome change for city officials, who have struggled with dicey conditions not only earlier this month with the nor'easter that canceled Springfest, but over the winter as well.

Most notably, organizers were forced, for the third year in a row, to cancel the city's annual St. Patrick's Day parade and festivities due to high winds and rain in March.

"I can assure you – our Town of Ocean City staff has been working hard to get ready for the season and we are excited for a

forecast that has sunny skies and warm temperatures," Ocean City Marketing and Communications Director Jessica Waters said in an email this week.

"It has been a long, cold and wet winter in the Mid-Atlantic so I think our visitors will be making their way to the beach for some vitamin-OC. We can't wait!"

Waters said that the St. Patrick's Day and Springfest cancelations did not put a damper on everything, as several indoor events like "Menopause the Musical" and various conventions and sports competitions still attracted large crowds.

She added that town officials are working on a "fun kick off" for the Friday before Memorial Day and look forward to summer events like the Jellyfish Festival and Professional Bull Riding rodeo set for early June, as well as the air show later in June, more shows at the convention center, and free family events all summer long.



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Visitors and participants for this weekend's Cruisin' Ocean City will have the opportunity to meet comedian Jimmie JJ Walker, who rose to fame in the television show, "Good Times."



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# OP Bylaws Committee identifies resolutions

**By Jack Chavez**  
Staff Writer

(May 19, 2022) The Ocean Pines Bylaws Committee looked at several Ocean Pines Association resolutions in need of possible review during its meeting on Friday.

Before stepping out of the meeting for a family emergency, committee chair Jim Trummel pointed out concerns he had with resolution M-01, the resolution governing policy and compliance procedures for declarations of restrictions and arc guideline violations, particularly the timeliness

of working through a violation. He called the resolution the “top priority” for review.

“The concern I have is that there are two problems, or at least one basic problem, with the (resolution),” Trummel stated.

“It (used to have) multiple steps in it that seem to take an awfully long time to get anything done. It would go through two or three steps before anything even got done and got to the attorney, and the attorney was understood to send out a letter to the violator to the effect ‘if you don’t fix it now

we’re going to take action.’ ... I don’t think it’s an exaggeration to say that from the time the violation was documented and sent out to the violating property owner, if it did not get resolved then it got to the attorney and ... it could take 90 days or more,” he added.

While the current resolution has cut down on some of the red tape, Trummel said that an outlying issue is that there is now “court action” for Ocean Pines to enforce violations.

“My concern is that was one of the selling points (for the resolution). Although there is the authority for the general manager to not automatically forward to the attorney for court action — you can go to the board first ... I think it’s important that we clarify just how this resolution is intended to work.”

“It’s well overdue for review, I believe.”

After the meeting, Trummel broke down the other resolutions the committee is considering.

Resolutions B-03 and B-04 cover meetings of association members and the development of Board agendas, respectively. Trummel said that he’s noticed that agendas for the annual association members meetings and board of directors meetings don’t match what’s outlined in the resolution.

Resolution M-06 covers procedures for the election of members to the board of directors and voting on referendums.

“There are (a couple) things in there that need to be looked at,” Trummel said.

He continued that there is no requirement in either Maryland’s state corporate code article or home association article for a corporate or homeowners election to be conducted anonymously. Nor is there anything in Ocean Pines’ documents that require it as such.

“The process that’s been in our resolution is what amounts to a double envelope process which identifies what lot it’s coming from. That’s in effect been an anonymous balloting

process,” he said.

The concern with the resolution is that the Elections Committee has said it deals with a time crunch in adding candidates.

“It does not say how long you’ll be able to apply as an additional candidate if the circumstances have made available,” Trummel said. “The date of the resolution is the third Friday in June. The Elections Committee is concerned that that late of a date makes it hard for them to get everything done and get materials out to the membership for the voting itself.”

He added that duplicate ballots and their identification need to be rewritten in the resolution. The Bylaws Committee will give Elections its feedback and recommend that the issues be addressed after the upcoming elections.

B-01, which Trummel described as the “mother of all resolutions” is a declaration of procedures for adoption and classification of board resolutions to establish and maintain the entire book of resolutions. This resolution, he said, is the one that is most in the purview of the Bylaws Committee.

“It’s our responsibility to come to the board with a specific amendment proposal (for this resolution),” he said. “One thing I was going to identify is that there’s something of a vagueness we may need to consider in recommending legal review.”

Other resolutions under the committee’s microscope include F-04, the delinquent assessment resolution and M-08, the association manuals resolution.

“When we look for council review (for a violation), it may need to be tightened up somewhat when it can be expected, what signatures are required,” Trummel said of F-04.

M-08 was a “good idea at the time,” Trummel said. The resolution identifies what a manual is, but in its 12 years of existence, has never been updated.

“It gives a review requirement and core review dates conducted and so on,” he said. “It’s never been followed up on. What it literally requires is a resolution due date, every two years, go in and see whether it’s being followed. There’s no real function in the association to do that sort of thing.”

The lengthy laundry list of resolutions to review is due in part to the fact that the committee was shelved for 13 months due to the covid-19 pandemic.

“We’re way behind (because of the pandemic) and secondly there is nothing before the committee for us to work on except to make sure we’re in order on resolutions,” Trummel said. “This is a dry spell where we don’t have something coming to us (or) a mandate from the board that says what we need to be working on. That’s why we are where we are.”

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# New kayak launches planned in OP

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(May 19, 2022) The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Committee is awaiting word to see if an old kayak launch recently discovered on the Route 90 walking trail can be brought back to life.

Sharon Santacroce, Environmental Committee chair, stopped by the May 9 Recreation and Parks for an update on what her committee is working on. While working on the pond and trail that shoots off the Route 90 trail behind the Ocean Pines Branch of the Worcester County Library, they discovered the "grown-over" kayak launch, recalled Recreation and Parks Chair Patti Stevens.

"There's a kayak launch on that little hidden pond down there that they hope, in the summertime, once maintenance gets caught up, can see about clearing it and see if it's still useable," she said.

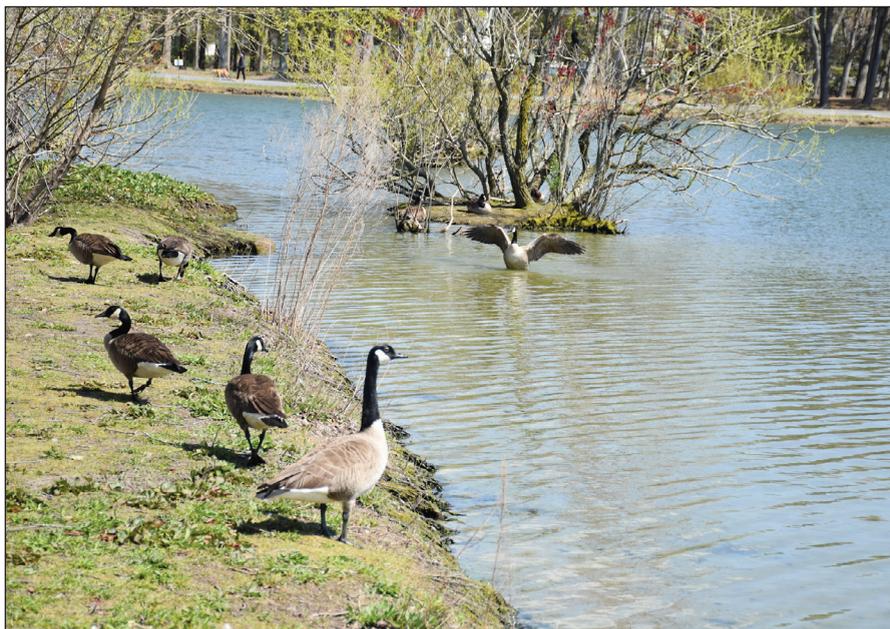
Santacroce also said that water quality tests on the South Gate pond have indicated that there has not been a significant deterioration due to goose droppings, but signs nonetheless will be posted around the area to discourage people from feeding the geese, Stevens said.

As for Recreation and Parks itself, Stevens said that the kayak rack project, which will install kayak racks on the exterior fence of the Ocean Pines Swim and Racquet Club, is moving along.

"Once they're mounted, there will be an announcement to those who have indicated interest on the waiting list and others," Stevens said. "It will then push out to the community for seasonal rental. We expect it to be 18 spots."

Plans have also been received from Showell-based Vista Engineering for a floating kayak launch to be installed at Pintail Park, which is expected to be completed in 2023.

"The committee had some questions about the steepness of the ramp during low tide when the water is low," Stevens said. "We wanted to make sure that the ramp and kayak



FILE PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE  
Among the updates given by Environmental Committee Chair Sharon Santacroce to Recreation and Parks was that a study found goose droppings aren't badly affecting South Gate Pond.

launch would be ADA accessible."

There are several upcoming events sponsored by the committee.

The is a community bike ride on Saturday at 4 p.m. for riders ages 12 and up or children who have experience riding with their parents. Riders must wear helmets. The 12-mile ride starts and ends at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center. The ride is part of a celebration of National Bike Month.

There is a sunset paddle planned for May 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Participants bring their own kayak or paddleboard and must bring a life jacket. The cost is \$10 per paddler.

There are two community walks scheduled for June 4 on National Trails Day, hosted by residents Kathryn and Ralph Ferris. The walk begins on the Robin Hood Trail at 9:30 a.m. Resident Bill Barnard will host the other walk, on the trail behind the library parking lot, at 1 p.m.

Participants can register by calling the Ocean Pines Recreation Department at 410-641-7052.

# Craft club will be honored in May in library showcase

(May 19, 2022) The Pine'er Craft Club will be highlighted for the month of May at the Ocean Pines Library.

Handcrafted items from the Artisan Gift Shop will be on display in the showcase in the foyer of the library.

Crafters from the club display their items for sale at the shop and profits from the sales are donated back to the community at the end of the year.

Since the club started in 1974, the club has donated over \$175,000 back to the community.

The display features a selection of handcrafted items in many medias by crafters.

More selection of items is available at the Artisan Gift Shop, located in White Horse Park in Ocean Pines, next to the Farmer's Market. The shop is open weekends, Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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# Snapshots



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## GUEST SPEAKER

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City welcomed member Dick Clagett as guest speaker on Feb. 16. He shared his ancestors' history, provided a video and spoke about his many adventures on the Chesapeake Bay.



## BOOK CLUB

The Republican Women of Worcester County's Red Shoe Book Club recently met and discussed "To Rescue the Republic: Ulysses S. Grant, The Fragile Union, and the Crisis of 1876," written by Bret Baier. The group meets quarterly to discuss timely books that focus on various topics of social, political and historic interest to its members. Pictured, in front, are Raye Simpson, Marge Matturro and Gloria Moyer; and in back, Pat Prince, Carol Frazier, Susan Ostrowski, Nina Willett, Linda Siriani, Kathleen Tallmen and Liz Mumford.

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## RECOGNITION

The Republican Women of Worcester County earned the National Federation of Republican Women's highest recognition, the Diamond Award, for the many activities and volunteer hours the members completed in 2020-2021. Additionally, RWWC earned the highest Maryland Federation Award, the Maryland Shield, as well as individual recognition for special events, the newsletter, website, campaign activities, candidate support and more. Pictured is Awards Committee Chair Raye Simpson.



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## GRADUATES

Worcester County law enforcement officers who graduated in the 87th entrance-level law enforcement class of the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy operated by Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury, in front, from left are Connor Bauer and Rachael Northam of the Pocomoke City Police Department; and in back, Nolan Kilchenstein, Kevin Murillo, Ryan Osowiecki, Matthew Porada and Thomas Stoltzfus of the Ocean City Police Department.



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## SUPPORTING HUMANE SOCIETY

Once again the Ocean City Jeep Club came through big for Worcester County Humane Society. On Feb. 19, the group hosted its annual food/supply drive for the shelter with 54 Jeeps participating. They brought to the Berlin shelter a large amount of supplies such as dog/cat food, treats, toys, office supplies, bleach, paper towels, Clorox wipes and other cleaning supplies as well as many other items, in addition to over \$1,000 in cash and gift card donations.

# Planning Com. asks: why were we left out?

Continued from Page 1

ticipated in the discussion as well.

“I’ve been beating the drum pretty loudly on what I think the impacts are on the town and how we need to be included in the ultimate site selection. If this is it, on the Harrison property off Seahawk Road, then we’ll have to make the best of it. But maybe it’s not,” Engelhart said at the meeting.

Engelhart continued that he has yet to see a design or concrete concept and the traffic impacts will be severe, especially along Flower Street, a road that, thanks to the advent of GPS maps, many beachgoers already use to avoid area traffic congestion.

The lift station that serves the area’s water and sewage handling, too, would likely need updating down the road too, especially if something like a “large arena,” which has been bandied about, comes to fruition.

“When you think about traffic and this being a destination, it affects our way of life in Berlin and that’s what

I’ve heard from a lot of the public over the last few weeks,” Engelhart said.

Bunting spoke up to address concerns about how the property’s value dropped approximately \$500,000 before purchase — saying it was due to a corrected appraisal error. He also addressed questions about ingress and egress, saying he believes the only access to the facility currently would be via Flower Street.

Bunting shed some light on the selection process that whittled down to the 95.6-acre property adjacent to Stephen Decatur High School.

“We got an original list that probably had, it was down to like 25 sites over the whole county,” Bunting said. “And every one of them was rejected without us really having the opportunity to question (it). Then it was down to three different sites, and the owner of one site would not respond to us when we asked for an appraisal from them. Then there was another site sold by the owner before we had the opportunity to buy it. Then this one ended up being the last site.”

Just like during the town hall at Decatur last month, there were voices on each side and in the middle. Absent commission member Matt Stoehr wrote in to express his support for affording local youth an opportunity to play competitive sports locally but does not think the town’s modest hotel room count will equate to substantial room tax revenue for the town or that the “uptick” in business to local restaurants offsets infrastructure and town resource expenses to accommodate the sports complex.

“I don’t think the answer is a yes or a no,” Stoehr wrote. “I think we look at this and see if there’s a way to mold this project into a home run for the future of Berlin and all of its residents. This is a major project. Let’s not be so quick to dismiss it.”

Gehrig spoke of a desire to work in cooperation with Berlin and Worcester County and repeatedly emphasized that he did not see the issue in terms of Ocean City versus anyone else in the county.

“The water and sewer, some of the

infrastructure concerns, these are the things that can be discussed mutually. I know there was a concern about why (you) don’t know anything. I understand completely ... that there are a lot of unanswered questions but there are 180 days to get all these questions answered,” Gehrig said.

“And there’s an eject button. It can be pushed at any time and this whole thing goes away ... I think there’s a real opportunity to partner over the cost, Worcester County and Berlin and let’s work through all of the issues.”

After Gehrig spoke, Bertino wanted to make clear to all that no partnership has formed between the county or any other municipality or entity — that the questions or concerns are all valid but currently the sports complex is exclusively in the purview of the county.

There was a time for such discussions of cooperation, Bertino said, and it should have been much earlier in the process.

“This is in your backyard, in Berlin. And you were blindsided by this particular parcel. That’s the reality. I wish it could be otherwise,” Bertino said.

“To this body and anyone else who’s listening, please understand and please note that the reality in which we live right now: only the county has standing with this project. Unfortunately, not ... the Town of Berlin and, in reality, not Ocean City, because we don’t have any sort of relationship in accordance with this project ... There has been nothing other than media speculation, comments in the media, comments on the radio, comments at different council meetings. There have been absolutely no discussions.”

In stark contrast to Gehrig’s overtures that there is an opportunity for the county and its municipalities to work together, commission member Ron Cascio struck an adversarial tone.

“Let’s start with who’s coming at us,” Cascio said. “This concept is a way to fill more Ocean City hotels and restaurants with paying customers that started with their business com-

munity and worked its way into town politics. Actually, it started 20 years ago when the driver then was golf packages. We were told we would all be rich if we made Worcester County into a golf destination like Myrtle Beach. Twenty years later how’s that working out?”

Cascio went on to claim that if Ocean City had 100 acres available for such a project, “it would be going there right where it belongs — right where they’d really like to have it.” But businesses on the island in the time since have already “gobbled up and monetized every square inch of their own little town.”

“So now they’re coming here to gobble up some of ours.”

The sports complex site, while close, is not in the Berlin city limits.

Cascio described the approved project as having been “foisted upon” the town of Berlin by these actors and claimed they expect Berlin to “acquire our sovereignty” to make it happen.

“Apparently, unbeknownst to them, the good people of Berlin don’t take kindly to intruders coming here and telling us what we need to suffer in order for them to make a buck,” he said.

The Berlin Planning Commission next meets on June 8.

## Community bike ride Friday starts at Heron Park

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(May 19, 2022) The Worcester County Pedestrian Bike Coalition and Tommy’s Bicycle Works are teaming up to put on the Berlin Community Bike Ride at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

The bike ride starts at Heron Park and features a five-mile route through downtown Berlin.

Tommy’s Bicycle Works owner Tom Simon says the bike ride is for new and experienced riders alike and will showcase the town on a leisurely ride.

“From my understanding of it, we’re going to meet up and we have a route plan all throughout Berlin,” Simon said. “The point is to showcase or highlight the new rails-to-trails route that we’ll hopefully be getting in Berlin soon. Also (it’s good to) just to get out and ride our bikes because riding bikes is awesome.”

Simon says he’d love to see a pack of up to 50 big riders, but “even if it’s just 15 of us we’ll have a good time.”

“This is a really easy ride,” he said. “It’s not a race or anything like that, more of a fun ride. It’s fantastic exercise, very low impact and very fun. In my opinion, riding a bike is way more fun than, say, running. Jogging is terrible.”

“Biking with a whole group of people is an experience in itself. It’s a good activity for someone to step out of their comfort zone with.”

There’s no event registration for the bike ride, riders can simply show up to Heron Park.



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# Pickleball surface work done at racquet ctr.

**By Jack Chavez**  
Staff Writer

(May 19, 2021) The Ocean Pines Racquet Sports Committee met on May 12 and discussed the status of various projects and upcoming sponsored events.

“The committee is working on a ‘punch list’ of items (right now),” committee liaison Amy Peck said. “The big news is the pickleball surface work has been completed. That’s going on very well and they’re going to be working on repairs to the cracks of the courts (next), which should be commencing soon.”

New tables and chairs are in at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center and portable pickleball nets have been delivered.



Amy Peck

Business has been booming at the center, Peck said, and it led the committee to decide to increase parking via diagonal parking spots.

“It’s getting really busy over there,” Peck said. “Membership numbers are up, drop-in numbers are up.”

The committee is also putting the

fate of future projects in the hands of the Ocean Pines Association membership. A committee is being formed to develop questions that will give members a chance to weigh in on the future of the racquet center, what amenities and programs they like and what they think is needed.

On Saturday there will be a round-robin tennis tournament and potluck lunch from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Friday Family Fun Night for spec tennis is tomorrow. Families can rent a court for \$12, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. There will be instructors on hand to introduce new participants to the sport.

“Spec tennis is taking off,” Peck said. “It’s going to be the next pickleball. We are the only place on the east coast that offers spec tennis.”

A “tri-tennis-athon,” which includes 30-minute sets of timeless tennis, spec tennis and platform tennis, is scheduled for June 4 at 9:30 a.m.

The annual Ocean Pines Summer Classic pickleball tournament is scheduled for June 11-12.

For more information about racquet sports events, visit <https://www.facebook.com/OceanPinesRacquetSports>.

# Ocean Pines community bike ride Saturday

(May 19, 2022) Following the success of its first ride in 2021, the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee, in partnership with the Worcester County Bike and Pedestrian Coalition, will hold a free community bike ride on

Saturday, May 21 beginning at 4 p.m. The 12-mile ride will start and finish at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center on 11443 Manklin Creek Road. Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department and Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines/Ocean City

volunteers will direct riders across main intersections along the route.

Participants must be experienced riders ages 12 and up. Helmets are required.

“Last year’s ride was a tremendous

success, with dozens of riders participating,” said Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue. “We’re excited for the opportunity to share the benefits of bicycling with another group of people.”

Through a sponsorship from Amerigroup and Back Street Bikes, participants will receive a bike safety bell and reflective stickers. They will also receive discount stickers from The Snowball Stand.

Advance registration can be made by contacting the Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052 or [rec@oceanpines.org](mailto:rec@oceanpines.org).

The event is a part of National Bike Month, which is promoted by the League of American Bicyclists to showcase the many benefits of bicycling and encourage more people to give biking a try.

For more information about these events or to volunteer, contact [wcbikepedsafety@gmail.com](mailto:wcbikepedsafety@gmail.com).

With increased biking and walking activity as the weather warms up, motorists are asked to be especially vigilant.

“The Worcester County Bike and Pedestrian Coalition reminds drivers to watch for bikes and walkers this spring and encourages everyone to share the road safely,” said Patti Stevens, coalition co-chair.



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# OPA holding town hall over disc golf course, Monday

(May 19, 2022) The Ocean Pines Association will have a town hall session to discuss the new disc golf course at Bainbridge Park on Monday, May 23 at 6 p.m.

The meeting will be held as a hybrid of in-person and virtual, with seating available in the Clubhouse Meeting Room on 100 Clubhouse Drive.

To join remotely, use the Microsoft Teams link: [https://teams.microsoft.com/join/19%3ameeting\\_ZGMOZGEyMzQtNGMxNSooOTg3LTg5NTMtNzZmNmQxN2Q4NWNh%40thread.v2/o?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22625a6322-2b2f-40fa-94f8-d7dd44d78153%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%221bbee60b-d4e0-49eb-b4c6-d257cae7f063%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/join/19%3ameeting_ZGMOZGEyMzQtNGMxNSooOTg3LTg5NTMtNzZmNmQxN2Q4NWNh%40thread.v2/o?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22625a6322-2b2f-40fa-94f8-d7dd44d78153%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%221bbee60b-d4e0-49eb-b4c6-d257cae7f063%22%7d).

General Manager John Viola said East Bound Disk Golf installed the course on a trial basis, with no up-front cost to the Association. Viola and a representative from the com-

pany will speak at the town hall.

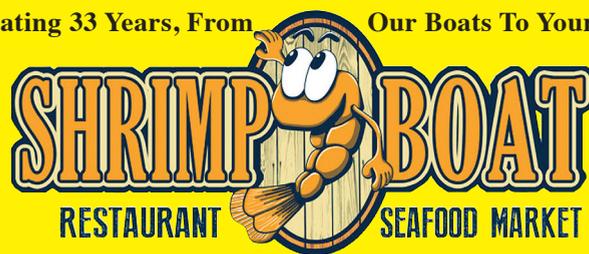
"We received some resident concerns about the course, so we will discuss the matter with any interested parties during an open meeting," Viola said. "Our intention was to provide another free amenity at the park. We hope that anyone interested in this subject engages in this open discussion."

Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue will also speak at the town hall.

"As the director of Recreation and Parks, I always have the best intention when it comes to implementing new programs for the community," she said. "East Bound Disk Golf also has the same good intentions to help bring a new, exciting, fun sport for families and people of all ages to enjoy together."

For more information, contact Ocean Pines Association Director of Public Relations and Marketing Josh Davis at 443-366-1844 or [jdavis@oceanpines.org](mailto:jdavis@oceanpines.org).

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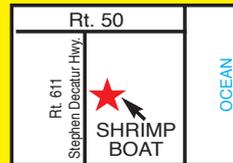
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# Bus contractors' board of ed workaround fails with county

By Mallory Panuska  
Staff Writer

(May 19, 2022) Worcester County taxpayers will not be footing extra money for school bus contractor salaries and mileage costs after a request to help boost their pay checks narrowly died at the hands of four commissioners.

The county commissioners huddled for several hours on May 10 to tackle a more than \$11 million fiscal 2023 budget shortfall. And among the discussions that included significant cutting and money moving, Commissioner Ted Elder moved to dip into the general fund for about \$135,000 to give school bus drivers a bigger raise than board of education members agreed to provide.

"I think this will keep them all on line and keep them happy for another year," Elder, a former bus driver, said of the request to raise the current



Ted Elder

drivers' hourly pay from \$25 to \$26 and mileage allotments from \$1.62 to \$1.65.

And while commissioners Josh Nordstrom and Diana Purnell jumped on board with Elder's request, Commissioners President Joe Mitrecic and Commissioners Jim Bunting, Chip Bertino and Bud Church voted in opposition.

Members of the Worcester County Bus Contractors Association have been vocal about their dire need for a pay raise with costs for fuel and maintenance sailing through the roof as of late. Representatives pleaded with members of the board of education to raise their hourly pay by \$1.29 more than the raise they were already getting for a total \$26.29. Board members refused, so association members solicited the county.

And while the commissioners were sympathetic, as the bus contractors are required to not only fuel their buses but also pay for maintenance and ownership costs, they could not justify overstepping the board of education and digging into taxpayers' pockets when the county is already struggling with finances.

"If we start jumping in and doing the negotiating for the school system, I think we're creating a bad situa-



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The Worcester County Commissioners narrowly denied a request last week to use money from the general fund to help struggling school bus drivers with wages and mileage.

tion," Bunting said.

Mitrecic said he is also concerned about fairness, as he fears cafeteria workers, janitors and other employees could come to them with complaints of pay discrepancy.

"I think we let the board of education deal with their employees and if they start losing employees, or start losing bus drivers, they're going to have to make the adjustments," he said.

Elder argued that bus drivers are already hard to come by, as supervisors have reported challenges with

hiring for summer school. He said the \$135,000 figure, which is the estimated cost of the change, does not really affect the county's overall budget. He also warned that if the commissioners do not agree to help with compensation, there could be a serious issue come fall.

"If you vote against this that's fine, but I'm going to give you fair warning that next year you're going to have an issue with people getting to school," he said. "And I'll be the one to say I told you so."

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# Snow Hill votes for repairs to boat

(May 19, 2022) The Snow Hill Town Council voted on May 10 to commit to partial repairs of their stern-wheel paddleboat, the Black-Eyed Susan, to continue the boat's voyage as a tourist attraction and economic driver for the Lower Eastern Shore.

The motion passed by a vote of 2-1.

The town purchased the vessel in 2020 with a combination of grant and loan funds from Worcester County and the State of Maryland. It began its initial voyages last August with Washington's Inc. as the operator, providing catered cruises along the Pocomoke River.

As it happened, the boat was acquired in year four of a five-year mandated U.S. Coast Guard inspection routine. Accordingly, it was taken to Colonna's Shipyard in Norfolk, Virginia, in February, where it underwent an extensive inspection by the U.S. Coast Guard.

The inspection revealed multiple issues with the hull, hydraulics system, and paddlewheel frame to the tune of an estimated \$604,000 repair estimate, a cost beyond the means of the town's budget.

Since being informed of the final inspection results in late March, the

town has contacted numerous potential county, state, and federal funding sources for help.

While no immediate funding was available to assist, the town was encouraged that help may be available through usual granting channels.

At the request of the town, the U.S. Coast Guard also provided a condensed scope of work to use the Black-Eyed Susan a floating, docked venue without the river cruises, at a cost of more than \$300,000.

The town consulted with legal counsel to determine its obligations should they abandon the project and attempt to sell the stern-wheeler on the open market.

That option also proved to be expensive with varying degrees of loan and grant obligations to the participating parties and lingering after-effects regarding future grant opportunities.

During this time, Washington's Inc. was released from the lease agreement, given the vessel is not currently seaworthy, a condition of the contract.

The mayor and Town Council held a special session on the Black-Eyed Susan and provided other opportunities at regularly scheduled meetings for the community to provide input.

While support was mixed, Mayor Dr. Jennifer Jewell remarked that she is grateful for the input as it helped shape the questions and issues the mayor and council needed to address.

Ultimately, a majority of the Town Council voted in favor of the limited repairs that would keep the BES in service, albeit in a reduced capacity, while efforts are made to fund a full restoration in hopes that the vision that inspired the original purpose can still be realized.

Shae Von Marsh, resident and business owner, stated, "As Proprietress of Chanceford Hall, we are excited to have the Black-Eyed Susan return to her home on the Pocomoke River in Snow Hill.

"Seeing this vessel docked in our little town evokes momentous emotion and provides hope that Snow Hill will continue to prosper. As a unique attraction, the Black-Eyed Susan increases visitors to our area on the Eastern Shore and we believe that as it grows in popularity and recognition, it will continue to help introduce new people to the charm that Snow Hill has to offer."

The repairs are estimated to take approximately one month to complete.

# Frontier Town owners seek camp law change

### New spots to offer greenery, off-site parking, space to recreate, and picnic tables

**By Greg Wehner**  
Staff Writer

(May 19, 2022) Worcester County Commissioners will soon vote on changing the code surrounding campgrounds after the owners of Frontier Town in Berlin asked to allow features not permitted under the current code.

Sun TRS Frontier, LLC, which operates Frontier Town, Castaways, and Fort Whaley, is proposing cluster design standards for a portion of a campground that provides for more open and green space.

Sun TRS Frontier said required off-street parking would be located at a remote lot, rather than streetside as required by law, and the area devoted to the cluster design will consist of recreational park trailers or cabin structures in rental and membership campgrounds.

The structures would not have a minimum setback or campsite area and won't be permitted to be constructed within 10 feet of any other structure. The maximum density allowed in the cluster design is 10 campsites.

Current provisions require two off-street parking spots at the campsite, but this modification would allow the LLC to relocate off-street parking farther than 600 feet from the site.

According to a letter from Hugh Cropper IV, attorney for the LLC, the text amendment requests will require safe access for fire protection and other public safety equipment and eliminates the traditional campground design of a park model or cabin with one to two cars parked in between.

Instead, Cropper noted, there will be grass, picnic areas, and recreational areas in between sites and the vehicles will be parked remotely.

"The applicant, based on its experiences in Worcester County, and elsewhere, believes that there is a high demand for this type of scenario," Cropper said in the letter. "It will have the feel of being in the forest, or in an environmentally friendly area. It will be low-impact, and it should preserve open space."

The Worcester County Planning Commission gave the legislation a favorable recommendation on May 5 and the commissioners voted to setup a public hearing on the modifications during the regularly scheduled meeting on May 17.



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The owners of Frontier Town requested the Worcester County Commissioners modify the code to allow the campground to set up special zones designated for recreational trailers and cabins with remote vehicle parking more than 600 feet away from the sites. The code currently requires all sites to have parking for two vehicles within 600 feet of the campsites.

## Walk-A-Thon in Berlin this Sat.

(May 19, 2022) A Walk-A-Thon to benefit the Worcester County Fair will take this Saturday from 7-11 a.m., at Stephen Decatur Park in Berlin.

Gift bags will be presented to first 25 participants in the following categories: Adults, Under 8, 9-12 and 13 and Over.

Event is open to friendly, leashed dogs. Gift certificates will be awarded

to those who walk the furthest and who raise the most money in the different age groups.

Prizes donated by Walmart, Main Street Deli and Dollar General.

Questions, call 443-523-0497 or email worcofair@gmail.com.

In the event of rain, the event will be moved to the Worcester County Recreation Center in Snow Hill.

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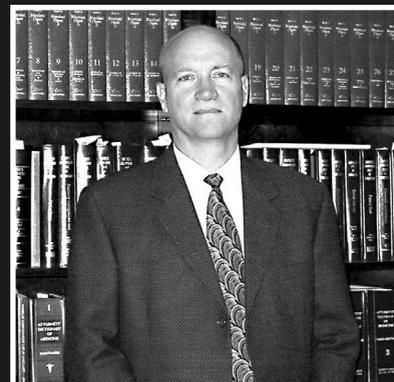
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# Opinion

Please send all letters and other editorial submissions to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday.

## Two ironic instances occurred in Berlin, OP

If Berlin and Ocean Pines have had one thing in common lately — aside from the shared zip code — it's the undeniable irony of recent events.

In Ocean Pines, it's the elevation of board of directors member Rick Farr to Ocean Pines Association secretary, the officer responsible for ensuring that prospective candidates for the board meet all the requirements.

A little more than a year ago, the board secretary at the time disqualified him, leading to an extended lawsuit that the association eventually lost. Now Farr gets to make that call. That's ironic.

Even more ironic, however, is that county and Ocean City officials have had numerous — and separate — discussions over the past several months about the possibility of establishing a major sports complex in northern Worcester County without once seeking the opinions of other parties that are likely to be affected by it.

This is particularly relevant in Berlin's instance, which with the proposed purchase of a project site right next door, would become its de facto gateway. Although the purpose of this sports compound is to increase offseason tourism, ostensibly to benefit Ocean City's commercial interests and the county's treasury, no community would feel the physical impact of this undertaking as much as Berlin.

Yet, purposely or not, it was excluded from the conversation. Maybe this was nothing more than an oversight on the county's part, as officials felt the need to concentrate on acquiring the property as quickly as possible for financial and budgetary reasons.

It makes no difference now how or why Berlin wasn't given a seat next to the campfire months ago. What happens next is the critical issue for the town and the surrounding area. Amends must be made, and it's time for these separate conversations to end.

All communities must be brought on board to see what each is willing to do and is willing to accept. Otherwise, this is just an idea destined to get lost in a cacophony of disconnected discussions.



**Berlin Spring Cruisers Classic Car Show**  
Saturday, May 21 ~ 10 am - 2 pm  
Historic Downtown Berlin, Maryland

## Pines Players search for show cast

(May 19, 2022) The Ocean Pines Players (OPP) are looking for people aged 8 and up to audition for a fun and family friendly cabaret called "Happy Birthday, USA."

Auditions have been extended and will run until Friday, May 20, by appointment only. To schedule an audition, contact Karen Adcock at 703-727-0528 or by email at karenjadcock@gmail.com.

The multi-media show, which is now scheduled for July 8-9, features solo and group songs, poems and dramatic readings about the USA and Independence Day.

Singers should prepare a short upbeat song and a ballad.

There will not be an accompanist, so bring a backing track on a phone or data key. Those interested in non-musical performances need not prepare anything in advance.

No experience is necessary and the Players value diversity and inclusivity. The auditions are designed to be casual, fun, and stress free.

There will be very few cast rehearsals. Because of the limited time available, performers must be willing and able to practice on their own and be available for approx-

imately six cast rehearsals and, if necessary, a few individual or small group rehearsals. Parents of children in the cast should be prepared to help their children learn their pieces.

OPP is a local all-volunteer 501-(c)(3) charitable organization and supported in part by a grant from the Worcester County Arts Council & Maryland State Arts Council.

For general information about OPP, visit oceanpineplayers.org or follow them on Facebook. Facebook.com/oceanpineplayers.

## OP 'Meet the Artisan' this Saturday

(May 19, 2022) The Artisan Gift Shop in Ocean Pines will host a series of "Meet the Artisan" events featuring local artists and artisans starting this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pine'er Craft Club President Sharon Puser will be the first featured artisan, showing her custom handmade pillows for home décor.

The series will continue throughout 2022 on the third Saturday of each month.

"We have so many unique crafters in our community, and people do tend to ask questions about our creations," Puser said. "We

thought this may be a fun way to answer some of those questions and allow the community a chance to examine the work of a crafter a bit more carefully."

Puser has been sewing and crafting for many years. She joined the craft club in 2009 and her pillow designs became a popular staple of the shop.

As the featured artisan, Puser will be set up on the side of the craft shop on Saturday in White Horse Park. The special event will coincide with the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market, open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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# Decrease in donations leads to shortage for blood bank

(May 19, 2022) Blood Bank of Delmarva has a blood emergency, the organization announced this week, as school spring breaks and holiday travel have caused a substantial drop in donations over the past month.

The blood supply stands at a two-to-three-day level, with type O negative and O positive at just a 0.5-day to two-day level, according to Blood Bank's announcement. This is well below the ideal, seven-day inventory.

Hospitals and patients rely upon a steady flow of volunteer donors to receive life-saving blood donations, but the recent spring break and holiday travel has caused uncertainty.

In addition, according to the latest figures put out by America's Blood Centers, only 3 percent of the U.S. population donates blood. Blood Bank of Delmarva is a member of ABC.

"This time of year can always be difficult for the blood supply," said Patricia Killeen, senior executive di-

rector at Blood Bank of Delmarva. "One blood donation has the ability to save up to three lives. We highly encourage all who are able to donate today to help Delaware and Eastern Shore residents who need it most."

It takes about one hour to donate, and a single donation can save multiple lives, she said. Roughly one in seven hospital admissions require a blood transfusion.

Those in need include cancer patients, accident, burn, or trauma victims, transplant recipients, surgery patients and chronically transfused patients suffering from sickle cell disease or thalassemia.

To make an appointment, donors can call 1-888-8-BLOOD-8 or visit [www.DelmarvaBlood.org](http://www.DelmarvaBlood.org).

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

# Committee seeks questions for June candidate forums

(May 19, 2022) The Ocean Pines Elections Committee will conduct two forums for Ocean Pines Board of Directors candidates in June.

The first will take place at 6 p.m. on June 22, and the second will begin at 10 a.m. on June 25. Both forums will be held in the Clubhouse Meeting Room on 100 Clubhouse Drive.

Ocean Pines Association members may participate by submitting forum questions ahead of time. The Elections Committee will consider all questions sent by association members.

Questions may be emailed to [elections@oceanpines.org](mailto:elections@oceanpines.org) or left on the Elections Committee voicemail at 410-208-3989.

# Event features artists, artisans

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Other upcoming featured artisans will include woodworker Charlie Davis and Amy Timmons, who makes handmade soaps and other items from goat's milk.

The Artisan Gift Shop is an extension of the Pine'eer Craft Club, a local group started in 1974. Members create handmade gift items, home décor, jewelry and more.

Profits from the shop are returned to the Ocean Pines community in the form of donations to the police and fire departments, Recreation and Parks Department, free Summer Concerts in the Park, Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation, and others. Since its start, the craft club has donated more than

\$175,000.

For information on becoming a featured artisan or selling items in the Artisan Gift Shop, contact Puser at [opcraftclub@aol.com](mailto:opcraftclub@aol.com).

All new crafters must go through a juried process. When items sell, a 15 percent commission goes back to the community in the form of donations.

View Puser's projects and other handmade items at the Artisan Gift Shop in White Horse Park, on 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines. The shop is open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, visit <https://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/artisan-gift-shop>.



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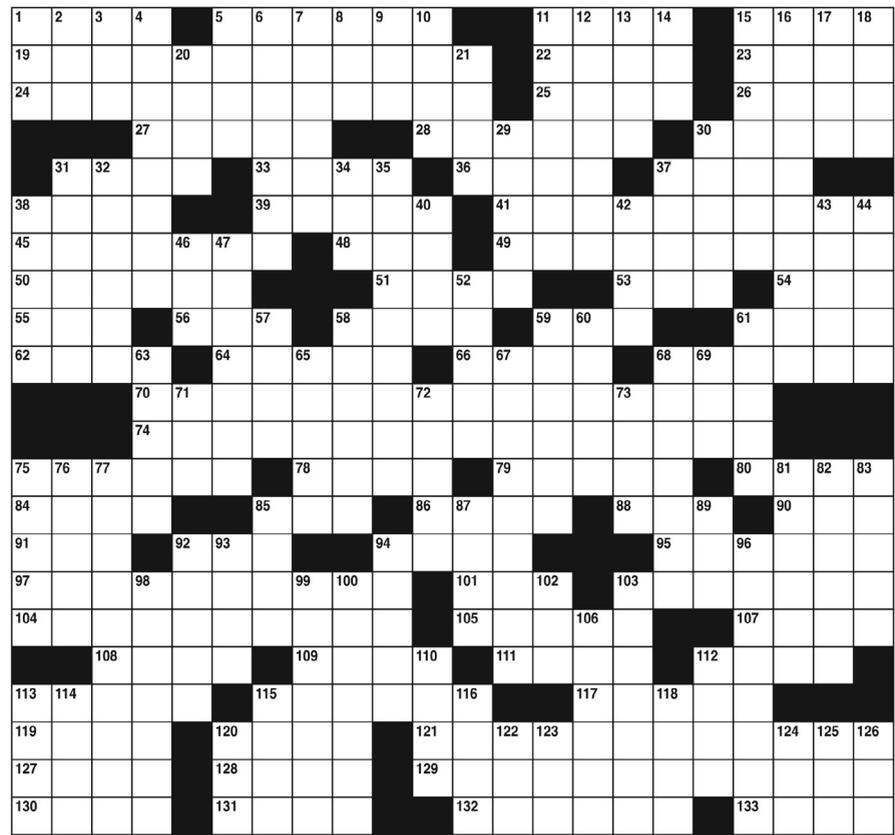
# Puzzles

## TWO-BY-TWO

BY MATTHEW STOCK AND CHANDI DEITMER / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Matthew Stock works for a math-education nonprofit in East St. Louis, Ill. Chandi Deitmer, of Cambridge, Mass., is a social worker in the fields of psychiatry and geriatrics. Matthew was making a themeless puzzle a few years ago, and his constructing software suggested 41-Across and 49-Across in adjacent spots. That didn't work out, but he tucked the thought away. A fan of Chandi's last Times crossword, he asked if she'd like to collaborate on this one. — W.S.

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| <b>ACROSS</b>  | <b>53</b> Org. often impersonated by phone scammers        | <b>105</b> High five at the Olympics?  | <b>11</b> Logical conundrum  |
| <b>1</b> Some old PCs                                  | <b>54</b> Time for a visit from Ong Tao, the "Kitchen God" | <b>107</b> Unchanged   | <b>12</b> Prolong  |
| <b>5</b> Experience financial ruin                     | <b>55</b> Slip up  | <b>108</b> Yea or nay  | <b>13</b> Numismatic grade   |
| <b>11</b> Many files in a Downloads folder             | <b>56</b> Yellowstone sight                                | <b>109</b> Power source  | <b>14</b> Plopped (down)   |
| <b>15</b> Talk ____                                    | <b>58</b> [Gulp!]  | <b>111</b> Barfly's flier  | <b>15</b> Setting for many a diorama                                       |
| <b>19</b> 1990s sitcom starring Tia and Tamera Mowry   | <b>59</b> House of Commons reps                            | <b>112</b> Added to a thread, say  | <b>16</b> Shortcut missing from newer smartphones                          |
| <b>22</b> Beethoven's "Ah! perfido," for one           | <b>61</b> ____ gratia (in all kindness: Lat.)              | <b>113</b> El ____ of the Spanish Renaissance  | <b>17</b> Lead   |
| <b>23</b> Southwest people known for their dry farming | <b>62</b> Rush order                                       | <b>115</b> "Amscray!"  | <b>18</b> Affixes  |
| <b>24</b> Grand Prix city                              | <b>64</b> Like some questions                              | <b>117</b> Egomaniac's thought   | <b>20</b> Subject of interest, in brief                                    |
| <b>25</b> Fulminate                                    | <b>66</b> Romanov V.I.P., once                             | <b>119</b> Noted character with object-subject-verb syntax                               | <b>21</b> Chess piece whose name is derived from the Persian for "chariot" |
| <b>26</b> Portent                                      | <b>68</b> Charlotte N.B.A. player                          | <b>120</b> Dangerous part of a road on which to pass                                     | <b>29</b> Cocktails made with ginger beer, informally                      |
| <b>27</b> Start a web session                          | <b>70</b> "... you get the point!"                         | <b>121</b> Extroverts  | <b>30</b> Pieces in the game Bananagrams                                   |
| <b>28</b> Tribute                                      | <b>74</b> "Well, lookie here!"                             | <b>127</b> Tie down  | <b>31</b> Flights connect them   |
| <b>30</b> Many zoomers                                 | <b>75</b> Quaint exclamation of dismay                     | <b>128</b> Best-picture winner of 2012   | <b>32</b> All-encompassing Egyptian deity                                  |
| <b>31</b> Gush (over)                                  | <b>78</b> Fee payer, often                                 | <b>129</b> Basketball feat suggested by this puzzle's pairs of theme answers, informally | <b>34</b> Aromatic beverage  |
| <b>33</b> Red lightsaber wielder                       | <b>79</b> Thin pancakes in Indian cuisine                  | <b>130</b> 1040 figs.  | <b>35</b> Perch for the self-important                                     |
| <b>36</b> Singular praise                              | <b>80</b> Laborer of old                                   | <b>131</b> Love of languages?  | <b>37</b> Gemstone cut named for a fruit                                   |
| <b>37</b> ____ Xtra (soft drink)                       | <b>84</b> Dan of "Schitt's Creek"                          | <b>132</b> In on   | <b>38</b> Baffled  |
| <b>38</b> Soul: Sp.                                    | <b>85</b> To the ____ power                                | <b>133</b> Add (on)  | <b>40</b> Very bright  |
| <b>39</b> Make it so there's snow way out?             | <b>86</b> Time for March madness?                          |  | <b>42</b> Eye piece  |
| <b>41</b> 1963 hit for the Kingsmen                    | <b>88</b> Ultimate fighting inits.                         | <b>DOWN</b>  | <b>43</b> Nobelist Joliot-Curie  |
| <b>45</b> It gets the show on the road                 | <b>90</b> Certain summer baby                              | <b>1</b> Philosophy  | <b>44</b> Really get to  |
| <b>48</b> Nothing but a number, it's said              | <b>91</b> "There you ____!"                                | <b>2</b> H.S. class in the same department as chem                                       | <b>46</b> Sweetie  |
| <b>49</b> Call from an old-time paperboy               | <b>92</b> Big tower, for short?                            | <b>3</b> Yahoo alternative   | <b>47</b> Weep in an unflattering way, in modern lingo                     |
| <b>50</b> Essayist Susan                               | <b>94</b> Years and years                                  | <b>4</b> Trusty to the end   | <b>52</b> Lugs   |
| <b>51</b> Attraction, so to speak, with "the"          | <b>95</b> Shock  | <b>5</b> Pirate's booze  | <b>57</b> Hold on to   |
|  | <b>97</b> Sings, in a way                                  | <b>6</b> One way to learn  | <b>58</b> Lunchtime estimate   |
|  | <b>101</b> When you should leave, for short?               | <b>7</b> Like the Six Million Dollar Man   | <b>59</b> Computer shortcuts   |
|  | <b>103</b> Piece of roller-derby equipment                 | <b>8</b> "Anchors Aweigh" grp.   | <b>60</b> Slices and dices, say  |
|  | <b>104</b> Classic-joke start                              | <b>9</b> Amtrak stop: Abbr.  | <b>61</b> Scottish hillsides   |
|  |  | <b>10</b> Lab worker   | <b>63</b> Annoying   |



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| <b>65</b> Walk with swagger                            | <b>77</b> Words from an ex-lover  | <b>99</b> Fried plantain dish of Puerto Rico              | <b>114</b> Aussie hoppers                         |
| <b>67</b> It might get swiped in a college dining hall | <b>81</b> Go by                   | <b>100</b> Country named for its geographic location      | <b>115</b> Kernel of an idea                      |
| <b>68</b> Football trophy name                         | <b>82</b> Put down again          | <b>103</b> Lobbyists' area in D.C.                        | <b>116</b> "Ouch, ouch, ouch!"                    |
| <b>69</b> Where some replacements take place, in brief | <b>83</b> Origami steps           | <b>106</b> Radiator cover                                 | <b>118</b> High style                             |
| <b>71</b> Third column on a calendar: Abbr.            | <b>85</b> Bread in Indian cuisine | <b>110</b> "Die Hard" squad, in brief                     | <b>120</b> Barnyard bleat                         |
| <b>72</b> Eagle's hatching spot                        | <b>87</b> One taking action       | <b>112</b> Miss ____, famed dial-a-psychic                | <b>122</b> "Mais ____!" ("But of course!")        |
| <b>73</b> Certain public transport                     | <b>89</b> Certain close relative  | <b>113</b> Businesses that see an uptick after New Year's | <b>123</b> "Cyberchase" channel                   |
| <b>75</b> Sound from a jalopy                          | <b>92</b> Invite out for          |   | <b>124</b> Org. whose members stay in their lanes |
| <b>76</b> Played again                                 | <b>93</b> 1990s tennis star Huber |   | <b>125</b> Business name ender                    |
|  | <b>94</b> Off-kilter              |   | <b>126</b> "Yipe!"                                |
|  | <b>96</b> "Later!"                |   |   |
|  | <b>98</b> Green vehicles          |   |   |

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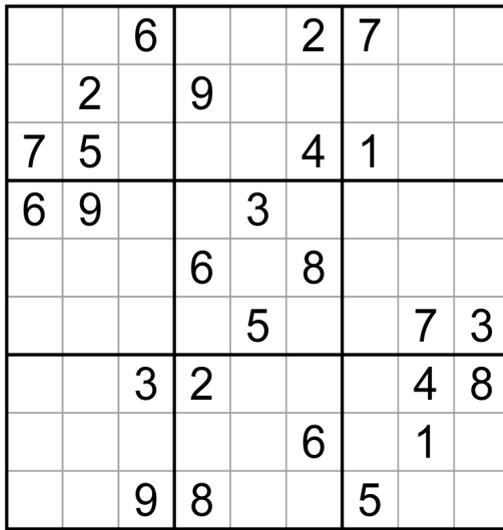
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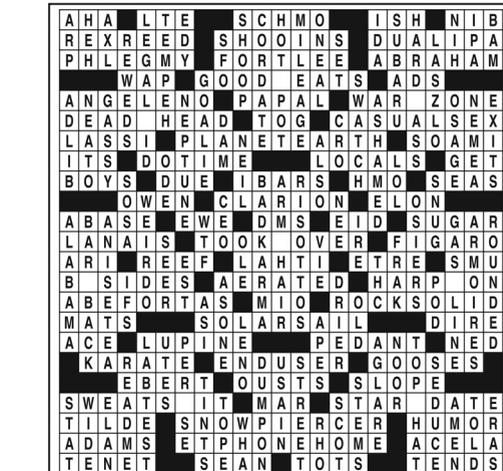
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**HARD - 42**

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**

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



# Calendar

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## Thurs., May 19

### 31ST ANNUAL CRUISIN' OCEAN CITY

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Also held at the Ocean City Inlet Parking Lot. Featuring hot rods, customs, muscle cars, classics, vendors, music, celebrities, entertainment and more. Cost is \$10. <https://specialeventpro.com>, 410-798-6304

### CPAP MASK FITTING

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

### INTERACTIVE MUSIC & MOVEMENT: JAMMING W/MR. JAKE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Come join Mr. Jake and his guitar for fun, silly songs that everyone can play along. For ages 2-5 years. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org),

410-632-2600

### GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. The workshop starts with a 20-minute lesson on genealogy research followed by a Q&A session. Bring a laptop, tablet or papers containing family information. Register: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

### ILLUSTRATIVE LANDSCAPES

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. Using basic

shapes, line techniques and shading, learn the process of developing perspective to create imaginary landscape. No experience needed. Also held via Zoom. Register: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

### TRIVIA NIGHT (DURING THE DAY)

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3:30 p.m. Test your knowledge and win prizes. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

### ZUMBA FOR ALL LEVELS

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# Obituaries

### MARY ELLEN CROPPER

Newark

Mary Ellen Cropper, age 96, died Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021.



Mary Cropper

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carl Wells and Grace Ellen Rayne Wells.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, William G. Cropper, in 2009, and her brother-in-law, Andy Hayes.

She is survived by her daughter, Deborah Lynn Cropper Hayes of Charlottesville, Virginia; and her son, William Carlton Cropper of Newark, Maryland; and two grandchildren, Ryan Hayes and Robin Hayes Verrier, and her husband, Jack.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, May 22, 2022, at 1 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 8355 Newark Road, Newark, Maryland 21841. Inurnment will be in Trinity Garden of Memory Churchyard after the service.

### DIANNE SHERRY ISETT

Ocean Pines

Dianne Sherry Isett, 72 years of age, passed away at home, on April 28, 2022, with loved ones by her side.



Dianne Isett

She was born to William and Doris Isett of Parkville, Maryland, and lived in the Baltimore area for many years. After graduating from Parkville High, she went to work for Western Electric in Baltimore.

In 1980, she had her only child, Breanna. A tough struggling time as she was on Dialysis due to failed kidneys.

In 1991, she got the gift of life, a new kidney. That kidney lasted 31 wonderful years.

In 1995, she and her daughter moved to Ocean City where Breanna went to the Country School.

For the past 26 years, she has been

the significant other of Bob McConkey of Pasadena, Maryland. They lived in Pasadena for 16 years and then moved to The Parke in Ocean Pines in March of 2015.

They both love living here and like to travel, dine at the many local restaurants and take day trips. Most of all, they enjoyed a close, loving and wonderful relationship.

Dianne was a kind, gentle and thoughtful person. Most everyone whose

life she touched was in awe of her inspiration, strength and love of life.

She will be dearly missed by all who knew her. May she be in a comfortable, peaceful place.

Other than Bob, she leaves behind her daughter, Breanna Templeton Herbers, her husband, Doug Herbers, and their daughter, Sophie Herbers of San Diego, California; her brother, William Isett, and sister-in-law, Paula Isett of Berlin, Maryland, their children and

grandchildren.

Also were the daughters of Bob McConkey, Hilary McConkey of Boston Massachusetts; Whitney McConkey, her husband, Tim Guida, and their daughter, Luciana, of Bel Air, Maryland; and Erin Moses and her daughters, Kylie and Brooklyn Moses of Bel Air, Maryland.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to the Maryland Kidney Foundation Memorial donation site (<http://www.kidneymd.org>).

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# Cuisine

## Pickled Japanese cucumbers with chili oil

The best laid plans of mice and men oft go awry, or as Robert Burns put it, “gang aft a-gley.”



By Paul Suplee,  
MBA, CEC, PC-3

The timeless Scottish poet, the Shakespeare of Scotland, was on to something. And while we have all heard one variation or another of this potent sentence, I would wager a bet that most

people never realized that it is not a Steinbeck quote.

Rather, John Steinbeck used the line quite cleverly for his novel of Mice and Men, recognizing that all the effort put into any given venture can be wiped out in a moment by things out of our control (Personally, I never knew that it wasn't Steinbeck until about 12 years ago, and I'm old, so that should say something).

And herein, kids, lies the meaning of life: to rebuild your kingdom after your nest hath been ploughed over by the farmer. There are just some things that we cannot control, and the point is to get up, brush off our dirty pants and get back to work.

In this case, the “farmer” was the events of the past two years. As I awoke one day earlier in the week, it was almost as though I was in a fever dream regarding the pandemic.

I was trying to discern whether it was a dream or reality, and obviously it only took a moment for me to remember that it was and is all too real. Living in one of the hardest-hit industries on the planet, I got cleaned up, strapped on my boots, and went back into offensive mode.

For restaurants, covid-19 and all its offshoots have decimated not only the industry itself but also the labor pool that used to exist to support it. Given all of our challenges, those of us still standing are doing satisfactorily, but many did not make it through at all.

I was shocked as I drove through Boston in late 2020 and saw so many shuttered shops, learning through online research that they were closed permanently.

I was dismayed when I walked through Manhattan recently and found so many empty spaces and quite a few restaurants out of business.

One day, the market will return but it is a very slow recovery from the



devastating blow that was dealt, especially in terms of employees who left the industry for good. And honestly, the landscape in the industry is changing at breakneck speeds.

We are truly in an historic phase of redevelopment that displays a teetering of powers between labor costs, rising food costs and sheer survival.

With remodeling and reinvention on the horizon for all our locations, we plan to push forward and make sure that we survive the aftermath of this mess. And on days when I know that I need a clear head and don't need anything weighing me down as I make yet more do-or-fail decisions, I turn to some old standbys in the arsenal to offer me some quick sustenance and keep me running all day.

We don't need those heavy snacks weighing us down. And so I leave you with this incredibly simple pickled Japanese cucumber.

It might not be the perfect brain food, but it will sit so much better than fast food as you plow through the day.

### Pickled Japanese Cucumbers

serves 4

2 ea. Japanese Cucumbers, or 1 English cucumber

1/4 c. Mirin  
1/4 c. Sake  
1/4 c. Water  
1/4 c. Sugar  
1/4 c. Aloha Shoyu Soy Sauce brand Japanese Chili oil (recipe follows)  
sesame seeds, as needed

- Don't use 'normal' (Persian) cucumbers. They have a higher water content and seeds that can be a nuisance.

- If you are using Japanese cucumbers, cut them into 1-inch rings, assuming that the cucumber is small enough in diameter. If you are using English cucumbers, cut in half lengthwise, and then cut into 1-inch half moons.

- Combine mirin, sake, water, sugar and shoyu in a pan and bring to a boil so everything is dissolved and then remove.

- Let sit for a few minutes and then add chili oil (to your preference).

- Mix the pickling solution with the cucumbers, ensuring that the cukes are covered. A large glass jar works wonders.

- Allow to sit in the icebox for eight hours to two days. They are ready to serve after the former period.

- Serve garnished with sesame seeds and thinly sliced scallions

### Japanese Chili Oil (La-Yu)

makes about 1 cup

1 c. Grapeseed oil  
3 Tbsp. Toasted sesame oil

The green of one scallion  
2-inches ginger, peeled and cut into large chunks

2 ea. Garlic cloves, peeled and lightly smashed to crack

1/4 c. Korean chili flakes\*

- Char the scallion in a dry pan or open flame to bring out a little umami flavor.

- Bring the oil, scallion, garlic and ginger up in heat until ingredients just start to fry but not burn.

- Allow to steep for about 10 minutes and then remove from heat before it starts to smoke.

- Add the chili flakes and stir well.
- After about 30 minutes, strain through a fine sieve and store properly (fridge) until ready to use.

\*If you can find a Japanese chili flake to work with, then definitely do so. These, like the Korean dried chili, have an amazing flavor while having little to no heat to speak of. It is a wonderful flavoring device.

—Paul Suplee is a Professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College and owner of boxcar40 and boxcar on main. Visit him at [www.boxcar40.com](http://www.boxcar40.com); [www.boxcaronmain.com](http://www.boxcaronmain.com)

# Calendar

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**Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch,** 13 Harrison Ave., 4:30-5:30 p.m. These classes uplift and improve mood. Register: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) under "Events." 410-632-2600

**PAINT NIGHT FUNDRAISER**

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 6-8 p.m. Proceeds support the annual Klein Leister - John Staley Scholarship Program. Tickets cost \$40 and include supplies and refreshments. All ages welcome. Register: 410-632-2600. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

**LEGENDS IN CONCERT**

Ocean City Performing Arts Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 8 p.m. Featuring tributes to Dolly Parton, Aretha Franklin, The Blues Brothers and more. 410-289-2800, 800-626-2326, <https://legendsinconcert.com>.

**BEACH SINGLES**

*Thursdays* - Beach Singles join us 55 plus at Harpoon Hanna's, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE, 4-6 p.m. Info: 302-436-9577 or [BeachSingles.org](http://BeachSingles.org)

## Fri., May 20

**31ST ANNUAL CRUISIN' OCEAN CITY**

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Also held at the Ocean City Inlet Parking Lot. Featuring hot rods, customs, muscle cars, classics, vendors, music, celebrities, entertainment and more. Cost is \$15. <https://specialeventpro.com>, 410-798-6304

**BERLIN BOOK OF THE MONTH: 'THEY CALLED US ENEMY' BY GEORGE TAKEI**

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2 p.m. A graphic memoir recounting George Takei's childhood imprisoned within American internment camps during WWII. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

**T(W)EEN NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY**

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 5 p.m. Trivia, games and snacks. For ages 13-17 years. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

**BERLIN COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE**

Heron Park (formerly Berlin Falls Park), 10009 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 7 p.m. A five-mile bike ride through downtown Berlin sponsored by Worcester County Pedestrian Bike Coalition & Tommy's Bicycle Works. Tom Simon, 410-726-0314, [tommysmobilebicyclerepair.com](http://tommysmobilebicyclerepair.com).

**SPEC TENNIS FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

Ocean Pines Racquet Center, 11443 Manklin Creek Road, 7-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$12/court and includes instruction and equipment for families of up to five players, ages 4 years and older. All abilities welcome. Reservations required: 516-508-0313, [oppaddle2020@gmail.com](mailto:oppaddle2020@gmail.com).

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**CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE**

First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City. 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Church rummage sale.

**WALK A THON**

Stephen Decatur Park, Tripoli Street, Berlin, 7-11 a.m. Benefiting the Worcester County Fair. Get pledges for each mile walked. Open to friendly, leashed dogs. In the event of rain, the Walk A Thon will be moved to the Worcester County Recreation Center. 443-523-0497

**MEET THE ARTISAN**

Pine'er Craft Club, Ocean Pines, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Watch Sharon Puser as she works her magic on custom handmade pillows for home dv/cor. If you are an artist who would like to be featured or sell your creation at the shop, email [opcraftclub@aol.com](mailto:opcraftclub@aol.com).

**VIRTUAL WALK WITH A DOC**

Short presentation on the Atlantic General Hospital Facebook page at 9 a.m. Then walk and share your selfies on social media with the hashtag #walkedwithagh. Tina Simmons, [tsimmons@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:tsimmons@atlanticgeneral.org).

**CRAFTY SATURDAY: UNDER THE SEA CRAFTS**

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Come make some fun ocean themed crafts, perfect for all ages. For children ages 4 years and older. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

**COASTAL TOWNS CHICKEN FESTIVAL**

John W. Park, 32 W. Ave., Ocean View, 12-6:30 p.m. Food, giveaways, chicken picking contest, birdie parade, egg toss and more. 302-593-8814

**FREE COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE**

Ocean Pines Racquet Center, 11443 Manklin Creek Road, 4 p.m. Receive a bike safety bell, reflective stickers and discounts from The Snowball Stand. Experienced riders ages 12 years and older welcome. Advance registration: 410-641-7052, [rec@oceanpines.org](mailto:rec@oceanpines.org).

**LUAU UNDER THE STARS GALA**

Ocean City Golf Club, 11401 Country Club



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## TWIN DAY

Worcester Preparatory Middle and Upper School students (grades 6-12) celebrated the iconic date of Feb. 22, 2022 (2.2.22) by dressing up as twins with friends, or their actual twin. Pictured, in front, from left, are Wesley Wisniewski, Ayven Browne and Johnny Crossett; and in back, Mac Miller, John Lynch, Jack Tunnell, Chase Thompson, Ben Rafinski and Luke Mize.

Drive, 6 p.m. Full Hawaiian dinner with dancing and a silent auction to benefit the Delmarva Discovery Museum. Tickets cost \$75 and are available at [delmarvadiscoverycenter.org](http://delmarvadiscoverycenter.org) or call Christy Gordon, 410-957-9933.

**'HURRICANE 6' VIEWING**

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 7 p.m. The 15-minute short film, starring the cast of the Saltare in Elementis Dance Collective, unpacks the dynamic created by the inlet through dance. Cost is \$5 and supports the Ocean City Film Festival.

**FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET**

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

**FREE PLATFORM TENNIS LESSONS**

*Saturdays* - Ocean Pines Racquet Center, 11443 Manklin Creek Road, 9:30 a.m. All abilities welcome and equipment will be provided. [oppaddle2020@gmail.com](mailto:oppaddle2020@gmail.com) or 516-508-0313.

## Sun., May 22

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**JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING**

*Sundays* - Berlin Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, 212 West St., Berlin, 10 a.m. [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org)

## Mon., May 23

**WRITING FOR WELLNESS**

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30 p.m. Writing about stressful experiences like illness, may boost health & psychological well-being. Group uses exercises to stimulate creative expression. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

**T.O.P.S. OF BERLIN - GROUP #169**

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. Take Off Pounds Sensibly is a weekly support and educational group promoting weight loss and living a healthy lifestyle. Rose Campion, 410-641-0157.

**YOGA FOR ALL**

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 5:30 p.m. The group will practice creative flows that are part dance, part moving meditation, all energy building. Registration required: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

**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., May 24

**STORY TIME 'SEED CRAFTS'**

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Crafts to inspire growing gardens. Take-home activity included. For ages 2-5 years. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

**OUTSIDE PLAY DAY - 'SIDEWALK CHALK AND BUBBLES'**

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Creative and active fun and games outside. Wear your play clothes. For ages 2-5 years.

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IPAD BASICS

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Learn the basics of your new iPad. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

DIY WRECK THIS JOURNAL

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 3:30 p.m. Make your own 'Wreck This Journal' (inspired by the books of the same title by Kerri Smith). Use your journal to think creatively and abstractly. For ages 10 years and older. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 4-6 p.m. Clients attend this session in person and receive assistance from volunteer attorneys. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org or call 410-524-1818 for assistance.

DIY BIRD BATH

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 5 p.m. Turn pots into bird baths. Supplies provided. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under "Events" or call 410-957-0878.

DELMARVA DANCING

Tuesdays - Selbyville Elks Lodge 2173, 13324 Worcester Highway, Bishopville, 5:30-9 p.m. Dance to the sounds of the '50s, '60s, '70s and more. A \$5 donation benefits Veterans and local charities. Special Memorial Day Party will be held on May 24 with Chinese auction, picnic food and dancing. Everyone is welcome. Charlie, 410-465-0445

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

Tuesdays - Berlin Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, 212 West St., Berlin, 7 p.m. www.jw.org

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Tuesdays - Worcester County Berlin Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, 3:30-4:30 p.m. A weekly support and education group promoting weight loss and a healthy lifestyle. Use the south side door and knock hard. Patty Lockett, 410-289-4725

Wed., May 25

BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

Meeting via Zoom on the third and fourth Wednesday of each month. For surgical patients. Contact the Atlantic General Bariatrics Center for more information at 410-641-9568.

FREE PINOCHLE CLASS

Ocean City 50plus Center, 104 41st St., 10

a.m.-2 p.m. Free pinochle class for the 50 plus community. Lunch can be purchased with advance notice. Pat and Ed Lockett, 410-289-4725.

STORY TIME: 'TRANSPORTATION'

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and crafts all about trains, cars and things that go. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

FIRST STATE DETACHMENT OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEETING

American Legion Synepuxent Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 12 p.m. Any Marines and Navy Corpsman who have served in our Corps, living in Worcester and Sussex counties, are welcome. 410-430-7181, websergeant@firststatemarines.org.

JOB SEARCH WORKSHOP

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PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

Kids, ages 8-11 years, join us on Zoom to discuss "El Deafo," 3:30 p.m. Title available on Hoopla. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

Discussing 'The Weight of Ink' by Rachel Kadish, 5:30-7 p.m. Get the book from your local branch or find it in ebook and audio format on Hoopla (hoopla.digital.com). Registration required www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5:30-7 p.m. Providing participants with hope for the future. Gail Mansell, 410-641-9725, gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org.

WORCESTER COUNTY DISTRICT 5 & 6 COMMISSIONER PUBLIC FORUM

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 6-8 p.m. Incumbents, Chip Bertino (District 5) and Madison 'ÁúJim, 'Áú Bunting (District 6) are running opposed this year by Grant Helvey and Richard Addis, respectively. Public is invited to attend, ask questions.

OCEAN CITY TOWN HALL PREPAREDNESS MEETING

Town of Ocean City Maryland, 301 Baltimore Ave., 6:30 p.m. To educate the public to be ready with an "All Hazards Approach" to all emergencies before the onset of Hurricane Season. Also "Know Your Zone" information. 410-723-6616, oceancitymd.gov

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