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### **Proposed election** reform shot down by board majority

#### **By Josh Davis**

Associate Editor

(March 30, 2017) Ocean Pines Association Director Slobodan Trendic leapt out of his chair on Saturday



after a 3-2 vote effectively killed a proposed amendment on election reforms that would allow ballots to be counted during an open session and announced immediately after.

The vote came

Slobodan Trendic

"This is absolute nonsense," Trendic said at the time.



after more than 40 minutes of debate that included comments from Elections Committee Chairman Steve Tuttle and Bvlaws and Resolutions Committee Chairman

Marty Clarke. Both

supported the amendment. "You only get one choice and you See COMMITTEES Page 9

## **Stormwater work** in Berlin moves to West, William Sts.

**By Josh Davis** 

Associate Editor

(March 30, 2017) With work on Flower Street wrapped, the Town of Berlin is turning its attention to stormwater improvements on West Street and William Street.

The town has been operating on almost \$2 million in grants from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and FEMA.

Work began on Flower Street late last year and included the creation of large stormwater retention pond near the multipurpose building, replace-See GRANT Page 6



#### A REAL HOME RUN

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Fifteen Stephen Decatur High School baseball players and two female managers of the team started their Tuesday morning by reading to thrilled Ocean City Elementary School students for about an hour.

## **Park remediation effort underway**

#### **By Josh Davis** Associate Editor

(March 30, 2017) Marine scientists from EA Engineering, Science and Technology Inc. took a first step in rehabilitating the ponds at Berlin Falls Park this week.

Guests at the park may have noticed Michael Stephens and Anna De-George, both from EA, walking around the park on Monday. Stephens was dressed in overalls and work boots and appeared to be carrying around a large staff. He climbed up and down areas near the water, while DeGeorge, carrying a small computer tablet and a pad of paper, took down readings.

The result, they said, would be the creation of topographical map of the land and water at the park.

We're taking land elevations for creation of a digital elevation map, what we call a DEM, which is used for a lot of planning for construction or dredging," Stephens said. "[On Tuesday] we'll be doing a hydrographic survey, that's basically driving the boat in parallel lines and taking soundings all the way across. We'll be going back and forth, back and forth, back and forth [over the ponds].<sup>2</sup>

On Thursday, Stephen said, he and DeGeorge would take sediment cores with the assistance of professors from Salisbury University and Johns Hopkins University.

"We'll essentially take the samples for them and they'll take the samples back to their lab," Stephens said. He explained what the scientists

would be looking for.

They're isolating DNA for antibiotic-resistant bacteria," he said. The See BERLIN Page 6



Marine scientists Michael Stephens and Anna DeGeorge from EA Engineering, Science and Technology Inc. take land elevations at Berlin Falls park on Monday. The work is considered the first step in remediating the former industrial site.



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## Wor. Co. schools respond to child missed on bus

**By Greg Ellison** 

Staff Writer

(March 30, 2017) Following an incident in early March, when a 4-year-old was left on a school bus that was dropping students off at Pocomoke Elementary, the Worcester County Public School System is taking steps to prevent a similar occurrence in the future.

Carrie Sterrs, public relations coordinator for Worcester County Schools, said video footage showed the pre-K student taking her seat on the bus and shortly thereafter lying down to sleep. When the bus arrived at Pocomoke Elementary School, the girl remained asleep as an attendant on the back of the bus began to usher students off, Sterrs said.

"She's going from seat to seat and then something occurs outside of the bus that drew her attention," she said. "While she was looking out the window at the students outside of the bus she had passed that seat."

The sleepy child awoke a short time later after the driver retuned home and parked the vehicle. She let herself off the bus and was discovered by her father.

In response, the school system is looking to allocate funding to install child check alarm systems, a practice started in 2012, in all school buses.

"We require all our new buses that were purchased from 2012 on to have that system installed and enabled," she said. "But obviously we had buses purchased prior to 2012 that are still in use today that did not have that system."

Worcester County Public Schools Transportation Manager Kim Heiser explained how the child check systems operate.

"The system alerts an alarm when the bus is turned off and it requires the driver to walk to the rear of the bus to turn the alarm off by either opening a door or pushing a button," she said. "They push the button, that requires them to walk to the front of the bus, and with that they're checking the seats and under the seats.'

It total, Heiser said about 40 buses would be retrofitted with the child check alarms.

"It's about half our fleet," she said.

Sterrs said all bus drivers also would receive reminders that proper bus check procedures need to occur after every trip.

"It is the bus drivers' responsibility to make sure they are doing those checks at the end of their run," she said.

Heiser said all drivers would receive additional training to assure they understand how to properly use the child check alarm system

"We are going to provide further inservice training on that this summer, when we have our all-day, in-service for bus drivers," she said. "Hopefully at the end of this school year - and definitely by the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year - all buses for Worcester County will have this system and every driver will be trained on the appropriate way to use the system."

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Pocomoke Elementary students packed the gymnasium last Wednesday for a surprise ceremony to honor Michael Browne for being named as the 2017 Maryland National Distinguished Principal award winner.

## GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

## **Pocomoke honors Principal Browne**

#### By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(March 30, 2017) Pocomoke Elementary School Principal Michael Browne was honored as the 2017 Maryland National Distinguished Principal award winner during a surprise ceremony at the school last Wednesday.

The award was from the Maryland Association of Elementary School Principals (MAESP) with Browne re-



**Michael Browne** 

ceiving a \$5,000 check from national K-12 education publisher Mentoring Minds.

Worcester County Schools Superintendent Lou Taylor beamed during his comments at the ceremony.

"It takes a lot of time to be an administrator and Michael puts in a lot of time," he said. "As superintendent of schools I am feeling a great deal of pride today.

After receiving an oversized check from MAESP Executive Director Steve Hagenbuch, Browne shared his gratitude for the award and the surprise presentation.

'I definitely was not expecting this today," he said. "I'm humbled."

Now in his fifth year as principal, after eight years as assistant principal, Browne attributed the schools success to a family centered environment.

Working with small children and working with a great staff, and most of all having a very supportive family, makes this a wonderful experience,' he said.

MAESP reported Pocomoke Elementary barely had 20 percent of students performing at or above their grade level in reading and math during the beginning of the last school year. That number increased significantly, and by the end of the year 97 percent of students had improved in math and 79 percent had improved in reading.

"It's nothing I do on my own," Browne said. "It's all because of the hard work each and every day that the students do, and the hard work of the faculty and staff."

In light of the major strides, Browne said the school was also recently named a National Title I Distinguished School, which is only the second time Pocomoke Elementary has received the award.

Third grader Caroline Webster, 9, said Browne deserved the accolades. "He doesn't just tell kids stuff, he cares for all the kids and he's not mean," she said. "My brother teases me because I'm eager to stay at school.

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## Two vying for one seat in Pocomoke **District 3 election**

#### **By Greg Ellison**

Staff Writer

(March 30, 2017) The Pocomoke City Council District 3 election on April 4 will pit one-term incumbent Councilman Dale Trotter against challenger Monna Van Ess, while incumbent Mayor Bruce Morrison will run unopposed.

Registered voters in the district can cast their ballots at 1410 Market St. between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. for either City Council candidate to serve a three-year term, which will commence on April 10.

Trotter said serving the residents of District 3 was the motivation behind his reelection campaign.

"One of the greatest factors that drove me to running for reelection was the citizens of this wonderful town," he said.

With more than two decades in See INCUMBENT Page 10

### **Therapy dog Rudy** leading pack in 'Books and Barks'

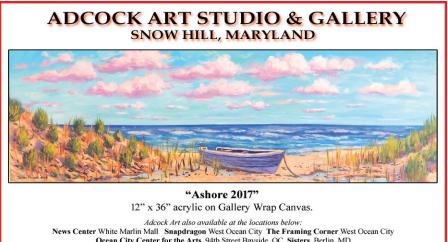
#### **By Greg Ellison**

Staff Writer (March 30, 2017) Rudy, a therapy dog who accompanies his master Jessi

Bova, a guidance counselor at Pocomoke High School, to work each day, is in the lead to win the 2017 Books and Barks contest which winds down this Thurs-

day. Rudy, a sevenyear-old golden retriever, is one of four therapy dogs competing to win a \$1,000 prize for their respective schools, in addition to a \$500 donation to the owner's favorite animal nonprofit. See POCO Page 8





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## **OP Board approves renovation** plans for golf, admin buildings

#### By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(March 30, 2017) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors on Saturday approved floor plans for renovations at the country club, adding new meeting spaces and room for golf banquets on the second floor.

The board budgeted \$417,000 for the project, which will be handled by public works.

In a parallel move, the directors voted to approve floor plans to remodel the Ocean Pines administration building, eliminating meeting spaces to allow police facilities to expand there. The fiscal year 2018 budget included \$288,000 for renovations to the police station and an additional \$72,000 for office renovations.

Board President Tom Herrick said construction at the country club would start on May 1.

The only director who voted against the renovations at the country club, Dave Stevens, said he did so because there was not adequate notice to the public. He expressed similar sentiments during a board work session last Monday.

"If this has been out, it certainly hasn't been as visible on our webpage [as other items]," Stevens said. "I think, probably, it was embedded in the board package, which contains 74 pages – that's not exactly what I would call inspiring a community discussion. I still feel just as uncomfortable as I did on Monday."

He also said the language in the motion was vague and confusing.

"What are we voting on? If we voted to approve this ... does that mean those rooms are exactly like they are on the drawing?" Steven asked. "I'm not sure we're getting the best ideas we can out of the community."

Director Cheryl Jacobs said there was some urgency, because the cramped police headquarters was something of a safety issue.

"In order to give police more space in the most financially prudent manner, we're going to refigure the admin building," she said. "The plan that we have been discussing for months – and at length at our almost five-hour work session meeting Monday – is the plan that you see before you.

"Conceptually, this is what we've been talking about. This is what is being proposed," Jacobs continued. "I'm in total agreement with moving forward with this. This is what we've been moving towards."

The board also voted on six other capital items during the meeting on Saturday.

By a 3-2 vote, the directors approved construction of a pergola at Mumford's Landing. The cost was estimated at less than \$15,000 and the motion stipulated it would be constructed with wheels – if possible.

Directors Jacobs and Slobodan Trendic voted against the measure, both saying they preferred a movable structure. They said the language in the motion did not definitively request that.

The board voted along the same lines on a motion to spend \$30,293 to buy a 2017 Ford Transit van for aquatics and recreation and parks activities.

Trendic said he was not in favor because the board was not presented with a financial justification. He also worried there was the potential for liability – because staff would be driving children and other participants to and from activities and events – and said he preferred the current system of renting a van and hiring a driver.

Unanimous votes approved \$27,560 for a 2017 Ford Interceptor, for police, and \$28,587 for a 2017 Ford F-250 extended-cab truck for public works

The directors voted unanimously to approve a \$4,435 change order at Huntington Park related to water services for new sports fields, and voted 4-1 to spend \$28,052 to replace gas systems for public works and the golf club.

Jacobs, the "no" vote, said she was not opposed to the spending, but that the board did not have enough information. That item was the only one on the capital-spending list not discussed during the work session.



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## **Berlin Falls gets help from Hopkins, SU, Thriving Earth**

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site had formerly been used for industrial purposes by Tyson's Chicken.

We are excited to be at this stage in the development of this unique asset," Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said in a press release last week. "The ponds are a focal point of the property. This process will enable us to determine the best way to use them."

Town Administrator Laura Allen said the town had also worked with scientists from the Thriving Earth Exchange to determine the type of bacteria present in the sediment on the property.

The Thriving Earth Exchange is an organization that builds a partnership between earth and space scientists with community leaders to solve challenges related to natural hazards, natural resources, and climate change, according to the release.

"We have a contract with EA Engineering, Science and Technology to perform a geotechnical analysis of the ponds to enable us to determine the best approach to remediation and how much it will cost," Allen said.

She said the town was working with Dr. Ellen Silbergeld, a professor of environmental health science at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and Dr. Jennifer Nyland, assistant professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at Salisbury University.

"EA will handle most of the sampling process, removing sediment from the ponds," Allen said. "Several samples will be extracted specifically for bacterial analysis using a method outlined by Dr. Silbergeld. Our wastewater treatment labs will be used for some of the testing as well."

Williams said a plan and cost estimate for environmental remediation would help the town compete for grant funding.

## Grant money continues to fund Berlin stormwater work

'I would say [this phase of

Town Administrator

Laura Allen

#### ■ STORMWATER continued

ment of the existing culvert and realignment of a large drainage ditch.

On Monday, the Town Council approved contract modifications of \$41,500 for on-call services and \$68,000 for construction management and inspection services with stormwater engineer EA Engineering, Science and Technology Inc.

The town originally signed the oncall contract on July 1, 2000, for \$20,000. Since then, the contract has been modified

seven times. It now totals \$366,000.

agement and inspection services was originally signed on Aug. 22, 2016. It now totals \$215,000.

Both contracts are reimbursable through grants, which EA has helped the town obtain.

According to a March 23 letter from EA to Town Administrator Laura Allen, the contract modifications would help with storm drain replacement along West Street, between Broad Street and Bottle Branch, scheduled to start soon.

It also includes construction management and inspection services on William Street near the town eclectic plant, which will be funded by FEMA and DNR grants. The storm drains along the Hudson Branch under William Street are undersized and the area is a high-priority area prone to flooding, the letter stated.

Allen, on Monday, said the town had expensed the DHCD money and was operating using DNR and FEMA funding, which expires at the end of the calendar year.

"I would say [this phase of stormwater improvements] will be done before the end of this year," she said.

She said the original plan was to finish stormwater improvements on

Flower Street and William Street, and "see how far we can The contract for stormwater improvements] will be get" using the grant construction man- done before the end of this year' money remaining to address stormwater problems on Graham, Grice and Nelson streets.

"We're still keeping

our eye out for grant money even as we're working through design and construction of these projects," Allen said. "It's not as available as it used to be ... but we are keeping our eye out for grant money for the remaining projects.

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said the town's stormwater utility was not a temporarily entity.

"It will be here as long as it rains," he said. "The idea is that we're trying to upgrade, significantly, those areas that were most severely impacted by stormwater and other related issues.

"This is kind of like maintaining the streets - it goes on indefinitely," Williams added.



### **Pines assessments** sent out, but not with questionnaire

**By Josh Davis** 

Associate Editor

(March 30, 2017) Plans to mail a comprehensive planning survey with the Ocean Pines Association annual assessments have apparently fizzled out, as assessments were sent earlier this month without the questionnaire.

The association's comprehensive planning committee had been working on that survey for the better part of the year, with feedback from the board of directors.

During an interview on March 17, committee Chairman Frank Daly said he believed "our backs are not against the wall at this point" in terms of mailing the survey with assessments.

Daly said the committee last met on Feb. 23 to add two questions to the survey at the request of the board of directors. A revised questionnaire was sent to committee liaison Dave Stevens later that day, according to Daly.

"Basically we're waiting for the board to respond back to us. They have everything - the outline, responses to their questions and, in some cases, we changed things and gave them more detailed responses. They have that and we're waiting for them to come back," Daly said at the time.

Daly said he believed assessments would be mailed on March 31.

Stevens, also on March 17, said he forwarded the latest draft of the survey to the board on Feb. 27 and had not received a response from any of the other directors.

On March 20, Daly sent a followup email.

"After we spoke, I received my assessment in the mail. I guess that kills the thought of mailing the survey with the assessment." he said. "When I hear what the [board of directors] has planned, I will call a meeting and let the committee know. We will also post it on the website."

The directors did not further discuss the survey during a work session, last Monday, or during its regular board meeting on Saturday.

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### **Pocomoke mourns Howser passing** Eight-year veteran of vol. fire company died in motor

vehicle crash, last Saturday

#### **By Greg Ellison** Staff Writer

(March 30, 2017) Pocomoke City lost an active and popular member of its community last Saturday when Jacob Howser, 24, died in a motor vehicle crash.

The Worcester County Sheriff's Office said the incident occurred at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, as Howser was heading east on Scotty Road near Nassawongo Road. Investigators, who have yet to determine the exact cause of the crash, indicated that Howser's vehicle crossed the centerline

before entering a ditch, striking a tree and bursting into flames.

Howser, an eight-year veteran of the Pocomoke City Volunteer Fire Company, was also a part-time emergency medical technician. In addition to Pocomoke, he also worked for the Snow Hill and Showell fire departments.

Pocomoke City Mayor Bruce Morrison reflected on the shocking loss Monday afternoon while en route to pay his respects to the Howser family.

'It's just a sad day in Pocomoke City when you lose a young person like Jason who was such a part of the community," he said.

Morrison was well acquainted with the family and knew Howser from birth. He said they became bonded while serving together as volunteer fire-

#### fighters.

"I've been a volunteer with the fire department in Pocomoke City for 37 years," he said. ""It was a pleasure to work with him.'

The fatal accident lent a somber tone to the inaugural Boat and Cash Bash, a fundraiser for the Pocomoke City Volunteer Fire Company held on Saturday. The event turned into an impromptu memorial, as the more than 700 attendees learned of his untimely passing.

Morrison said he would always cherish the memories he formed with Howser during their time with the fire company.

"He did it all and always had a smile on his face," he said. "I've had a gutwrenching feeling since Saturday morning. It broke my heart.<sup>3</sup>



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## Principal gets surprise from local school board, students

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As part of the award, Browne will be honored with his fellow state winners during a National Distinguished Principal event this October in Washington D.C.

Although the spotlight was focused in his direction, Browne deflected the praise to his supportive staff and spouse.

"I thank you, because this wouldn't have happened if it wasn't for the hard work that each and every one of you do on a daily basis," he said. "I thank my wonderful wife because she's a great sounding board."

# Pocomoke service dog could fetch \$1,000 contest prize

#### RUDY continued

The weeklong Facebook contest, which is sponsored by Pets Best Pet Health Insurance, began on March 23.

"We're definitely still in the lead by a couple of hundred votes, but it's been neck and neck," she said.

The stiffest competition has been from Sadie, a Great Pyrenees whose master, Lisa Durkin, is a teacher at Strausser Elementary in Massillon, Ohio. As of press time, Rudy was leading Sadie by a few hundred votes, 1,465 to 1,215. Votes can be cast until 12 p.m. MST this Thursday at facebook.com/petsbestinsurance.

Bova credited Pocomoke High School Principal Annetee Wallace with alerting her to the contest initially. The process started with Bova submitting a 250-word essay explaining how Rudy made a difference at the high school.

"I got an email confirming Rudy was chosen as a finalist," she said. "Then I did a phone interview and submitted pictures."

Making a strong argument for Rudy's inclusion came easy to Bova, who said the gregarious canine accompanies her everywhere. Since relocating this year to Pocomoke High School from Delmar Elementary, Bova said Rudy has become a fixture at the school.

Four years ago Bova took Rudy into her home as a foster dog, but quickly fell in love with the affable four-legged creature and made the situation permanent.

"I'm a big advocate for rescue dogs," she said.

Regardless of which pooch ends up on top, Bova said sharing Rudy's story as part of the Facebook contest has already yielded dividends.

"I've been networking all over," she said.

The winner will be announced on March 31 and Bova encourages everyone to vote prior to tonight's deadline.

## New campaign will forgive Pocomoke back-tax penalties

#### By Greg Ellison Staff Writer

(March 30, 2017) Pocomoke City, which just launched a campaign to collect hundreds of thousands of dollars in unpaid personal and business property taxes, is offering those who owe an opportunity to square up, minus penalties and interest.

City Manager/City Attorney Ernie Crofoot shared some background on the fiscal concern.

"Several years ago, the county took over billing for real property taxes, but what they wouldn't take over was billing for back taxes," he said. "Our auditors have advised us we should try to collect any amount due to us."

In addition to property taxes on land and buildings, Crofoot said the tally also included miscellaneous costs incurred by Pocomoke to maintain and secure abandoned properties.

"We agreed to waive penalties and interest if you paid the base amount," he said. "I think, as word gets around, more will come in." During the first two weeks, Crofoot said the collection campaign had netted about \$18,000.

"We started out a few weeks ago to make every effort to collect this stuff," he said. "Given that there weren't [as] intense efforts to collect in the past, we're trying to be reasonable."

Crofoot noted that before real estate sales can be completed, back taxes must be paid in full at closing.

"A lot of times people move and after 90 days don't have the mail forwarded and tend to forget," he said. "Trying to trace these people is complicated. It's really hard to track people."

In some cases, penalties and interest add up to more than the principal owed, Crofoot said.

"I've got one guy that owns six properties with a total tax bill of \$3,000," he said. "The penalties are more than the principal."

Crofoot said the focus is strictly on collecting base amounts.

"Some are several years old," he said. "We're duty bound to try and collect that."

'The next election is going to be

done in the open, so there will be

no more of this nonsense that

we had last year'

**Director Cheryl Jacobs** 

## **Committees, directors could restart effort to change current Pines election procedures**

OPA continued

just made it. Right now, we are back to zero, we have nothing," Vice President Dave Stevens said.

Stevens and Trendic supported the measure, while President Tom Herrick and directors Pat Supik and Cheryl Jacobs voted not to accept the first reading of the amendment to Resolution M-06.

Trendic was still fuming about the vote on Monday. Frustration, he said, was an understatement.

"I just felt the way my colleagues voted was absolute nonsense, which is what I said. I was totally blown away by the vote," he said. "This resolution change is a reflection of what the community asked. What we think individually, at this point in time, is irrelevant. We need to serve the community and respect the community's will."

He argued the specific contents of the amendment could have been altered before the board voted to authorize any changes during a second reading. The first reading, he said, was somewhat symbolic.

According to article 3a. in the Ocean Pines Book of Resolutions (B-01), "Revisions to the proposed Resolution may be made at the first meeting at which it is considered, or at any subsequent meeting, but the proposed Resolution cannot be adopted at the first meeting at which it is considered."

"Vote in favor of the first reading and continue to work on the changes," Trendic said. "They clearly did not understand – or perhaps chose not to understand. Jim Trumel, a member of the bylaws and resolutions committee and a former lawyer, clarified this subject. We were only voting to accept a first reading so that the content of the resolution changes can be under review.

"Three board members chose not to listen and voted based on their opinions as opposed to voting in favor of the first reading," Trendic continued. "It's very disappointing."

He said he asked for an electronic vote in advance, because two of the seven directors could not attend the meeting on Saturday. Herrick, however, would not allow it.

"To cast an electronic vote, it has to be unanimous agreement [to hold the vote]," Trendic said. "I believe directors Brett Hill and Doug Parks would have voted in favor of the first reading."

Trendic is the liaison to the elections committee and said he would wait for that group to act before he decided what to do next.

"At this point, I'm basically in a wait-and-see mode – but this is not over yet," he said. "I would encourage people in the community to put in calls and emails to the board expressing their opinions on the subject."

Tuttle, on Monday, also said he was unsure of his next move. He said he emailed the elections committee ahead of its next scheduled meeting, April 21, asking for feedback.

"At this point, we're pressing forward with preparing for the election. We may end up

doing so under the old rules of M-06," he said.

All the directors appeared to favor counting votes in public, but they split on whether the results could or should be an-

nounced before the annual meeting, as has been the practice for decades. Whether that was a deal breaker in any election reform was a matter for the committee to discuss, Tuttle said.

"I just don't think they really have valid reasons for not announcing the votes at the conclusion of the counting," he said. "I don't know. We may have to compromise."

He said the committee had gone through two legal assessments – at the board's request – and had two meetings with the bylaws and resolutions committee. Members of the committee also spoke during two board work sessions.

"We've done everything they asked for and then some. We've put a lot of time on it, frankly," he said. "I was definitely disappointed and frustrated. I don't know what else we could've said to try to convince them this would be a good way to go, for the whole association. I feel like we've given it our best shot and the board is going to have to decide what they want to do."

Jacobs, for her part, said she still

believed the association had the right to count votes during a closed session. But, she recognized there was no small amount of controversy and community outcry after the election last year.

"I said afterwards I was adamant we were not going to go through that again, and I would personally introduce an amendment to have the counting done in an open forum if that was required," she said. "I didn't have to do that, initially, because the elections committee took that on. However, they went beyond that."

She said she backed the open ballot count and new language that imposed strict word limits on candidate statements in association literature.

#### "But the notion of announcing the results immediately after the counting is something I'm opposed to; we have a legal opinion that says it's not right, and the majority of the board was not in agreement," she

said. "We made that pretty clear in our work session, but the election committee was pretty hell-bent that's what it ought to be and that's what they came back with.

"And so, it's dead as far as the elections committee is concerned," Jacobs added.

After the meeting, she said she emailed Clarke and asked him to add an amendment to the agenda of the next bylaws and resolutions committee. Jacobs is the liaison to that group.

"We're going to take it up as a committee or I'm going to personally do it, because it's going to come back, it's going to reflect all of the hard work that the committee did – because we appreciate that – but it's not going to include announcing the results after the counting has finished," Jacobs said.

"It's going to come back for a first reading and it's going to be done in time. The next election is going to be done in the open, so there will be no more of this nonsense that we had last year. I feel pretty strongly about that," she added.



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# Incumbent Trotter touts his service to town and country

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law enforcement – and a military background – Trotter said he is service-oriented.

"Service has been my watchword and I have made it a life-long aspiration and choice," he said. "During my first term as city councilman I have been, and remain committed to, making Pocomoke City a better place for us to live."

Since relocating his family to Pocomoke from Louisiana in 1994, Trotter said his clan has become enamored of the region.

"Pocomoke City remains a great place to raise a family, and acts as the hub of industry for the southern part of Worcester County that helps to create jobs," he said. Trotter said he has witnessed Pocomoke continue to evolve during his first term.

"The downtown area, which I represent, has added five businesses and will soon see repairs being completed to buildings because of grants the city and business owners have worked tirelessly to obtain," he said. "We also enjoy added activities and festivals that draw interest to our town and help promote the park, Cypress Trail, [the] Delmarva Discovery Center, as well as the downtown business district."

Additionally, Trotter noted Pocomoke hired an economic development director during his time in office to help businesses boost revenues and to attract new residents and tourists.

"We also recently joined with a neighboring town, Crisfield, to help boost and promote both towns by [adding] a circuit rider [staff member]," he said. The position,



Dale Trotter

which is funded via a grant from the governor's office, assists city managers with economic development and tourism pursuits,

Trotter said. "One of the greatest accomplishments of the last couple years is within our wastewater treatment facility," he said. "First, we have obtained a grant that.

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"First, we have ob- Monna Van Ess tained a grant that, once fully organized, will aide in revitalization of our Clarke Avenue pump station, and we recently completed an

tanzation of our Clarke Avenue pump station, and we recently completed an ongoing study ... regarding water service to our citizens." Trotter said he has strived to be

approachable to both city employees and residents.

"I have always been reachable by email, Facebook or even the knock on my door," he said. "I have tried to handle your complaints – and praise – as timely as possible."

Trotter said he is excited by both what has been accomplished during his first term and what remains to be done.

"I do not take the position for granted and will remain thankful to God for the opportunity to serve the people," he said.

Challenger Van Ess said, in addition to being a graduate of Pocomoke High School, she also worked for 17 years as a finance coordinator for the city.

"I've lived here almost my whole life," she said. "I'm 55, so that's quite a number of years."

After obtaining a degree in accounting from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Van Ness worked in that field for more than three decades.

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## **Challenger Van Ess hoping to unite disenfranchised**

"I retired three years ago on disability from the city," she said.

Boasting four decades as a member of the Bethany United Methodist Church in Pocomoke, Van Ess has also served on the Worcester County Women's Commission and has an extensive background working with the Samaritan Shelter, a Christian ministry in Pocomoke that assists individuals in crisis situations.

After regularly attending council meetings, she expressed her dismay with what she has witnessed recently.

"It seems like they're getting farther and farther away from the people, and the people just don't have a voice," she said. "It seems like the people have given up. They don't want to attend the meetings and don't think anything can change."

Van Ess thinks she can give a voice to the disenfranchised.

"My district is primarily African-American ... and I think those people have come to be fearful of government over the past year or two, where we saw the problems with the policing across the country – and here," she said.

Van Ess said much of the local tension stems from the firing of former Police Chief Kelvin Sewell in the summer of 2015. Sewell was the first African-American to hold the position.

"They had really connected with him and then ... he was fired abruptly. And, of course, there is a pending ACLU lawsuit. I think that it turned, especially the African-Americans, away from government and the police," she said. "They just feel kind of left out of the loop and there's no hope of getting back into the loop."

She said addressing racial divisions was a priority.

"I do know the town and I think I know what I'm getting into," she said. "I think I know how to communicate or interpret things for people."

As evidence of her community outreach efforts, Van Ess said she made a point to list her phone number on campaign literature.

"Anyone can call me, and I don't want them to hesitate to call," she said.

Although Van Ess recognizes the importance of tourism to Pocomoke, she sees more immediate priorities.

"I think we need to work on our infrastructure and then the people will come and stay, not just come for a particular event," she said. "I bet we haven't had a dozen houses built in the community in the past couple years."

Van Ess said she and her supporters would continue their door-todoor campaigning during the run up to election day, Tuesday, to encourage the roughly 250 households in District 3 to turn out.

"We're putting out door hangers to remind people," she said.

Despite numerous fiscal concerns for Pocomoke, Van Ess said healing the perceived division between citizens and the police was her goal.

"I want to try to remove that divide and try to bring things together and have everybody live in peace," she said.





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## **Snow Hill and Pocomoke** seek stake in slot revenue

Mayors of both towns draft letter to Sen. Mathias to ask for 1 percent of funds

#### By Greg Ellison Staff Writer

(March 30, 2017) Snow Hill Mayor Charlie Dorman and Pocomoke City Mayor Bruce Morrison have joined forces in pursuit of slot revenues for their respective towns.

In a January 31 letter to Maryland State Senator Jim Mathias (D-38) Dorman and Morrison asked for an adjustment to the distribution equation for revenue generated at the Casino at Ocean Downs.

State law mandates 5.5 percent of casino revenue are returned to neighboring communities through local impact grants. In Worcester, the county retains 60 percent with 20 percent going to Ocean City, while Berlin and Ocean Pines both receive 10 percent.

"I have met with Mayor Bruce Morrison ... and together we would like to see legislation introduced that and would allow Snow Hill Pocomoke City to be included in the Local Impact Grants," Dorman said. "We feel that distribution throughout all the municipalities would be

advantageous to all, as everyone can benefit from additional funding for economic and community development.'

Morrison said the pair approached Worcester County officials with the same request last year, but were informed the change had to come at the state level.

'We're hurting for revenue," he said. "All we're asking for is 1 percent to spread the wealth."

In the letter, Dorman notes that during pervious discussions with the county it was explained that to have the funds reallocated to Snow Hill or Pocomoke the towns would need to demonstrate an impact from the casino.

"While we agree that Ocean City, Ocean Pines and Berlin are the most impacted areas for public safety and infrastructure, I would argue that all the municipalities should be afforded the opportunity to benefit from the grants towards economic and community development," he said.

Reached for comment Mathias said nothing actionable is imminent during the current legislative session, and any future discussions concerning reallocating funding would need to involve the county and local municipalities.



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### **Ocean Pines Briefs**

**By Josh Davis** Associate Editor

(March 30, 2017) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors discussed the following items during a regular meeting on Saturday.

#### Absences

Board President Tom Herrick noted that two directors were absent. Interim General Manager and Director Brett Hill was out because of the birth of his son, Andrew William, on Friday. Aquatics Director Colby Phillips will serve as interim general manager until his expected return, April 7.

Director Doug Parks was also absent because of a prior commitment, Herrick said.

#### **GM Report**

Finance Director Mary Bosack presented the general manager's report in Hill's absence.

Renovations on the first floor of the golf and country club should be finished by April 1, and golf grounds crew that had been laid off during the winter were recalled as of March 1, she said.

Bosack said bridge repairs on Clubhouse Drive were 90 percent complete and should be finished by the end of April.

Repairs to the Ocean Parkway bridge encountered some delays because of utility work there. She said the concrete pillars, wood railings and sidewalks needed to be addressed. No date was given.

Installation of a new playground at Manklin Meadows should start and finish in April. A pirate-ship playground at Mumford's has been installed and an official opening is planned soon, Bosack said.

Renovations at the beach club, in Ocean City, should be finished by May in time for an expected opening on Mother's Day.

#### **Resolution postponed**

A vote on a second reading for Resolution M-09, related to the search committee, was postponed by a unanimous vote.

Director Cheryl Jacobs introduced the motion and said there were no ob-

#### jections during a prior meeting that included a first reading. The amendment would have removed the board appointment of a liaison to the committee, which is annually tasked with finding candidates for the board.

Jacobs said, in cases when a director who happens to be up for reelection is appointed, that "can create an air of impropriety."

Herrick said he had concerns about the amendment and said he felt like it was dropped at the 11th hour during a prior meeting, when he abstained from the vote. He suggested amending the language so that a director liaison who becomes a candidate would be replaced by another director.

Jim Trummel, a member of the bylaws and resolutions committee, argued that it was appropriate to draw a line between that committee and the board because of its nature. There is no reason, he said, why the committee and association staff could not communicate without going through the board - in fact, that was the point.

Jacobs, the liaison to the bylaws and resolutions committee, asked to take the amendment back to that group for further discussion.

#### Fiber RFI

The directors voted 3-2 to draft a request for information regarding network connectivity for business operations in Ocean Pines, specifically for fiber-optic lines.

Jacobs and Trendic voted "no." Jacobs called the motion premature. She said she was in favor of drafting a request, but that a technology working group was waiting for additional information from Mediacom that might prove useful. The company, which provides phone, internet and television service to the Pines, apparently had a 30-day window to report on the nature of its infrastructure, including any existing placement of or plans for fiberoptics.

Herrick, however, successfully argued the board was just gathering information. He added that he was following the lead of Parks, who led the technology work group and asked him to introduce the motion.

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## **Contest to create logo for 50th anniversary**

Ocean Pines is asking its residents to come up with commemorative design

#### By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(March 30, 2017) The 50th Anniversary Committee in Ocean Pines is asking residents to help design a new logo to commemorate the occasion.

During a committee meeting on Monday, members discussed the logo contest with Marketing Director Denise Sawyer. The winning logo will be used on merchandise to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the association next year, as well as in 50th anniversary marketing materials and during a series of events.

"What better way to celebrate 50 years of remarkable growth than with the involvement of Ocean Pines residents in a spirited 50th Anniversary logo contest?" Sawyer said in an emailed statement. "Ideally, the logo would incorporate Ocean Pines' rich history, while giving a nod to recent development and its promising future."

"The committee thought this would be a fantastic way to get the residents involved in kicking off the celebration," Jenny Cropper-Rines, committee co-chair, said.

The winner will receive a gift cer-



SUBMITTED IMAGE The 35th Anniversary Committee in Ocean Pines used a unique logo in their merchandise and marketing. Now, a committee celebrating the 50th anniversary of the association will hold a contest to come up with a new design.

tificate to The Cove at Mumford's restaurant, as well as Ocean Pines swag. Designs can be emailed to info@oceanpines.org and must be received by Friday, May 19.

The association will release additional details of the logo contest later this week.

Also during the meeting, the committee selected Delmarva Chorus Director Carol Ludwig as its new committee chair. Former OPA Director Sharyn O'Hare and Communications Advisory Committee Chairwoman Jenny Cropper-Rines will co-chair.

A series of events next year will likely include a sign ceremony in January, a communitywide parade in May, a golf tournament in June, and a winter ball in November.

Former Director Jack Collins will chair a group planning the golf tournament and former Worcester County Commissioner Judy Boggs will chair the parade. Realtor Marlene Ott will help plan events that include historical displays.

Tim McMullen, the chair of the recreation and parks committee, pledged the assistance of that group in events including the parade and any activities for children.

Cropper-Rines said the communications committee would send notices to the dozen or so other advisory committees in Ocean Pines to coordinate their efforts and help with planning and fundraising.

Director Cheryl Jacobs, the committee liaison to the board, said the other directors were "100 percent behind [the committee's] efforts."

The directors already approved \$20,000 in seed money for the committee, with the understanding that most of the events would be self-sustaining because of private donations and public and corporate sponsorships.

Additional fundraising and sponsorship plans will be discussed during future meetings.

Collins said his concern is that members of the committee have adequate access to Ocean Pines staff during the planning stages. In his case, Collins would like to work closely with Golf Director John Malinowski to plan the golf tournament.

"If we're going to do this, I have to have access to John – and John reports to the GM. That was an issue way back when we first started this," Collins said.

Jacobs acknowledged there had been some hesitation in that regard on the part of some board members, notably interim General Manager Brett Hill, who was concerned about committee members working directly with staff members.

"In terms of interaction with staff, you need to come to me," Jacobs said. "We can't just have people calling staff. Just give me a heads-up and tell me what you need and so I can grease the skids for people. I don't think we're going to have a problem, but we want to make sure we're not going to have a problem."

Committee member Harry Gowl noted there was some level of urgency, as the first planned event was exactly 10 months away.

"We've gotta get going," Collins said.

The committee will meet again on Monday, April 24 at 10 a.m.





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### **Berlin Briefs**

#### **By Josh Davis**

Associate Editor

(March 30, 2017) The Berlin Mayor and Council discussed the following items during a meeting at Town Hall on Monday.

#### **CDBG** appeal

Mayor Gee Williams said the town drafted a letter to state officials stating the importance of the Community Development Block Grant program. A function of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the program was left out of a budget draft presented by President Donald Trump.

During recent years, Williams said the town had been able to leverage \$3.2 million in CDBG money to \$10 million in grants that benefited 11 major projects in the community.

This is critical and it's nationwide. It means taking a program that benefits communities ... from one of the most successful programs that we work with in terms of grants to nothing. It kills it," Williams said. "In my opinion, regardless of where the idea came from, it's ludicrous. And it's very detrimental to the future of not only Berlin, but all communities throughout the country."

#### **Thefts from vehicles**

Lt. Robert Fisher said the Berlin Police Department was investigating eight thefts from motor vehicles in the area, including several on Powell Circle

and in the Decatur Farms area. He said the county sheriff's department also responded to reports of several more in West Ocean City.

"We're just trying to remind people, even though it's not the holidays, lock your cars," he said.

#### **Risk Management Policy**

The council voted to restate its Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland (PJM) Risk Management Policy, relating to the town's wholesale purchase of electricity. The council also affirmed that Town Administrator Laura Allen would continue to represent Berlin in hearings before the Maryland Public Service Commission.

Allen said Town Attorney David Gaskill recommended the restating be done each year and said there was no change to the policy. Williams said it had been standard practice for about six years.

"It's a helpful administrative tool for us to have in place," Allen said.

#### Spray site update

A year ago the council approved a resolution to establish a cooperative agreement with The Nature Conservancy. The organization was granted access to 196 acres of land along the Pocomoke River watershed that it hoped to improve.

Mike Dryden provided an update on that project on Monday. He said

the organization, operating under the umbrella of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, worked in an area adjacent to a town spray site. Construction of breaches started a week after Christmas and wrapped about a month ago, creating 19 breaches, including 12 on town property.

The area was cleared and the elevation was brought to the flood plain elevation, which is based on the 100vear-flood level.

He said 182 acres of wetlands in town and 352 acres overall were restored, meaning an estimated 528 million gallons of stormwater would be stored in the reconnected floodplain before being let out into the Pocomoke River.

#### Withholding permits

In another vote, the council agreed to withhold requests for permits, licenses and other approvals if there were overdue taxes, fees, utility charges or miscellaneous billing related to either the property or the applicant.

Allen proposed a 10-day release period upon payment, but Councilman Thom Gulyas suggested reducing that to two standard business days. The other councilmembers agreed and voted 4-0.

#### Help with Clean-Up Day

Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen said the town parks commission is looking for an organization to help provide food for about 100 volunteers during the annual Clean-Up Day, Saturday, May 22. Food traditionally includes hamburgers, hotdogs and canned sodas, she said.

#### Service agreement

The town will allow SonRise Church, on the north end of Main Street, to continue using Delmarva Power for one year. The church, which recently purchased a parcel of land there, hopes to develop part of it and sell it to commercial vendors, potentially for use as a hotel, restaurant and fast food chain store.

The council voted 4-0 to allow the transfer to town electric to hold off until that happens. One councilman, Dean Burrell, was absent.

#### **Big losses**

Williams said a friend of the community, Bill Taylor, passed away last week in Berlin. Taylor, a former volunteer fireman, died of natural causes, according to Williams.

Williams said he was "a true Berlin character" who would be remembered for his sense of humor. A memorial service will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Berlin Fire Company on Main Street in Berlin.

Berlin Falls Park Coordinator David Deutsch apparently also lost his son recently. Williams sent condolences on behalf of the town.

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#### **By Josh Davis**

Associate Editor

(March 30, 2017) This May in Berlin will mark the debut of the "3rd Thursday" lunchtime concert series, a new grouping of musical performances designed to draw shoppers to the downtown area.

Berlin Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said the monthly event would be held in the grassy area near the Go Organic Grocer and House by Salvaged shops

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on Artisan's Way, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

"The Lunchtime Concert Series is something I have wanted for the last two years," Wells said, adding that finding a location was the biggest obstacle to staging the event. "I've been meeting with Garrett Need, who owns that property. He said it was a great idea, so I'm running with it."

The Bilenki Duo will play on May 18, followed by Rob Fahey on May 15, Darin Engh from Opposite Directions on July 20, and The Country Grass on Aug. 17.

Wells said restaurants in Berlin would offer carryout specials to coincide with the series, which will be free and open to the public.

"You can get your lunch and take it over there," she said. "We'll have picnic tables and some hula hoops, and try to get people to come outside and enjoy lunch and downtown Berlin."

She said the series would be advertised in professional centers in and around Berlin, including Atlantic General Hospital.

"There's a lot of businesses and a lot of people that work in Berlin that don't really know what's going on downtown," she said. "We're trying to encourage people to just come outside and have a good time during lunch. Plus, it's exposure to the shops and restaurants."

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(March 30, 2017) United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore, in partnership with the Wicomico County State's Attorney Office and Wicomico County Sheriff's Office, recently announced the second annual Lower Shore Addiction Awareness Visual Arts Competition.

The contest is open to middle school and high school students in Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset and Dorchester counties. Students must create a piece of art that expresses how drug addiction affects them personally.

The Wicomico County Sheriff's Office is providing cash prizes generated from seized drug money for first, second, third and honorable mentions in each county, along with support from a United Way grant. The contest is geared toward schoolaged children as part of a community-wide effort to foster awareness and promote the risks of drug use to youth.

"We are continually working on getting resources to help the addicted, but our best hope is to reach the youth, to get them to understand the dangers of using and abusing prescription opiates and how abusing pills is a pathway to heroin use," said Wicomico County State's Attor-ney Ella Disharoon. "The heroin epidemic is a growing problem nationwide. In 2016, there were over 1,100 heroin/opioid deaths in Maryland. In 2016, there were over 216 overdoses and 17 fatalities in our county alone. When interviewed, most of the addicted in our county tell a similar tale. The users of heroin first became addicted to prescription opiate pain medication.'

Official rules for the contest can be found at www.unitedway4us.org and on the United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore Facebook page. Deadline for art submission is April 1 and winning artwork will be displayed with an awards reception at downtown Salisbury on May 19.

Now in its 73rd year, United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore continues to be the largest non-governmental source of funding for 74 critical programs in Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset and Dorchester counties.

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## **Snow Hill Spring Celebration, Sat.**

Town will hide 3,500 eggs, have heats for three age groups during yearly event

#### **By Greg Ellison**

Staff Writer

(March 30, 2017) This Saturday, Peter Cottontail will hop down the bunny trail during the annual Snow Hill Spring Celebration.

Town Manager Kelly Pruitt said parents are welcome to bring their children to Sturgis Park at 11 a.m. for a massive Easter egg hunt.

"We will have 3,500 eggs hidden in Sturgis Park," she said. "Some will be in plain sight."

Kids will be divided into three groups for ages 1-3, 4-6 and 7-10.

Kids should be on the lookout for numbered golden eggs that can be turned in for special prizes, such as toys, stuffed animals and candy, but Pruitt said all eggs will contain a surprise.

"It's amazing how quick 3,500 eggs disappear," she said.

Chilly weather last year held the crowd to about 150 kids, but Pruitt said warmer weather typically draws a larger crowd.

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She also said organizers are closely monitoring this weekend's weather forecast for the possibility of damp skies on Saturday, but any plans to reschedule would be decided that morning.

"As long as it's not raining when we go to hide the eggs that morn-' she said. "If we do cancel, it ing. will be posted on our website and Facebook."

Following the egg hunt at Sturgis Park, kids can hop over to the Harvest Moon Tavern for an hourlong lunch with the Easter Bunny that commences at 11:30 a.m.

"The Easter Bunny walks around and she takes pictures with the kids," she said.

The other highlight of the Snow Hill Spring Celebration is an Easter Scavenger Hunt that takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Julia Purnell Museum. Admission to the museum will be free during the entire day. Adults must accompany children into the museum.

Dr. Cindy Byrd, Purnell Museum executive director, said the scavenger hunt provides a different spin in comparison to more traditional Easter activities.

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"It's an educational game where they are challenged to find things," she said. "We want it to be educational and have children looking at exhibits.

Scavenger hunters will be provided with an answer sheet to record their answers, Byrd explained.

"When they turn in their sheet they'll get prizes," she said. "This usually brings a lot of people into the museum.

Byrd hopes parents who may be unfamiliar with the Purnell Museum will get the chance to discover the facility and return in the future.

'Especially people with young kids who think 'I've always meant to go there," she said.

During Saturday's festivities, the Purnell Museum will also promote its Summer Heritage Arts Program that will take place each Wednesday, between July 12 and Aug. 9.

Kids can make something connected to the museum collection,' she said. "It's our most popular ongoing educational program - and it's free."

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### **SHORE UP! needs** senior volunteers

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(March 30, 2017) SHORE UP! Inc.'s Foster Grandparent Program is recruiting low- to moderate-income senior citizens ages 55 and older to work with children/youth in Caroline, Dorchester, Somerset. Talbot. Wicomico and Worcester counties.

Foster grandparents work with children/youth in their community, often in schools, serving as mentors, role models and friends, while receiving a tax-free stipend. Call 410-749-1142, ext. 354 for more information.

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# Opinion

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# Don't bet on towns to get cut of casino funds

No one can blame Snow Hill and Pocomoke officials for seeking a tiny slice of the Ocean Downs Casino revenue pie, but they will be going against house odds to get it.

It isn't because those communities wouldn't be able to make a reasonable argument for a share, because that wouldn't be too difficult.

Considering that Snow Hill Mayor Charlie Dorman and Pocomoke City Mayor Bruce Morrison are asking for just 1 percent of the total community impact grant that's now divided between Worcester County, Ocean City, Berlin and Ocean Pines, they're not talking about that much money something in the low tens of thousands of dollars.

A good case could be made that even though the casino is between a 30- to 45-minute drive away from those communities, and that the impact of gaming on them is therefore greatly reduced, some cost probably does exist.

Further, if you're looking at awards of somewhere in the \$30,000 range, it's not too tough to make a connection.

But that's not the problem. Although Ocean Downs' revenue has increased every year, it isn't ballooning and northern Worcester communities aren't swimming in gambling proceeds.

That's the critical issue — getting those recipients to give up a portion of their take so Pocomoke City and Snow Hill can have a little something too. The chances of that happening aren't good.

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## **Historical Society meeting, April 7**

Group will gather at Pocomoke center to hear Gen. J. Adkins

(March 30, 2017) Members of the Worcester County Historical Society and their guests will gather at the Pocomoke Community Center for their annual spring meeting, Friday, April 7.

In addition to the traditional Eastern Shore chicken and dumpling dinner those attending will have an opportunity to hear retired Major Gen. James Adkins tell the fascinating story of Maryland's little known heroes of the American Revolution – the brave men of the Maryland Line.

Gen. Adkins, a native of the Eastern Shore, is the retired adjutant general of the Maryland National Guard, which traces its origins to the elite soldiers of the Maryland Line.

In August 1776, during the Battle of Long Island the Continental Army under George Washington was facing a much larger, stronger British army. The Maryland Line withstood British attacks and charged the enemy lines five times allowing the American troops to escape.

Gen. Washington was so impressed with the efforts of the Maryland Line that he called the event "an honor more precious to American liberty than any other." Historians can only speculate what might have happened if the Continental Army had been destroyed that day.

Gen. Adkins spent a part of his almost 40-year career assisting the Republic of Estonia in its integration into NATO. His career also took him to a number of other countries in Europe, Asia and Africa. He was the recipient of many military decorations and awards.

Doors will open for the event at 5:30 p.m. and the dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$22 per person and can be purchased by sending a check to: Robert Fisher, WCHS Treasurer, 230 South Washington St., Snow Hill, Maryland 21863. The deadline for reservations for the dinner, which is open to the public, is March 31.

## **Ocean Pines will host free cancer screenings**

(March 30, 2017) Oral cancer causes nearly 10,000 deaths a year in the United States – a rate that could be lower if the disease were caught at an earlier stage in more people.

But for many, especially those who don't have routine dental checkups, oral cancer can easily progress without even being noticed. That's why Peninsula Regional Medical Center is holding a free oral cancer screening in Ocean Pines.

Worcester County screenings will be held on April 4 from 4-6 p.m. at Peninsula Regional Family Medicine Ocean Pines, located in the Delmarva Health Pavilion at 11101 Cathage Rd. in Berlin.

The screenings are free and open to all, but appointments are required; call 410-543-7006.

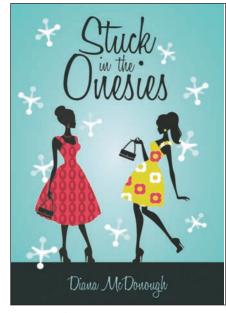
Smokers are at highest risk for oral cancer; heavy alcohol use and excessive sun exposure to your lips can also be risks.

Symptoms include a sore that doesn't heal; a growth or lump in the mouth; tongue pain, difficult or painful chewing or swallowing, and an ongoing sore throat. It can affect the lips, gums, tongue, cheek lining and roof or floor of the mouth.

## Author gets 'Stuck in the Onesies'

New novel by Ocean Pines resident takes readers on trip to 1960's Washington

**By Kara Hallissey** Staff Writer



(March 30, 2017) Ocean Pines resident Diana McDonough takes readers back to the 1960s in her novel, "Stuck in the Onesies," which is loosely-based off her mother and set in the Washington D.C. suburbs.

"It will bring back a lot of memories being it's a little bit of a history lesson during such a crazy time," McDonough said. "People will laugh, cry and come away with history and learning about human nature at the same time."

The novel touches upon racism, women's rights, the Vietnam War and accessibility to Washington insiders or famous people including President John F. Kennedy, his wife, Jackie, and Tom Jones backstage of his concert.

"It was a different and unusual time," McDonough said. "There were marches, protests and riots going on. Readers will see an evolution in these characters and how people change or their opinions change as they experience issues. They will see the cost and rewards of loyalty."

In addition, McDonough wants readers to see how society has changed in the last 50 years in regards to civil rights, race relations and women's rights.

"Things have changed as a whole in families and society," McDonough said. "When I started writing I did not intend to include race relations in the story, but it happened with the evolution of my mother, who was raised by parents from the Deep South."

The 267-page novel begins in Cambridge with scenes in Washington D.C. and Ocean City including camping on Assateague Island and a trip to the Boardwalk. It took more than 15 years for Mc-Donough to complete her book and the process changed a couple of times. Instead of first person, McDonough rewrote the story from two character perspectives: her mother and mother's best friend.

She also took classes, joined groups and found time to write on the weekends and nights when not traveling for her job as a sales manager distributor for Ecolab. After retiring last June, her goal was to finish what she started.

"Stuck in the Onesies' refers to playing jacks," McDonough said. "We played all the time as kids and there is a scene in the book."

On Jan. 15, "Stuck in the Onesies" became available on Amazon for \$12.99 in paperback and \$6.99 on Kindle. The Assateague Island Surf Shop on Route 611, Bungalow Love and Sisters, both in Berlin, are also selling the novel.

During the annual gala for the Shirley Grace Pregnancy Center on April 8, McDonough will be having a book sale and signing with all proceeds going to the nonprofit. The event takes place inside the bayfront ballroom at the Ocean City convention center on 40th Street.

Visit www.dianamcdonough.com for more information or her Facebook pages, "Diana Rodgers McDonough" or "Stuck in the Onesies."

### New 'FitnessGram' digital program to be piloted at BIS

(March 30, 2017) To keep students continuously thinking about healthy living, Berlin Intermediate School piloted a new FitnessGram digital program, which helps students create individualized plans for improving and sustaining their health.

During the last decade, physical education classes have shifted from mostly team sports instruction to focusing on lifelong fitness for students and how to personalize activities to their specific needs.

With this change, the schools have moved from measuring student performance using means such as the Presidential Fitness Test and putting more emphasis on assessing their overall health.

FitnessGram evaluates the levels of performance in five components: aerobic capacity, body composition, flexibility, muscle strength and muscular endurance.

The goal is to stay in the "healthy fitness zone," which helps assess and protect against diseases caused by sedentary lifestyles.

This tool allows teachers to personalize instruction and compare group statistics, in addition to recording and analyzing data to help students meet personal goals. FitnessGram is not used for grading purposes.

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#### **GUEST SPEAKER PURNELL**

Gregory Purnell was the guest speaker during the March meeting of the Worcester County NAACP. Purnell shared facts about local African American history. Pictured, from left, are Board Officers Cyril Achonlonu, Linda Purnell, Purnell, Gabe Purnell and President Roxie Dennis Achonlonu. The next meeting is April 20 at 6:30 pm at Tyree AME Church, 10049 Germantown Rd, Berlin. Worcester County Schools Superintendent Lou Taylor will discuss the achievement gap of children of color, hiring practices, the school system's vision for future and programs that challenge our children.



#### **ROTARY CLUB**

Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club President Cliff Berg, left, and Past President Arlan Kinney, right, welcome Tom Snell, Satellite Planning and Scheduling analyst for the U.S. Department of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration as their speaker during the February meeting. The Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club meetings are held Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Captain's Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott, 15th Street and the Boardwalk.



#### **PTA FUNDRAISER**

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Berlin Intermediate School's McDonald's PTA fundraiser on Feb. 28 was a huge success thanks to the many teachers and faculty members that participated in various stations throughout the Berlin restaurant. Pictured, from left, are teachers Jen McDowell and Kelly Feagans and educational assistant Darlene Charvat.



#### **DEMOCRATIC CLUB**

The Democratic Club of Worcester County held its monthly meeting Feb. 23 at the Ocean Pines Community Center with Salisbury University Sociology Professor Dr. Timothy Dunn as the guest speaker. Dr. Dunn spoke at length about immigration, the current executive order and how it applies to immigrants. Democratic Club meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month in the Ocean Pines Community Center's Assateague Room, starting 7 p.m. Pictured, from left, are Club Vice President Jerry White, Dr. Dunn and club President Tom Butler.



#### **HOGAN DONATES**

United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore staff and supporters accept a \$20,454 check from Gov. Larry Hogan and the Maryland Governor's Office of Service and Volunteerism. The grant is awarded from the Volunteer Generation Fund to boost the impact of volunteers in addressing critical community needs.

## Massage Envy now open in Ocean Pines

#### **By Kara Hallissey** Staff Writer

(March 30, 2017) Therapeutic massages, facials, skin care treatments and a few unique add-ons are offered at Massage Envy on Manklin Creek Road in Ocean Pines, which opened on Feb. 16.

"People need to take care of their bodies to participate in life. We are very wellness-based," Joann Hess, owner of the Massage Envy Ocean City, said. "It is a different way for people to receive massage and facial services. It is very easy, gender-neutral and our membership program is discounted."

There are many benefits to receiving a massage regularly, including relieving stress and sore muscles, increasing circulation and boosting the immune system. It's also a great recovery method to use after having surgery, she said.

"Membership services are a winwin because it helps the client to get regular massages for maintenance, which teaches the muscles and body to lower stress and life becomes scheduled around your massage," Hess said. "Your body tells you how often to get a massage. Most people [visit on] average about once a month.<sup>3</sup>

Before receiving a facial at Massage Envy, an esthetician will perform a skin analysis with a magnifying lamp and select products specific to the clients' skin-condition needs.

"The skin is the largest organ in the human body, and we must take care of it," Hess said.

A typical facial includes the skin consultation, steaming, cleansing, toning, extractions, treatment and repair products, and moisturizing the face and around the eyes. In addition, customers can receive a hand, arm, neck and décolleté massage.

Facials offer a range of therapeutic benefits such as reducing blemishes and breakouts, moisturizing and deeply cleansing, improving skin tone and texture, reducing fine lines and wrinkles and helping repair damaged cells while preventing further skin damage.

There are also a number of addons to enhance the experience including anti-aging eye treatments, back facials, hand and foot treatments, hot stone massages and aromatherapy.

"We sell Dr. Murad's line of skin care products and use them in our facials," Hess said. "They are very effective and created by a dermatologist."

Massage Envy also carries essential oils and bath salts to relieve pain, as well as body lotions and candles.

"Anything to extend that relaxation experience," Hess said. The monthly membership pro-

gram gives clients a \$30 discount on normally priced facials and massages.

We find a lot of people book in advance this way, and therapists have regular clientele," Hess said. "The



KARA HALLISSEY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE Therapeutic massages, facials, skin care treatments and a few unique add-ons are offered at Massage Envy on Manklin Creek Road in Ocean Pines, which opened on Feb. 16.

beauty of the membership is it can be used anywhere in the country."

Massage Envy has more than

1,200 locations across the United States and employees give about 1.5 million massages a month.

At least 300 facilities are currently in development, and the brand is looking to go international by bringing services to Sydney, Australia, Hess added.

"We focus on giving the highest level of customer service, making it easy to book with a discount to make it affordable, but still providing that over-the-top experience," Hess said.

Hess had been looking to expand Massage Envy to Ocean City for several years. Manklin Creek Road in Ocean Pines stood out because of the landlord, shopping center, ease of access, traffic flow and most importantly, it is nearby residents.

"We want to cater to the local population and people who spend a good chunk of their lives here," Hess said.

"We figured locals are in this area on a regular basis and it would be a convenient spot for them."

Massage Envy is hiring for all positions with "meeting the demand" as the biggest obstacle when opening a new location, she said.

"It is a nice place to work and a family environment," Hess said. "We are healers and focus on our clients and craft. We have parties, provide insurance, have a 401K option and pay for license renewals.

Massage Envy Ocean City on Manklin Creek Road in Ocean Pines is open every day. Appointments can be made Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

For more information or to book a service, visit www.massageenvy.com or call 410-387-2698.





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## **Clubs committee talks 'tweaks'**

#### By Josh Davis

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Associate Editor (March 30, 2017) Things are getting better, but a few key things remain that the staff and management could do to improve at Mumford's Landing.

That was the leading topic of discussion when members of the Ocean Pines Association Clubs Advisory Committee met last Thursday in the community center.

Committee member Donna Hickey said she asked for several such "tweaks" to be placed on the meeting agenda.

For one, she said marketing could do a better job. Promotional materials for a recent mystery-themed dinner, for instance, were released less than a week before the event, she said. Information on a Saint Patrick's Day buffet was also publicized with less than a week's notice.

Hickey and other members of the committee raved about improvements to the quality of the food, but said more attention could be paid to training staff. It's not unusual for diners to wait for 30 minutes or more for subsequent drink orders, she said, and rarely, if ever, are guests approached by wait staff for dessert orders.

"To me it's common sense," she said. "Why wouldn't you [ask about] dessert?"

Some of the pricing is also confusing, she said. An inexpensive salad can become a \$20 meal by adding grilled chicken, and Hickey said guests in her party had been charged \$3 for bread on several occasions.

Committee member Gary Miller said the only complaint that he'd heard is the food was "too damned expensive." Sunset Grille, for instance, offered regular specials that were much more enticing.

Still, there were bright spots.

"The food has improved, I think," committee member Audrey Wahl said. "I think we have come a long way with the food and if we can continue to do that – that would be wonderful."

Board Vice President Dave Stevens, also the liaison to the committee, said he would take those suggestions to the other directors.

"I think the real point is to get this up to a level where you can make some broader statements," he said. "Training may be happening, but it isn't obvious. I think that's what you all said.

"The pricing is unattractive and it doesn't make sense," Stevens added. "It's a generic, recurring problem or issue ... and the advisory committee is doing what it's supposed to, it's advising the board and bringing these issues to [the board's] attention."

Miller reiterated that it was often the small things that were hurting the experience of repeat customers – things like charging extra money on the rare occurrence someone asks for an extra roll.

"That just pisses people off," he said. "If somebody had just said, 'Sure, I'll go get one' and brought it out, then that guy's experience has gone from mediocre to good ... that's the difference and that's what we've been fighting since the place opened."

Hickey said the issues were basically "stupid, little tiny things."

"But they're big when you add them all up and it gives a negative feeling," she said.

## County rec offers Washington D.C. Motorcoach Tour

(March 30, 2017) Worcester County Recreation & Parks is offering a day trip to Washington D.C. this spring.

On Tuesday, April 4, spend the day in Washington D.C., and take advantage of seeing the sights. Enjoy time exploring the National Mall, visit one of the Smithsonian Museums, or walk around the Tidal Basin to view the monuments and cherry blossoms. The cost is \$60 per person.

For more information, contact Lea Cataggio, at 410-632-2144 ext. 2509 or lcataggio@co.worcester.md.us. Visit www.WorcesterRecandParks.org, join WCRP mailing list, and like on Facebook.

### Assateague starts process to relocate damaged campsites

(March 30, 2017) The National Park Service is preparing an Environmental Assessment in support of a new flexible design strategy for relocating campsites at its oceanside campground that are lost or repeatedly damaged by coastal storm events.

Several new locations within the developed area on Assateague Island will be considered. The purpose of the proposed project is to develop an on-island relocation strategy for campsites that are becoming increasingly unusable due to sand deposition and encroachment from the adjacent dune system. The NPS believes that the proposed project is needed in order to continue to provide high quality and sustainable camping opportunities for park visitors to Assateague Island.

The environmental assessment will address any potential impacts to natural or cultural resources that may result from the proposed project. Input will also be gathered from other agencies and the public to consider the potential effects of the proposed project.

There will be two opportunities to comment on the project. The NPS is currently in the scoping phase of the proposed project and invites the public to submit written suggestions, comments and concerns regarding the project to the online NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website at: http://parkplanning.nps.gov/Ocean sideCamping before March 31.

A public open house will also be held to answer stakeholder questions and solicit additional public comments on Thursday, March 30 from 4-7 p.m. at Assateague Island National Seashore Environmental Education Center, 7206 National Seashore Lane, Berlin, Maryland 21811.

A second public comment period will also be made available following the release of the EA later this spring.





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60th Street and the bay Ocean City 410-524-5500 www.fagers.com March 31: DJ RobCee, 9 p.m.; Honey Extractor, 9:30 p.m. April 1: DJ Muve, 9 p.m.; Big Romeo, 9:30 p.m. April 3: Bryan Clark, 9 p.m.; Opposite Directions, 9:30 p.m.

#### HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL

12841 S. Harbor Road West Ocean City 410-213-1846 www.ocharborside.com March 31: DJ Billy T, 4 p.m. April 1: Side Project/Simple Truth, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m. April 2: DJ Billy T, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Opposite Directions & Friends, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 6:30 p.m. April 5: Karaoke w/DJ Jeremy April 6: Opposite Directions, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

#### HARVEST MOON TAVERN

208 W. Green St. Snow Hill 410-632-9890 harvestmoontavern@gmail.com March 31: Smooth & Remy, 7-10 p.m.

#### JOHNNY'S PIZZA & PUB

56th Street, bayside Ocean City 410-524-7499 www.johnnyspizzapub.com March 31: Tommy Edwards April 1: Slappy Hour April 4: Randy Lee Ashcraft & Saltwater Cowboys, 8-11 p.m.

## MUMFORD'S LANDING OCEAN PINES

1 Mumford's Landing Road Ocean Pines 410-641-7501 www.oceanpines.org March 31: Tommy Edwards, 6-9 p.m. April 1: TBA, 8 p.m. to midnight April 5: Karaoke, 7 p.m.

#### **OCEAN CLUB NIGHTCLUB**

In the Horizons Restaurant In the Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel 101st Street and the ocean Ocean City 410-524-3535 www.clarionoc.com March 31-April 1: On The Edge April 5: Bryan Clark, 6-9 p.m.

#### SEACRETS

49th Street and the bay Ocean City 410-524-4900 www.seacrets.com March 31: DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; The Benderz, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m. April 1: Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Jon Maurer, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; The Benjamins, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m. April 6: Full Circle Duo, 5-9 p.m.

#### **SKYE RAW BAR & GRILLE**

66th Street, bayside Ocean City 410-723-6762 www.skyebaroc.com April 1: Monkee Paw, 4-8 p.m.

#### WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17 Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines 410-208-3922 www.whiskersbar.com March 31: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey





## **Snapshots**



#### **HUNDRED-DAY BREAKFAST**

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Bobby Rosales (WPS, 1989 and U.S. Naval Academy, 1993) was the featured speaker during the Class of 2017, 100-Day Breakfast celebration hosted by the Worcester Preparatory School Alumni Association on Feb. 17. The 100-Day gathering marks the senior class countdown to the last day of school at WPS. Rosales, WPS Class of 1989 salutatorian, reflected on his memorable years at the school and how he applied the principles he learned throughout his life's journey. He served in various roles in several global missions as a naval aviator, fleet weapons and tactics instructor, advanced strike flight instructor, and commanding officer. Rosales retired from active Naval service in 2013, and moved to Florida to work for Delta airlines as a first officer flying the Boeing 737.



#### **KID INVENTORS**

Halle Lo and Maheila Robinette stand with their inventions the "Sprush" and "Freeze Pop Cozy" during Buckingham Elementary School's third annual "Invention Convention" on March 8.



#### **ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS**

In December, Ocean City Elks #2645 conducted its annual Americanism Contest for local elementary schools. The theme this year was "Why Is It Important to Vote." Most Blessed Sacrament School had two equal winners, Mia Diehl, second from left, and Sandra Powlowska. They are pictured with Susan Caldwell, president of Elks, left, and Pam Jones, chairman of Americanism.



'HIP' DAY

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Berlin Intermediate School's annual HIP day took place Jan 27. HIP, an abbreviation for "Helping Increase the Peace," is recognized annually at BIS for educating nonviolent conflict resolution, accepting each other's differences and having a little fun. On this day, students and staff dress up in their favorite funky clothes from all decades and there is an assembly where they dance and play games. The school's peer mediators visit the children in their classrooms to give them peace talks and quiz their knowledge on quotes from famous peace leaders. Children can also agree to take "peace pledges" which is a promise to themselves and others that they will not engage in violent activity. Pictured are Brooke Fitzgerald, Takihya Ellison and Darby Rohe.



#### **ART SHOW WINNERS**

Worcester County Arts Council announces the winners of the Ocean City/Berlin Optimists High School Art Contest. Pictured, from left, at the Berlin studio are Stephen Decatur High School art teacher, Christy Powell; Snow Hill High School art teacher, Monica Forrester; President Ocean City/Berlin Optimist Club, Steve Acton; Natalie Turner, second place painting, "Lennon," tempera paint (Pocomoke High School); Kira Salomon, second place drawing, "Winter Androgyny," pastel and graphite (SDHS); Niamh Lundberg, third place drawing, "My World," colored pencil/pen and ink (SDHS); Debra Marini, honorable mention painting, "Bazaar," acrylic (Worcester Preparatory School); Kate Carpenter, honorable mention drawing, "Wishing for a Snow Day" (SDHS); Nick Ager, first place painting, "Trigger," acrylic on wood and People's Choice Award (SDHS); show judge David Simpson; and Pocomoke High School art teacher Alexandra Tobiassen. Not pictured is Stephanie Marx, third place painting, "Under the Waves," watercolor (SDHS). The exhibit will be on display at the Worcester County Arts Council until the end of February. **Bayside Gazette** 

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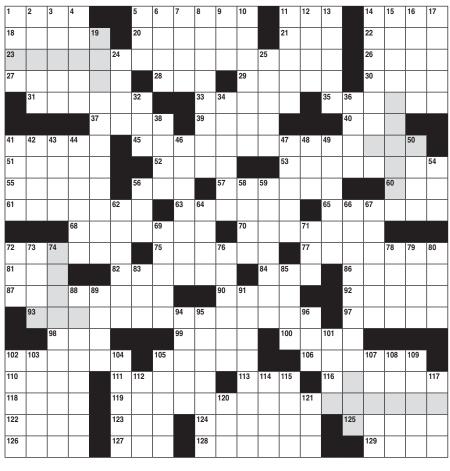
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# Calendar

Please send calendar items to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday. All community-related activities will be published at no charge.

## THU, MAR. 30

#### 2017 JOB FAIR

Stephen Decatur High School, 9913 Seahawk Road, Berlin, MD, 8:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stephen Decatur High School staff and students invite area vendors to participate in their job fair. In addition to Stephen Decatur students, Snow Hill and Pocomoke students will also be in attendance. To sign up as a vendor: Marquita Tindley, 410-641-2207 or mmtindley@mail.worcester.k12.md.us.

#### STORY TIME 'FARM ANIMALS'

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. 410-632-3495

#### STORY TIME 'WHAT'S FOR DINNER'

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. 410-208-4014

### WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS

American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be Veterans Administration information and other groups from the Lower Shore Veterans Network there to provide information of help to Veterans. There will be a short program and lite fare to eat. All Vietnam era veterans are welcome.

#### COASTAL HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 11 a.m. The group meets every Thursday. Free and open to anyone who has lost a loved one, not just Coastal Hospice families. 410-251-8163

#### COOKS-N-BOOKS

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 2 p.m. Choose a recipe from the selected cookbook at the library, prepare the dish and bring it to share and discuss with the group. 410-957-0878

#### STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 2 to 3 p.m. Providing physical and emotional support for survivors and caregivers to share personal experiences and challenges. Coping strategies also discussed., Ann Waples, awaples@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9243 or 443-614-5720

#### FIRESIDE CHAT

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 3 p.m. Explore new authors and genres while sharing in a lively chat about favorite reads. 410-641-0650

#### BEACH SINGLES

Harpoon Hanna's, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE, 4 to 7 p.m. Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour., Arlene or Kate, 302-436-9577 or 410-524-0649

#### PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT

Assateague Island National Seashore Environmental Education Center, 7206 National Seashore Lane, Berlin, MD, 4 to 7 p.m. The National Park Service is gathering input from other agencies and the public to consider the potential effect of relocating campsites at its Oceanside Campground. This public open house is held to answer stakeholder questions and solicit additional public comments. Comments can also be made online before March 31., http://parkplanning.nps.gov/OceansideCamping

#### TEEN ADVISORY MEETING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 4 to 5 p.m. Come and enjoy pizza while sharing your thoughts for future programs at the library, 410-208-4014

#### OCEAN CITY-BERLIN OPTI-MS. FUNDRAISER

Denovo's Trattoria, 11310 Manklin Creek Road, Berlin, MD, 5 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 at the door. Funds raised help with scholarships.

#### **ANIMATION AFTER HOURS**

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Educational showcase of rare, classic, groundbreaking and bizarre animation from every era around the world. Designed for an adult audience. 410-524-1818

#### BINGO

American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., games start at 6:30 p.m. Food and non-alcoholic drinks available at 5:15 p.m. Open to the public. 410-289-3166, http://www.alpost166.org

## FRI, MAR. 31

#### AARP FREE TAX SERVICES

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, All Day By appointment only. Call 410-957-0878

#### **OYSTER FRITTER SALE**

American Legion Post 123, 10111 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, Md, 12:30 p.m. American Legion Post 123 SAL will sell oyster fritter sandwiches for \$9 each. Public welcome.

boggsdisharoon.123@yahoo.com, 410-641-3760

#### MINECRAFT CHALLENGE - 'TUTORIAL CHALLENGE'

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 3:30 p.m. Using Minecraft, the group will work together to make awesome stuff. For 9 to 13 year olds. 410-641-0650

#### FISH DINNER

Bowen United Methodist Church, 8421

Newark Rd, Newark, MD, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Bowen United Methodist Church will sell \$10 platters of salt water trout filet, macaroni and cheese, green beans, cornbread and dessert. A beverage is included for those eating in. 410-632-1134

#### ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT TACO NIGHT

Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department, 10709 Bishopville Road, Bishopville, MD, 6 to 8 p.m. Beef, chicken and fish tacos; beans and rice; guacamole dip; salsa and chips; and hard and soft shells. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 10 year and younger. 443-235-2926

## SAT, APR. 1

#### FARMERS MARKET

White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Held every Saturday. Locally grown vegetables and fruits, eggs, honey, kettle korn, flowers, artisan breads, seafood, meats and more. New vendors welcome. 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006

#### AARP FREE TAX SERVICES

Ocean City Senior Center, 104 41st St., Ocean City, MD, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open to walk-ins

#### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Ocean City Municipal Airport, Terminal Building, 12724 Airport Road, Berlin, MD, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Serving pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, etc., and coffee. Suggested donation is \$7. An OCAA fundraiser to support the Huey Veteran's Memorial Display. Info: Airport Ops, 410-213-2471 or Coleman Bunting, 410-726-7207

#### 'MAKING THE CONNECTIONS' GENEALOGI-CAL WORKSHOP

Worcester Preparatory School's lecture room, 508 S. Main St., Berlin, MD, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. This is the second of a series of four genealogical workshops held March 25, April 1, 15 and 22. The second session concentrates on examining the wide variety of local historical sources available to researches. Participants will receive materials to use in their research. Cost is \$25 per session or \$95 for all four. Reservations are required., Theresa Bruner, Info@Historicstmartinschurch.org, 410-251-2849

#### WRITE IT' CREATIVE WRITING FORUM

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. Novice and established writers gather to share their fiction, non-fiction and creative writing projects. Program includes critiques and appreciation, market leads and writing exercises. 410-641-0650

#### **ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN BUFFET** Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church,

36536 Mount Pleasant Rd, Willards, Md, 11 a.m. Menu includes chicken, vegetables, beverages and desserts. Cost is \$13 for adults and \$6 for children. Children under 6 eat free. Bake table and carryouts available. Nelda, 443-614-9898

#### OCEAN CITY SURFING SOFTBALL SLAM

Northside Park, 200 125th St, Ocean City, MD, 12 p.m. Girls' fast-pitch softball teams will load the bases and hit home runs at this great event. 410-250-0125, http://www.usssa.com

#### **REACH THE BEACH NATIONALS**

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City, Md, 12 p.m. All Star and College national cheer and dance championship. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, http://acdaspirit.com

## SUN, APR. 2

#### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N Main St, Berlin, Md, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Meal includes pancakes, fried potatoes, hominy and drinks. Cost is \$7 for adults. Children are free with any donation. All proceeds benefit American Cancer Society through Stevenson United Methodist Church's Relay For Life team. 410-641-1137

#### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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#### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 2, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 12 to 1 p.m. Group shares experience, strength and hope to help others. Open to the community and to AGH patients. Rob, 443-783-3529

#### OCEAN CITY SURFING SOFTBALL SLAM

Northside Park, 200 125th St, Ocean City, MD 21842, 12 p.m. Girls' fast-pitch softball teams will load the bases and hit home runs at this great event. 410-250-0125, http://www.usssa.com

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## EASTERN SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION

The Clancy Building (second floor of the Daily Brew Coffeehouse), 213. N. Washington Street, Snow Hill, Md, 3 to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Shore Community Action Continued on Page 30

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Network (ESCAN) will hold a social and meeting. Meet with fellow citizens who are inspired by the positive energy of the January Women's March to stay actively engaged in developing improved communities. Bring hors d'oeuvres, fingerfoods, or desserts to share for the social hour 3-4 p.m. and participate in the action meeting 4-5:30 p.m. Christina Hulslander, ploverbug@msn.com, 803-528-1309

## MON, APR. 3

#### CPAP MASK FITTING

Atlantic General Hospital Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, All Day Free, bimonthly mask fitting clinic for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. By appointment only: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726

#### AARP FREE TAX SERVICES

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open to walk-ins.

#### BEGINNING COMPUTER INSTRUCTION

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 10 a.m. Learn basic computer skills, set up an email account and navigate the internet. Register: 410-632-3495

#### HYPERTENSION CLINIC

Apple Discount Drugs, 314 Franklin Ave., Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Monday of every month. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268

#### HYPERTENSION CLINIC

Walgreens, 11310 Manklin Creek Rd., Ocean Pines, MD, 1 to 3 p.m. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Monday of every month. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268

#### THE DIGITAL LIBRARY AND YOU

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 2 p.m. Visit the library with your library card and device to get started downloading free books, magazines, audiobooks, music, movies and TV. 410-641-0650

#### GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 2:30 to 4 p.m. The group meets twice a month to discuss both classic and modern reading selections. Lisa Harrison, 410-632-3970

#### 'GEOBOARD IT'

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 3:30 p.m. STEAM activity for those 12 years and older. 410-957-0878

#### SIT-N-STITCH

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 5 to 7 p.m. Join other for an evening of knitting, crocheting and other needle arts. Bring own materials. 410-632-3495

#### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Berlin group No. 169. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Edna Berkey, 410-251-2083

#### AGH DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, MD, 6 to 7 p.m. Open to the public and meets the first Monday of each month. Speakers and education related to diabetes. AGH Diabetes Outpatient Education program, 410-641-9703

#### DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE CHORUS

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 7 to 9 p.m. The group meets each Monday. Women interested in learning the craft of a cappella singing welcome. 410-641-6876

## TUE, APR. 4

#### AARP FREE TAX SERVICES

MAC Center, 909 Progress Circle, Salisbury, MD, All Day By appointment only. Call 410-742-0505.

#### SNOW HILL ROTARY CLUB MEETING

All Hallows Church Parish House, 109 W. Market Street, Snow Hill, MD, 7:30 a.m. Contact agibb1@verizon.net or 410-546-1978 for more information.

#### LIVING WELL: CHRONIC DISEASE SELF-MANAGEMENT

Pocomoke Senior Center, 400 Walnut St., Suite B, Pocomoke City, MD, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Free, six-week interactive program for anyone who has a chronic condition. Topics include better breathing; how to manage pain, stress and discouragement; improving communication with family and healthcare providers; eat and exercise for your health; and more. Dawn, 410-641-9268

#### **'SEEDS & SPROUTS'**

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 10:30 a.m. Plant seeds and see what happens. For 3 to 7 year old children. 410-957-0878

#### STORY TIME 'GARDENS'

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. 410-641-0650

#### FREE ORAL CANCER SCREENING

Peninsula Regional Family Medicine, 11101 Cathage Road, Ocean Pines, Md, 4 to 6 p.m. Oral cancer causes nearly 10,000 deaths a year in the US and can easily progress without being noticed. Smokers are at highest risk. The screening is free but appointments are required., 410-912-6104

#### FAMILY NIGHT 'WHERE'S WALDO?'

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 5 to 6:30 p.m. For children 3 years and older, and their caregivers. Drop by between 5-6:30 p.m. and find all the hiding Waldos and get a small prize. 410-524-1818

#### **RAVENS ROOST MEETING**

28th Street Pit & Pub, 2706 Philadelphia Ave, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Ravens Roost 58 is seeking new members, including those to serve on the board of directors, to enjoy Ravens football games together and fundraise for local families in need. All activities take place at 28th Street Pit & Pub. Dues are \$20 per year.

#### BINGO

Pocomoke Elks Lodge 1624, 1944 Worcester Highway, Pocomoke City, MD, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m., early bingo at 7 p.m. and regular games start at 7:30 p.m. Food and non-alcoholic drinks available. Open to the public. 410-957-3556

## WED, APR. 5

**3D PRINTER DEMONSTRATION** Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, All Day Come and make a creation of your own using the library's designs and materials. Space is limited, register at 410-208-4014.

## KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OCEAN PINES/OCEAN CITY

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 8 a.m. Meets every Wednesday. Doors open at 7 a.m., meeting begins at 8 a.m. 410-641-7330, http://www.kiwanisofopoc.org

#### HYPERTENSION CLINIC

Rite Aid, 10119 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Wednesday of every month. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268

#### 'SEEDS & SPROUTS'

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10:30 a.m. Plant seeds and see what happens. For 3 to 7 year old children. 410-524-1818

#### HYPERTENSION CLINIC

Rite Aid, 11011 Manklin Creek Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 1 to 3 p.m. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Wednesday of every month. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268

### THE ART OF FLYING: HOW AIRPLANES ARE FLOWN

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. A free course for those members of the public, especially retirees, PC Flight Simulator and R/C aircraft modelers, interested in knowing how airplanes are flown. Requires only a knowledge of 8th grade math and a simple scientific calculator. Will possibly have a PC Simulator available at the end of the course for individual sessions. Preregistration is required. Tom Oneto, avadvisorsedu@gmail.com, 410-641-6888

#### DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB

Ocean City Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., Ocean City, MD, 5:30 to 9 p.m. The group meets every Wednesday. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the '50s, '60s and Carolina Beach music. A \$5 donation per person to benefit local Veterans. Elk members and their guests welcome. dance@delmarvahanddancing.com, 302-200-3262, http://delmarvahanddancing.com

#### OCEAN CITY/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEETING

Captain's Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott, 2 15th St, Ocean City, MD, 6 p.m. The group meets every Wednesday. cliffo917@aol.com, 410-641-1700

#### **OPEN MIC NIGHT**

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 6 p.m. An opportunity for all artists of all genres (musicians, poets, comedians, rapers and others) to gather and share their talents. All are welcome, artists and appreciators. Performers should call the library for details. 410-641-0650

#### **OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS**

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 6 to 7 p.m. Group is a 12-step program for anyone struggling with a compulsive eating problem. Group meets the first Wednesday of each month. No initial meeting charge. Meeting contribution is \$1 monthly. Bett, 410-202-9078

#### AGH DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 7 to 8 p.m. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month. All welcome. AGH Diabetes Outpatient Education program, 410-641-9703

#### UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BAND CONCERT

OC Performing Arts Center, 4001 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City, MD, 7 p.m. United States Air Force Concert Band and Singing Sergeants perform. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Event is free. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

## **ONGOING EVENTS**

#### CHURCH FUNDRAISER

Taylorville United Methodist Church will be collecting gently worn shoes, of any kind until April 1. Money raised will be used to repair the church's foundation. Drop off under the church pavilion at 12252 Adkins Road, Berlin or have them picked up by calling 410-208-1233 or 410-202-9341.

#### MAKE & TAKE 'GARDENING'

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, every Saturday in April, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Make flowering creations. For all ages. 410-208-4014 March 30, 2017

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### **HELP WANTED** Talbot Inn, 311 Talbot St. Now Hiring Front Desk, Night Auditor & Housekeeping

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