



Five candidates remain in hunt for Ocean Pines BOD

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(June 15, 2017) The Ocean Pines Association Elections Committee announced last Friday that two candidates, Arie Klapholz and Paula Robertson Gray, had dropped out of the Board of Directors race.

The five who remained took part in the annual candidate draw, determining what order they will appear on ballots and speak during association forums. The results were:

1. Colette Horn
2. Nicole Schafer Crosariol
3. Doug Parks
4. Marty Clarke

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Candidates for the Ocean Pines Board of Directors pose for a photo outside the administration building following the annual candidate draw, last Friday. The two candidates with the highest vote totals will earn three-year terms on the board. Pictured, from left, are Marty Clarke, Nicole Schafer Crosariol, Brenda Lynn Wascak, Doug Parks and Colette Horn.

Way-finding signs will be redone, but utility boxes won't

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(June 15, 2017) Revamping the dated way-finding signs in downtown Berlin is a great idea, according to members of the Historic District Commission, but placing several sidewalk appliques and painting utility boxes in the Victorian sector bright, cartoonish colors proved not to be quite as popular.

All three items were on the agenda of a Historic District Commission
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The Town of Berlin plans to revamp its way-finding signs, which are placed on poles throughout the downtown area.

Berlin adopts fiscal 2018 budget

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(June 15, 2017) The Berlin Town Council on Monday unanimously approved a \$19 million fiscal year 2018 budget. The new spending plan is the result of more than six months of work by the town staff and represents a 5.49 percent reduction from the previous budget of \$20.1 million.

A public hearing on the package was opened and closed without comment.

The approved budget included a \$7.7 million general fund, nearly 14 percent lower than the previous fiscal year. Three utility funds were higher — electric (\$5.5 million, 1.15 percent), water (\$1.19 million, 15 percent) and sewer (\$3 million, 21 percent). The stormwater fund, about \$1.5 million, was 29 percent lower than the previous fiscal year's spending.

Capital projects were budgeted at \$4.59 million, a significant reduction over the \$6 million in capital items approved last year.

Finance Director Natalie Saleh said the major adjustment to the budget over the one introduced during a first reading three weeks ago was a \$126,270 reduction in revenue related to a Community Parks and Playgrounds grant overseen by the Department of Natural Resources, Program Open Space.

The town applied for, but did not receive, funding that would have paid nearly the entire cost to install permanent restrooms at Stephen Decatur Park. The project was cut from the budget, cutting \$137,250 from expenses.

Councilman Dean Burrell said he was disappointed the town did not budget for the restrooms — regardless of the outcome of the grant.

"We have kids using Port-a-Potties [at Stephen Decatur Park] and that's a shame for here in the Town of Berlin," he said.

Following the vote, Councilman Zack Tyndall asked that nonprofits applying for town grants do so by Jan. 1. Williams noted that several came in later than ever during the current cycle.

However, Williams, who is also the marketing director for the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, a public foundation that provides upwards of more than 1,500 grants each year across three counties, said he would hate to see a nonprofit excluded because it missed the deadline.

Many in the area, he said, operated with part-time executive directors and other constraints.

"Maybe there's something where we can say we need to have that information by the work sessions [in March]," Williams said. "Let's give it a shot and see what happens."

Tyndall agreed, and Town Administrator Laura Allen said she would notify nonprofits who received grants from the town this year.



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Councilman Dean Burrell lamented on Monday that the town could not find money in the fiscal year 2018 budget to upgrade the portable bathrooms in Stephen Decatur Park.



CELEBRATION

A strong turnout of local families attend a ribbon cutting for World of Toys in Berlin, last Friday. During a celebration inside the shop, about a dozen children watched a magic show unfold, while other guests browsed the ample inventory and enjoyed light snacks.

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Disused OP parcel gets exception for contractor storage

Near Pines Plaza, residents of Pennington Commons object, cite privacy concern

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(June 15, 2017) Before the Pines Plaza was tied into county water and sewer it used, like many properties on the shore, a septic system that also required a drain field, or leach field.

Since the county project to provide services several years ago, the drain field has remained dormant, except for the minor matter of an adjacent vendor using the area for storage, which the attorney representing the owners of Pines Plaza, Hugh Cropper, said was only recently discovered and would be quickly remedied.

In the meantime a nearby neighborhood, Pennington Commons, had been selling homes based on the relative privacy of the area. At least one resident, Brenda Archer-Nichols, said during the hearing on the issue at the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting last Thursday, that she was explicitly told that nothing would ever be built on that site.

Nichols had been misinformed.

The parcel is designated as an Existing Developed Area in the county's comprehensive plan, which is used to identify already developed areas in unincorporated areas of the county and provides for the "current development character" to be maintained. The parcel is zoned A-2 agricultural and allows a host of activities related to farming, feeding and residential primary uses, with even more, such as campgrounds or contractor storage areas, allowable by special exception.

Cropper is seeking to place a seven-building, 60,000-square-foot contractor storage shop on the former drain field near Pines Plaza.

According to the preliminary site plan, Cropper said the facilities would use less than half of the entire lot area and provide 50 feet of fully landscaped setback between the business and the neighbors.

As the dozen or so neighbors' complaints mounted, Cropper offered 100 feet of fully landscaped buffer surrounding the facilities. Access to the property is provided by 5L Drive in Ocean Pines, and no access is granted through the neighborhood.

All of the buildings, Cropper said, would be oriented toward the center of the site to concentrate the activity in one location.

The unused portion would be used mainly for stormwater management.

The landlords are legally obliged to provide eight EDUs of water and sewer capacity to the contractor storage facilities, in case the tenants want to install bathrooms. That decision, Cropper said, is left to the tenants.

These conditions were acceptable to the board members, who approved it with a 6-0 vote, with member Glenn Irwin absent.



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Decision coming on Shore Spirits

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(June 15, 2017) Late last month the Board of License Commissioners took the unusual, but not unprecedented, step to delay its decision on whether or not to grant the new owner of the former county Shore Spirits store in Pocomoke City a Class A liquor license.

The board announced last week that it would hold deliberations on the matter on June 21 at the Government Center in Snow Hill, starting at 12:45 p.m., ahead of the meeting's usual 1 p.m. start.

Kalpesh Patel, of Berlin, successfully bid \$1.175 million for the store and its inventory, which was made public during an April county commissioners meeting.

Contingent on that bid, however, was the county's endorsement and support for Patel to successfully obtain a Class A license. Without it, the county would have to move on to one of the lower bidders.

However, during the hearing in May several other business owners in the same area as the Shore Spirits shop, as well as the Pocomoke City mayor Bruce Morrison, attended to protest the awarding of the license.

The main complainant is the owner of the Newtown Market, represented by attorney Hugh Cropper, but also a relative of an unsuccessful bidder for the Shore Spirits store. The Newtown Market opened originally after Shore Spirits was already up and running, but was purchased by the current owner in 2015.

The market sells beer already and argues the addition of beer to the Shore Spirits store, which currently possesses a license to sell only wine and liquor, would drive the business to close.

Other businesses in the same strip mall, adjacent to the Pocomoke City Wal-Mart, as the Shore Spirits shop also sell beer, and Morrison contended that Don's Seafood just 2.2 miles away from Shore Spirits, already meets the town's liquor needs.

After much discussion and deliberation during the May meeting, Cropper introduced a transcript of a 2014 session of the BLC into evidence. Two members of the board, Charles Nichols and Billy Esham, were also present at those proceedings, while the third, Marty Pusey, only joined last year.

At the time, board attorney Tom Coates said the transcript would take "a good hour" to read.



A gaggle of Snow Hill Middle School eighth graders poses outside the Pocomoke River Canoe Company after completing the cardboard regatta boat building exercise last Friday. GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Cardboard regattas not 'all wet'

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(June 15, 2017) Following a successful test launch last year, 45 students from Snow Hill Middle School swarmed the Pocomoke River last Friday to test the limits of cardboard and packing tape.

Forty-five eighth graders and 21 custom-designed vessels accompanied their teacher Denis Jenkins for the school's second-ever cardboard regatta event.

Jenkins said the boat-building exercise is the culmination of three years of technical education imparted in the "Project Lead the Way" class he teaches.

"We go through the entire design process basically from idea to prototype," he said.

The nonprofit organization Project Lead the Way develops STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) curricula for students from K-12.

"You need to design it, you need to research it and prove why its going to work," he said. "Then you need to build it and test it."

Since the beginning of May, Jenkins' students have completed the task list, finally arriving at the testing phase on Friday.

It turned out to be a mixed bag of results for the youthful ship builders.

LaBroya Pitts said despite investing nearly three weeks constructing his vessel, the river nearly swallowed it whole.

"It almost sunk," he said.

Jessica Wilson managed to remain dry after averting a near nautical disaster.

"The only problem we had the bottom of our boat had a hole in it," she said.

Jenkins said lessons learned from last year's aquatic adventure were applied to good effect.

"Last year a lot of kids were doing butt joints, which is just connecting

the two pieces together and sealing it with tape where you'd have your vertical and horizontal fold," he said.

After reassessing, this year students made a crucial discovery.

"This year what they were doing was using the natural fold of the box instead of the cut and that alone probably solved 50 percent of the problems," he said.

Reevaluating materials also improved buoyancy, Jenkins said.

"Last year we used primarily all duct tape," he said. "The rules were just cardboard and tape, so whatever kind of tape you want to use and whatever cardboard you want to use."

Jenkins said during this go-round, the students steered away from duct tape.

"The switch to clear tape really helped also," he said. "The clear tape is really the trick to doing the water sealing."

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Colette Horn grabs number one in Pines candidate draw

■ OPA ELECTION continued

5. Brenda Lynn Wascak
During a brief informational session that followed, members of the elections committee walked candidates through the elections process.

Committee Chairman Steve Tuttle advised the candidates to familiarize themselves with Resolution M-06, governing elections, and C-08, which describes the responsibilities of the elections committee.

“We did do a lot of revision of M-06 this year,” Tuttle said. “It was sent through [an Ocean Pines] attorney and we accepted most of what they had proposed. Our deep desire as an elections committee was that, when we count the ballots on Aug. 11, that we would be able to announce the results after the counting. The board saw fit to not allow that.”

Tuttle said results would be announced during the annual meeting on Aug. 12 at 10 a.m. in the Assateague Room inside the community center.

“We wanted full transparency – we got semitransparency,” Tuttle said.

He added the meeting usually includes financial and general manager presentations, and that a quorum of at least 100 homeowners is required to make the meeting official.

“Truth be known, the annual meeting is so boring that they cannot get 100 people there, so by holding back the vote count they try to get more,” Clarke said. “And that’s a fact – sad, but true.”

Committee member Steve Habeger said the candidates would participate in a forum on July 21 at 7 p.m. in the Assateague Room.

“If you’ve not seen one of these before, it’s an opportunity to inform the voters of your positions on the issues facing this organization,” he said.

Videos of previous forums are viewable on the association’s official YouTube channel. There is a direct link to the channel on the top right of the association website, www.oceanpines.org.

A second forum was tentatively slated for July 22 at 10 a.m., if needed.

“The first forum is on a weeknight and the second one is on a Saturday. There’s different constituencies [and] different demographics here, and we want to provide [for both],” Habeger said.

Committee member Mark Heintz said the forums would include questions submitted by Ocean Pines homeowners through its official forum, www.realopforum.com, as well as questions developed by the elections committee.

“We’re here for you. We’re nonpartisan. We’re hoping to get the information out ... to get everybody on the same page with where you’re coming from,” Heintz said. “We’re not going to sandbag you. We’re here to help. We’re all in this together.”

Habeger added that honesty was the key to the forums. If you don’t know the answer to a question, “gee, I don’t

know,” is acceptable, he said.

He said the committee would select questions that were pertinent to the issues.

“Via the forum, I would expect to see things that people are interested in,” he said. “If you all agree that water is wet, don’t expect a question like that because that doesn’t help the voter become better informed.”

Committee member Evan Smith briefed the candidates on handouts and candidate signs. He said materials could not be distributed on Ocean Pines property, except during the forums, but that advertising on local radio or in local papers was unregulated by the association.

As with handing out materials, campaigning cannot be done on association-owned property, except during forums, he said.

Signs may only be placed on private property and must be done so with the consent of the property owner. Signs cannot be larger than four squared feet, Smith said, meaning they can be no longer than 38 inches. They must include their own support structure and cannot be attached to trees.

The committee must approve a proof of concept before any sign can be placed and must be removed by Aug. 17, seven days after the election, Smith said.



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Berlin officials still hope to work with Decatur students

■ HISTORIC COMMISSION continued meeting last Wednesday, when a larger-than-usual crowd was in attendance.

The discussion started as outgoing commission Chairwoman Carol Rose delivered the news that none of the aforementioned items could be voted on, based on a decision by Town Attorney David Gaskill.

Instead, town officials were there to discuss the items as a courtesy, Allen said during a somewhat tense exchange.

"It's really the town's decision, but what we're looking for tonight is some feedback from the Historic District Commission as well as other members of the audiences regarding the approach," Allen said.

"When you say town, you mean the mayor and council would make the decision?" Rose asked.

"Actually, I think it's a staff-level decision," Allen said.

"And that would mean you?" Rose asked.

"Yeah," Allen said.

Stephen Decatur High School teacher Mary Berquist said she approached Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells about a summer arts project that would earn community service hours for students. Wells suggested painting the utility boxes, and samples were provided to members of the commission.

They were not well received.

"We're in a historic district and a lot of us own historic homes," commission member Robert Poli said. "[Changes to the district] have to be befitting of the area."

Historic Williamsburg, for instance, makes it a point to downplay its modern infrastructure, Poli said.

"A utility box really should be hidden by hedges or shrubs – it shouldn't even be visible," Poli said. "Now we're putting colors to it and it's going to stand out in front of historic buildings and homes. That's what my issue is."

"Utility boxes should be hidden. They really don't provide a thing to the town," Poli continued. "I know it's a great project for the kids, but maybe we should focus on ... doing artwork somewhere else – not on the utility boxes."

The other commission members agreed.

Mary Moore invoked the late heiress and philanthropist Rachel Lambert "Bunny" Mellon, who once said "nothing should be noticed."

"It's certainly great for the kids. I have no problem with that," she said. "[But] Berlin's charm is we are not Ocean City, and to me that would be more befitting in a place like Ocean City."

Rose said if she owned a home in the historic district and saw a brightly colored utility box outside, she would "have a heart attack."

"The other concern would be the maintenance of them – what would

they look like after a few years after weather [damaged them]? And who would maintain them?" Laura Stearns said.

Wells said town officials had asked her to look into having the boxes painted, adding part of Berlin's mandate as a designated Main Street and Arts and Entertainment District was to provide public art.

Allen later clarified the utility boxes were her idea.

'We're in a historic district and a lot of us own historic homes. [Changes to the district] have to be befitting of the area.'

Robert Poli
commission member

"I'd really like to involve the students in some kind of public art project ... we have a group of students that are willing to offer their services," Wells said. "We're trying to bring more public art downtown and this is a perfect example. If you could think of any other project in the downtown arts and entertainment district [where] we could add public art, that would be most helpful."

Robin Tomaselli, vice president of the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee, said she had just the thing. Her committee has been working on a public mural on the Berlin Visitor's Center for well over a year, and just two of the five planned panels have been finished.

"We would welcome students from Stephen Decatur to be part of that panel project," she said. "In addition, there are all kinds of other locations in town. Henry Park is an area that desperately needs a piece of public art that is uplifting, and [that] could be a real way to connect the two communities."

"We would be happy to work in conjunction with Ivy and Mary to accomplish a really significant piece of public art," Tomaselli said.

Rose said everyone was in agreement there would be something for the students to work on, and Bruder Hill owner Shelly Bruder said she would love to have a piece of public art on the side of her building, on Commerce Street.

"Clearly the utility boxes are not something that you guys are interested in. It sounds like a lot of members of the audience also think that's not such a great idea," Allen said. "We've got lots of other options. We can pursue those."

After the meeting, Allen reiterated the utility-box painting would not be pursued. She said the appliques, essentially decals on the sidewalk that would point visitors to different downtown shops, met a similar fate.

"We got a lot negative comments

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Pilot program will use planter boxes as downtown signs

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on the appliques. The commission didn't feel it was very much in keeping with the historic nature of the town," Allen said. "Essentially, the appliques aren't going to happen. I don't think there's any reason to put something down that had such a strong negative reaction."

Allen said an alternative approach was being pursued that would be similar to planter boxes. She said Tomaselli was developing those.

"Rather than doing individual appliques at key intersections, we're looking at something with planter boxes and individual signs for specific businesses," Allen said, comparing the signs to shingles on the box.

She said the existing way-finding signs, painted reddish-brown and placed on poles at a handful of intersections, were too subtle. They will be updated with color-coding that is more eye-catching and in line with a scheme consistent in designated Maryland Main Streets.

"That's going to happen. I think we got some good comments and we're going to proceed with that," Allen said.

"For me, it was a really good meeting, because a lot of folks stood up and came up with some great suggestions," Allen added. "It was a really cool way to engage the business community and the historic district commission at the same time."

Rose, also after the meeting, concurred.

"Everyone in the room – business owner or community member – seemed to feel that having this discussion was extremely helpful and thought that good things will come from it," she said.

She underscored the commission support for having Stephen Decatur students work on some type of project – so long as it was not painting utility boxes.

"We think it's a fantastic idea for them to be able to have a project to work on to get their community service," she said.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

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Town Center Antiques owner Bill Outten raises his right hand, while Berlin Mayor Gee Williams holds a citation celebrating the 20th anniversary of the business during a ribbon cutting there, last Wednesday.



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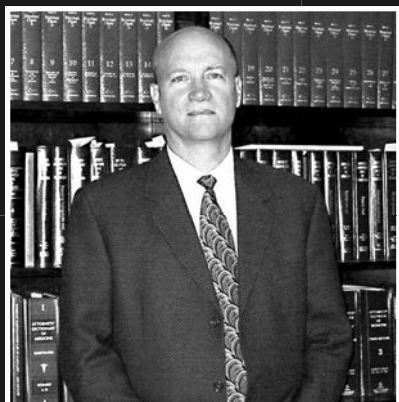
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Pocomoke Cypress Festival will be two days this year

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(June 15, 2017) Who says you can't teach old dogs new tricks?

Now in its 42nd year, Pocomoke's annual Cypress Festival will, once again, provide music, arts, crafts, food and drinks, along with a few new wrinkles, this Friday and Saturday.

The array of activities takes place from 5-9 p.m. on Friday, and on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Produced by the Pocomoke Area Chamber of Commerce, the long-standing summer kick-off event went through a metamorphosis of sorts last year when amusement rides were no longer offered, following the closure of the company previously contracted for that purpose.

Michelle Hickman, chamber executive director, said despite that unexpected turn last year's festival offered new activities, such as the donut eating and barbecue contests, with other new surprises set for this weekend.

"It's intended to be a family friendly event the whole community can enjoy," she said.

After losing the amusement rides last year, Hickman said alternative offerings were quickly sorted out, including a bounce house, obstacle course, giant inflatable slide and a rock-climbing wall, all of which will return this weekend.

Although the rock-climbing wall is not age restrictive, Hickman said only children have braved the activity thus far.

"I haven't had any adults attempt it yet," she said.

New activities this year include a dunk tank, which Hickman said would contain faces familiar to the community.

"[Mayor] Bruce Morrison and Ray Daisey, of Taylor Bank, will be two of the people in the dunk tank, which was donated by Ace Hardware in Pocomoke City," she said.

For children too young to toss a ball at the dunk tank, Hickman said

another new addition at this year's festival is a petting zoo sponsored by the Peninsula Eye Center.

Among the traditional offerings at the festival will once again be the duck derby, which Hickman said was a popular event.

Tickets cost \$1 a piece of half a dozen for \$5, with half the funds raised awarded as prize money, Hickman said.

Another highlight for youngsters, back for a second year, is the Dunkin' Donuts Eating Competition, which includes two age-based categories.

"There will be donut holes for little kids and whole donuts for older kids," she said.

Prizes include tickets to the Mar-Va Theater and gift certificates to Dunkin' Donuts, Hickman said.

Other highlights include local craft vendors, a tug-o-war competition, carnival games and an antique car show.

Bring your appetite and support a good cause with any food purchases, Hickman said.

"The food vendors are all local nonprofits," she said. "This is a big fundraiser for them and helps them fund scholarships."

Live music is on tap both days starting with North Meets South at 5:30 p.m. on Friday. Three acts are lined up for Saturday, beginning with Dawn Williams at noon, followed by Phil Portier at 3 p.m. and ending with Alex & Shiloh at 6 p.m.

"We've got something going on the whole time," Hickman said.

Tyson Foods and Delmarva Power primarily sponsor the festival, Hickman said.

As in years past the Cypress Festival will end with a bang, as fireworks light up the skies along the Pocomoke River, sponsored by the City of Pocomoke.

Admission to the festival is \$2 to enter and for \$8 includes unlimited activities. For more information, visit www.pocomokechamber.com.

Students learn STEM lessons with unconventional project

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In addition to insights regarding materials, Jenkins said students learned a variety of STEM related principals.

"This incorporates all that because they used Archimedes' principal, which is the science and the math, and then they did the engineering to design the boat," he said.

Additionally, Jenkins noted prior to constructing the boat, students had to design blueprints involving precise measurements.

"Almost every project that we do follows the same parameters," he

said.

Moving forward, Jenkins hopes to partner with Snow Hill and Michael Day, economic development director, to expand the event to include an adult competition.

"It's starting to catch some notoriety in the town," he said. "I was going to approach him (Day) about that to begin with, but he actually approached me."

One participant, Zachary Nock, offered sage advice for future cardboard boat designers.

"Make sure you tape it more and build it better," he said.



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Berlin Fire Co. makes last-minute budget plea

Both sides look forward to independent assessment focusing on funding needs

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(June 15, 2017) The Town of Berlin and Berlin Fire Company continue to be at odds over the philosophy of budgeting, although officials on both sides said they are looking forward to an independent assessment that could resolve some differences.

During a mayor and council meeting on Monday, PKS & Company presented a compilation of fire company expenses. Managing Partner John Stern said a compilation was essentially a comparison to numbers presented during other years. Unlike an audit, it does not

“test the numbers.”

Based on his assessment, Stern said the Berlin Fire Company is healthy, with cash and investments of more than \$3.1 million.

Fire company officials, however, said those numbers were more than 11 months old.

President David Fitzgerald, Fire Chief Jim Corron and EMS Captain Duane Phillips painted a much grimmer picture during a more than one-hour budget request that followed.

Fitzgerald said the fire chiefs had to do “an unbelievable job ... cutting back to bare bones just to operate” in crafting a budget for fiscal year 2018.

Corron said new equipment requests were zeroed out and the company was at a standstill in replacing its outdated gear.

Phillips said EMS is operating at a deficit and is planning a reduction of service by reducing its paid staff after Labor Day, to make up the difference.

Cash flow was an issue, Fitzgerald said, and the necessary purchase of a new fire truck for more than \$700,000 reduced reserves to just \$170,000.

As a rule, Fitzgerald said, the company does not finance any of its equipment purchases.

“What would happen if the town or county would, for some reason, change or stop funding? How would we make that payment?” he asked. “Also, why would we pay interest?”

If the company financed its new fire truck, he said, it would have cost more than \$800,000.

“We try not to finance because we don’t want to pay any interest,” he said. “We don’t want the taxpayers paying interest if they don’t have to. It’s business.”

Stern argued there was a benefit to financing. What’s more, he said money the fire company had sitting in the bank was earning just 0.1 percent interest.

“If you managed your money better – what [you] call taxpayer’s money – it could earn a lot more than 0.1,” Stern said. “This has been going on for a quite a few years. With the proper, professional management those monies could be a lot higher.”

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said there were plenty of other questions stemming from the nearly \$1.2 million the fire company had collected for “Station Three,” a building on Ocean Gateway near Stephen Decatur High School that Williams said “many people are not even sure is needed.”

“The main headquarters, we all agree, needs a lot of things right now,” Williams said. “We have these

critical, critical needs in town. I don’t think people can make heads or tails ... of why that this situation is the way it is.”

Councilman Thom Gulyas said he was also “having a hard time” deciphering the fire company’s approach.

“I don’t understand why you want to build something two miles down the road and not take care of what you have,” he said. “Why would you do something like that? It just doesn’t make fiscal sense.”

Fitzgerald said money raised for Station Three was taken, at least in part, from county grants given for fire company response outside of Berlin town limits.

“Where do you think that money comes from, sir?” Gulyas asked.

“All the taxpayers of Worcester County,” Fitzgerald said.

“Which the town is, part of Worcester County,” Gulyas said. “So they’re going to be paying for it twice. That’s not fair.”

For fiscal year 2018, the town budgeted \$250,000 for the Berlin Fire Company, plus an additional \$150,000 contingent on an independent assessment taking place. The study would be paid for from that balance, and Williams said a worst case scenario was it would cost about \$50,000. The remainder of the money would then go to the fire company.

Williams said there were legitimate concerns about fire company budgeting he hoped the study would resolve.

“The way you do your financing is your choice, but it contradicts just about everything else that’s done in both the for-profit sector, government sector and the nonprofit sector,” Williams said. “Maybe you have the magic solution, but until we have some, I think, independent

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Longtime Berlin Historic District Commission Chairwoman Carol Rose, second from left, announced last week she would not continue in that role.

Rose will not continue as Historic District chairwoman

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(June 15, 2017) Longtime Berlin Historic District Commission Chairwoman Carol Rose will not continue in that role, following a surprising turn of events last Wednesday.

During a commission meeting, Rose was nominated by Mary Moore to serve again as chairwoman, but did not accept.

"Thank you, but I decline," Rose said. "It is time for someone else to have a turn."

She had served as chairwoman for more than five years and is the longest-serving member currently on the commission.

Commission members Robert Poli and Moore were nominated, but neither accepted at the time. Betty Tustin, who was not present during the meeting, was

also discussed, but not nominated. The motion was deferred until the next meeting, July 5 at 5:30 p.m. in Town Hall.

Also during the meeting, the commission approved new signs for Bruder Hill on Commerce Street, Patty Jean's Boutique on Main Street and Salon Sixteen on Broad Street.

Salon Sixteen will replace bridal shop Bustle, which recently closed.

Commission members had some trepidation about exterior brackets and trim for Sonny Nguyen's new Main Street nails, but ultimately granted approval, providing that it match work done on the adjacent Patty Jean's Boutique.

Nguyen owns the building that houses both shops and was formerly home to Berlin Shoe Box and World of Toys.

Williams says he hopes study will be 'tipping point'

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comparison, there's just a lot of questions out there. And, I think, they're legitimate questions."

Councilman Dean Burrell agreed. "It is our hope that this study will answer some of those questions that you may have, that we may have, but biggest of all, that the public may have," he said. "One of the questions I hope that this study will address is just where is Berlin in relationship to the need of an additional station that's actually located outside of the town."

Corron asked if the fire company would be part of the decision to select a firm to perform the study.

Williams said he welcomed the advice of fire company officials, but the contract would ultimately be put out to bid and selected by the town. But, if the fire company wanted certain firms to be contacted about submitting a proposal, he welcomed that.

"We hope [the study] will be a tipping point in all that has transpired," Williams said.

"It's only going to benefit both sides," Phillips said. "We look forward to the direction that is going to be presented to us also - it's going to give us both some direction."

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Late entries could trigger rules reassessment

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(June 15, 2017) The late withdrawal of two candidates for the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors and late entry of information by a third person, last week, prompted the association's elections committee to consider further changes to the bylaws.



Steve Tuttle

The board passed an overhaul of the elections resolution in April that included changes to the way votes are counted, strict word-count limits to candidate statements in official publications, the allowance for more than one official candidate forum, and several items that were deemed as legal housekeeping.

The elections committee developed the document that went on to a vote by the board. One alteration the committee favored — announcing voting results immediately after the ballots are counted — was vetoed by the directors.

During a meeting last Friday,

elections committee Chairman Steve Tuttle said two candidates, Arie Klapholz and Paula Robertson Gray, resigned last week. He said Gray sent him a letter.

Candidates were asked to submit a short bio and answers to three questions as of 5 p.m. last Thursday. That information was released this week and will be published in an upcoming association newsletter and included in ballot mailings.

When two candidates did not submit their statements before the deadline, Tuttle said he contacted them. He said Klapholz informed him he had sent a letter of resignation to Board President Tom Herrick.

"I've not seen the letter yet," Tuttle said. "I sent an email to Tom and asked him to please get me a copy of it, because I'd like it for the file."

Another candidate, not specifically named during the meeting but is Nicole Schafer Crosariol also had not sent in her information before the deadline, Tuttle said.

"Her response back to me was I was planning to just hand it in today at the candidate draw," Tuttle said.

"I guess what's a little frustrating is the candidate who didn't get the information in on time is the one who ignored CPI [compliance, permit

and inspections] violations and other things in the past."

Tuttle said each candidate was sent a list of deadlines in May, immediately after their applications were approved and announced publicly. He noted the deadlines were written in bold print.

"Reading comprehension is not particularly high," committee member Steve Habeger said with a laugh.

Another committee member, Rick Turner, said the incident raised some red flags.

"A candidate could say, 'wait a second, [that information] was supposed to have been here by then, it was not,' and they could protest," he said.

Director Slobodan Trendic, the liaison to the committee, suggested seeking the opinion of the bylaws and resolutions committee as to what happens when a candidate does not comply with deadlines.

"Right now the resolution really doesn't spell out what your authority is — how do you handle missing deadlines?" he said. "Right now there's nothing that states whether that's cause for disqualification or anything, but it does affect your ability to meet your own deadlines if the candidates are late.

"It's an area that Resolution M-06

really does not address and you as a committee need to know what your authority is," Trendic continued. "What happens if there is something even more serious down the road that affects your going to print ballots?"

Tuttle agreed.

"I did go back, I read the bylaws. I looked at M-06 again. There's nothing in there that really gives us authority to enforce that deadline," he said. "I think that's something that ought to be clarified in the future. A deadline is a deadline. I tend to feel like, if I ask for something, I certainly expect it by then."

The candidate draw, determining the order each person appears on the ballots and speaks during the forums, was held about a half-hour after the elections committee meeting last Friday. Tuttle said he planned to use that time to reemphasize the importance of deadlines.

"I think at this point, that's really our only option," he said.

Turner and Habeger said the issue could resurface during the campaign.

"It ought to make for an interesting forum," Turner said.

Habeger added the topic could be something to "help keep people awake."

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'Tuck Everlasting' to kick off Outdoor Movie Nights, Sat.

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(June 15, 2017) The Outdoor Movie Night screening series in downtown Berlin returns this Saturday with "Tuck Everlasting" showing on Jefferson Street.

Five additional showings will follow, each starting at 8:30 p.m. They are "Grease" on July 1 at Stephen Decatur Park, "Raiders of the Lost Art" on July 15 at Dr. William Henry Park, "Back to the Future" on July 29 at Stephen Decatur Park, "The Sandlot" on Aug. 12 at Dr. William Henry Park and "Runaway Bride" on Aug. 26 on Jefferson Street.

The Berlin Arts and Entertainment committee and Berlin Parks Commission sponsor the free public event.

A&E Committee Chairwoman Heather Layton said the commission selected the movies the will be shown at both parks, while the committee chose to continue tradition of book-ending the series with two films with local ties.

"[The committee] shows 'Tuck Everlasting' and 'Runaway Bride' as the staples on Jefferson Street, just for the fact they were the two movies filmed in Berlin and it's cool to sit on the street and pick out some of the locations," she said.

Now in its third year, the program has been very well received on Jefferson Street, Layton said, but organizers are still working to build an audience in the parks.

"It's a beautiful setting, no matter where you go set up and see the movies," she said. "I think this year we're trying to show movies that appeal to older kids, because we can't show the movies until it's completely dark. It's hard getting a big turnout for 'The Lego Movie' at 9 p.m., so I think we were a little more mindful about the age groups."

Organizers previously worked with FunFlicks, a firm based on the other side of the Bay Bridge, but that proved to be cost prohibitive, Layton said.

"It's \$1,000 for them to come in and set up and show the movie," Layton said. "This year Arts and Entertainment teamed up with SonRise Church. They were gracious enough to offer their equipment and services. That saves \$2,000 and, hopefully, we can put that money toward the public art mural and bike racks through town, and other projects."

She said the goal of Outdoor Movie Nights is create a fun, family event.

"We want everybody to come out," Layton said. "There's no pressure to buy anything. You can bring a picnic. Bring dinner. Bring snacks. Most of the restaurants will be open, so come out and enjoy a fun, family friendly, free event."

For more information on the Berlin Arts & Entertainment Committee and 2nd Fridays, visit www.artsinberlin.org.

WESTERN NIGHT

Members of Star Charities and Erik Cantine, director of Food and Beverage at Casino at Ocean Downs, center, pose for a promotional photo ahead of the annual Country Western Night fundraiser at the casino on Thursday, July 13. The event will feature an all-you-can-eat buffet, door prizes and live entertainment, and will benefit wounded soldiers. Tickets cost \$26 and can be purchased from Anna Fultz, fourth from left, by calling 410-641-7667.

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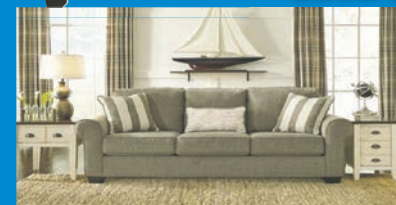
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Construction of new Regional Cancer Care Center begins

Project one aspect of AGH expansion program to take place over several years

By Katie Tabeling
Staff Writer

(June 15, 2017) With the groundbreaking of the John H. "Jack" Burbage Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center in Berlin last week, Worcester County is about to move forward in the fight against cancer.



Michael Franklin

"It's a new beginning for cancer care in the community, and a culmination of dreams of community leaders and hospital staff," Atlantic General Hospital President and CEO Michael Franklin said during the groundbreaking ceremony on June 7.

"This continues the journey we started years ago with our first facility, by further expanding quality of care to those facing an cancer diagnosis."

The 18,000-square-foot center is slated to be built on the Atlantic General Hospital Campus on the corner of Route 113 and Route 346 by spring 2018. The facility will pro-

vide one location for treatment of patients with cancer and blood disorders.

The cancer center will also feature radiation oncology, PET imaging and community education and support groups.

Other amenities such as hair and skin services will be available for patients who face issues such as hair loss.

Telemedicine technology will also be included at the center, so patients and physicians can quickly contact other care experts.

"Until now, the lack of available of convenient quality care in our community has led to unnecessary costs and unnecessary suffering for our friends, family and neighbors," Franklin said. "In Worcester County, statistics show the death rate for cancer is 10 percent higher than rest of the state within the United States. Our vision [with the future center] is that cancer deaths will no longer be higher here than other places."

The cancer facility is one of many projects included in the Atlantic General Hospital's Campaign for the Future, which is led by Michelle Fager and Jack Burbage.

The goal is to raise \$10 million to complete \$35 million in capital projects, including completion of a



KATIE TABELING/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Atlantic General Hospital board members break ground at the future site of the John H. "Jack" Burbage Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center on June 7 in Berlin. The facility, which will provide quality treatment for patients with cancer and blood disorders, is slated to be completed by 2018.

women's health center in West Ocean City, renovation of existing surgical facilities and expansion of AGH's emergency services.

To date, Campaign for the Future has secured about \$3 million in pledges, commitments and grants.

Burbage, who is the CEO of Blue Water Development Company, has deep roots in the community, starting with his father, John Howard Burbage, who was mayor of Berlin for 20 years. He also serves on several boards, including Taylor Bank and Diakonia.

Burbage also was touched by can-

cer at a young age – his mother died from bone cancer when he was 11 years old.

"It's an honor to have something so important to my family named after me," Burbage said during the groundbreaking ceremony. "If you ever consider doing anything for us, consider being a part of this cancer center and buy into it. I want you to walk by this place and say 'that screw, I paid for it.'"

"It's going to be one of the most fantastic centers that we could expect because of you," he continued. "It can't be done without you."

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Water rates set to rise in Worcester County

Commissioners agree in concept to hike prices in eight of 11 service areas

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(June 15, 2017) Though the resolution formally adopting the changes isn't coming until the next Worcester County Commissioners' meeting on June 20, all seven commissioners agreed in concept to increase user and other fees at eight of the county's 11 water service areas following a public hearing on the topic this past Tuesday.

The changes will show on customers' September bills, Jessica Wilson, enterprise fund controller for the county, said.

The county Water and Wastewater Department is classified as an enterprise fund, in that the rates paid by customers are supposed to cover the cost of operations. How much or how little that ends up being true is decided at budget time.

Worcester County operates water and wastewater service areas throughout the area, though not all wastewater treatment plants in

Worcester are operated by the county.

Ocean Pines domestic customers are set to see an increase from \$138 to \$154 per EDU in quarterly water and sewer basic fees, and an increase in the commercial water and sewer base fees ranging from \$180 to \$1,500 based on total allocated EDUs. Also, the flat-rate sewer charge for domestic customers is set to increase to \$146 from \$134 per quarter, while commercial customers will see usage charges for sewer service jump to between \$4 and \$10 per thousand gallons. The White Horse Park domestic water and sewer rates will increase from \$110 to \$122 per lot per quarter.

Users in this service area will also see a reduction in debt service payments from \$54 to \$47 per quarter.

In the Riddle Farm service area, the basic water and sewer fee for residential customers will jump \$10 per EDU quarterly, and commercial customers' fees and usage rates will increase to match the Ocean Pines rates at \$180 to \$1,500 based on total EDUs and between \$4 and \$10 per thousand gallons used.

The accessibility fee at Riddle

Farm will also go up from \$90 to \$140 per EDU per quarter.

In the Mystic Harbour service area, domestic basic fees will go from \$148 to \$163 and the sewer flat fee will rise from \$153 to \$164.25 per EDU. Commercial customers will see their bills match the increases in Ocean Pines and Riddle Farm.

The accessibility charge in Mystic Harbour is going up \$50, from \$100 to \$150, and the debt service charge is increasing from \$48 to \$54 per EDU.

In Newark, domestic customer rates will go from \$196 to \$216 per EDU and commercial rates increase from \$240 to \$266 per quarter in basic fees.

At The Landings, the base fees for residential customers are increasing from \$200 to \$215 per EDU and the accessibility fee is increasing from \$200 to \$210 quarterly.

In Edgewater Acres, the base fee is going up to \$150 from \$140, and the flat rate for water is increasing from \$83 to \$88 per EDU, while the sewer flat rate will increase to \$135 from \$130 per EDU.

At Bridgetown, the commercial

base fee will increase from between \$39.50 and \$132 to between \$45 and \$375 per EDU.

Finally, at River Run the domestic water base fee is increasing from \$43.13 to \$48.13 per EDU.

No changes in fees are approved for Assateague Pointe, Lighthouse Sound and West Ocean City.

In addition to the rate hikes, the county is reporting assessments will be levied in Newark, Ocean Pines, Snug Harbor, Oyster Harbor and Mystic Harbour service areas or sub-areas to make debt payments, and will be made on a per-EDU basis.

EDUs, or equivalent dwelling units, are a measure of water and sewer capacity intended to approximate the usage of one single-family residence, and helps to determine how much water and wastewater a treatment plant can handle.

Domestic costs are based on an average of 6,000 gallons per month in a home unless noted as a flat rate. Commercial costs are based on 10,000 gallons of usage plus two EDUs.

The respective water and wastewater committees for these service areas all approved the rate changes.

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Berlin section of town code to be overhauled for parks

Changes would give mayor and council more leeway over events at Berlin Falls

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(June 15, 2017) Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen introduced a proposed overhaul of the parks and recreation section of Town of Berlin code during a Parks Commission meeting last Tuesday.

Bohlen, the staff liaison to the commission, said the draft was introduced to “make sure the code allows for the types of activities and events that may occur at Berlin Falls, that we might want to handle a little differently than we would for Stephen Decatur or Henry Park.”

At least one commission member, however, was concerned the panel was losing its influence in town matters.

Bohlen said several blanket statements were introduced into the code that would give the Town Council plenty of discretion when considering new events.

“The beauty of the code is, the code says these things may be allowed, but the mayor and council doesn’t ever have to say yes if they don’t feel that it’s appropriate,” Bohlen said.

‘I do want people to air their concerns and wishes about the parks, and this is a good place for it.’

Patricia Dufendach

She said Town Attorney David Gaskill reviewed the changes, which range from minor wording tweaks, to the introduction of a series of definitions for terms like motor vehicle, park, and special event.

References to parks commission members conducting safety inspections were deleted, because Bohlen said no one on the commission was qualified to do so.

A section on hours for the lighted tennis courts was moved, a bicycle ban was struck and replaced by safety procedures for riders in parks, and several provisions for special events were expanded.

The code previously did not allow for the consumption of alcohol in town parks, but proposed new language states “unless explicitly approved in advance by the Mayor and Council” as part of an organized special event. Event organizers are required to submit an application at least 60 days prior to any event, and all events are to be free unless a “Business Use of Park” form is submitted and approved by the Town Council.

Bohlen said the parks commission, unlike other town advisory panels such as the planning commission and historic district commission, was advisory rather than regulatory. She said any actions taken by the commission were es-

entially recommendations to the council.

Commission member Patricia Dufendach said she understood that, but was concerned the panel was not being heard. She said there were several instances when the town would “completely forget” to run certain decisions by the parks commission.

Her concern was triggered by an instance of the code that was changed from stating the commission “will” be involved in considering, evaluating, advising and recommending on certain issues, to the commission “may” be involved.

“Even though they don’t have to take our advice, we are still in an advisory position,” Dufendach said. “We are the resource for them, and don’t just act willy-nilly without running it through the commission.”

“I never want to relinquish the citizen’s advice to the mayor and council,” Dufendach continued. “I think that we all need to make sure that the citizen’s voice is heard. I just don’t want it to bypass the citizen’s input and go directly into inside the administration, where we only hear about it after it’s been approved of at the mayor and council.”

Dufendach said she wanted the commission to have a voice in any

major changes to the parks. Bohlen said she believed the intent to do so was implied.

“The intent today is there,” Dufendach said. “The words could be misinterpreted ... in a future time. I just want to be sure when you say ‘may’ and not ‘will,’ it goes both ways. It’s like OK, we don’t have the responsibility, but they also don’t have to get our advice at all.”

“Technically, that is somewhat correct,” Bohlen said. “They are the holders of the checkbook. They are the enterers of the contracts.”

Dufendach said again she simply wanted citizen’s voices to be heard.

“I do want people to air their concerns and wishes about the parks, and this is a good place for it,” she said. “I don’t want them to lose sight that this, really, is a good first stop.”

“I don’t think that they will,” Bohlen said, adding she would make sure Dufendach’s concerns were stated in the meeting minutes.

Commission member Sarah Hooper also weighed in.

“The parks commission and this meeting is a vehicle for people to be able to express what it is they find important for our town,” she said.

Bohlen said the proposed code changes would require a public hearing and a formal vote by the council.

Worcester to kick off county fair season in SH next week

Free, multi-day event held at Byrd Park to include art and livestock competitions

By **Brian Gilliland**
Associate Editor

(June 15, 2017) With a date change from August to late June because of scalding temperatures, Worcester County now kicks off the annual county fair season in the area, and will host the event at Byrd Park on West Market Street in Snow Hill.

Registration to compete in the fair's various livestock, baking, art, gardening and other competitions closed out last week, and participants are to have their non-rabbit, poultry or livestock entries delivered to the park between 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21.

Animal exhibits are due to the fairgrounds on Thursday, June 22 between 5-8 p.m.

"This year we'll be featuring the Maryland Agricultural Showcase," Katie Clogg, Worcester County Fair Board vice president, said. "It'll have touch trucks, showcase equipment and there will be people to talk to young people about agriculture."

The fair kicks off on Friday, June 23, but the events start on Saturday with a free-to-enter country costume parade.

"The fair officially opens at 10:30

a.m., but families, children [and] even pets on leashes dressed in their favorite country costumes who would like to participate in the parade should report to the entertainment tent at 10 a.m.," she said.

The entertainment tent, Clogg said, is the insider's name for the giant white tent at the center of the circle in Byrd Park.

In addition to normal fair activities throughout the weekend, a classic car show will be held Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and later that same day, a motorcycle show will be held from 3-5:30 p.m.

Following the vehicle shows, Miss and Little Miss Worcester County Farm Bureau will be crowned at 5:30 p.m., and the talent show starts at 6 p.m.

On Sunday, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, the fair hosts "Walk in the Bark," a fundraising event honoring the caregiving qualities of canines, affiliated with the Relay For Life. Entry fee is by donation to the American Cancer Society, and dogs must be leashed and have proof of vaccinations to participate.

Going on throughout all of the major events are various family-themed events and activities for children, along with the judging of contest entries.

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Return to Goat Island paddle in Snow Hill for second year

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(June 15, 2017) The Snow Hill riverfront will be awash in stand-up paddleboards, kayaks and surf skis for the second annual "Return to Goat Island" Paddle Sports Festival and Race, this Saturday.

The all-level SUP race, with \$5,000 in cash prizes up for grabs, launches at 9 a.m. and includes a 17-mile elite race, as well as a three-mile recreational race. There is also a kids' competition consisting of a single lap around Goat Island, which is located in the middle of the Pocomoke River within Byrd Park.

After the paddling races are finished, participants and spectators can nourish their bodies with food and drink, while also feasting their ears on

the sounds of the Lauren Glick Band.

Glick will perform two sets beginning at 1 p.m. Sandwiched in between Glick's performance will be an awards ceremony at 2:30 p.m.

"I'm a runner, so I'm really into supporting physical activity," Glick said.

Although her band performs regularly throughout Worcester County, Glick said this show, although still her typical rock 'n roll set, will be a bit of a departure.

"We've never played this event before," she said. "It's during the day, so that's different."

In addition to a beer truck operated by the Snow Hill Chamber of Commerce, there will also be a food tent run by the Abundant Life Apostolic Church, selling brats, burgers, french



The Return to Goat Island Paddle Sports Festival and Race is back this weekend for another round of water-based competition, along with food, drink and music for participants and spectators.

fries and soft drinks. The Snow Hill Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will sell snow cones.

The event was hatched last year after Sandy Deeley, owner of Walk on Water in Ocean City, advanced the SUP race concept to Snow Hill Eco-

nomics Development Director Michael Day.

Billed as a "celebration of the paddling lifestyle," last year's event attracted 130 participants and several hundred spectators, which Deeley and Day deemed worthy of continuing.

"The Town of Snow Hill is unbelievable to work with," Deeley said.

With more than 70 paddlers signed up as of this Wednesday, and registration open until the end of the week, Deeley said it's too soon to know the final number. He noted this year's event has thus far lured participants from as far away as New York and South Carolina.

"You never know who's going to show up," he said. "Last year's winner came from Hawaii."

Deeley anticipates the kids' race being a crowd favorite, as it involves a pair of 18-foot inflatable paddle boards, provided by Walk on Water, which each holds up to a half dozen youngsters.

Deeley said spectators would also be delighted by the hard fought competition in the 17-mile race, which includes solo and two-member teams.

"There will be real high-quality, world-class, elite paddlers," he said.

After assessing the inaugural event, Day said a few modifications were made for the second go round, namely reducing its span from two days to one.

Despite the intent to swell the numbers of inhabitants on Goat Island last year, Day said the less than two-acre property, which is primarily wetlands, continues to provide refuge for only a single goat.

"We're still working through the process of putting more goats on the island," he said. "It can't support a heard."

Still, at least for one day, Byrd Park will host bucklings and doelings, Day said.

"We've got a farmer with little baby goats," he said.

There will even be a few lucky souls who get to take home a stuffed goat toy, Day said.

After some learning lessons during round one of the event, Day said this year the intent is for more of an outside picnic feel, highlighted by music and paddling competitions.

"Sandy really believes this can become a major event," he said. "We want to keep moving forward and every year try to make it a little better."

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Later hours for several downtown Berlin shops

At least six stores will stay open until 7 p.m. or after, Monday through Saturday

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(June 15, 2017) A growing number of shops in downtown Berlin are staying open later, as the nature of business there continues to become younger and more family-oriented.

Starting today, Thursday, at least half a dozen downtown shops have pledged to stay open until 7 p.m. or later Monday through Saturday.

Island Creamery opened in May, the second location after the original in Chincoteague, and lines of people extending out the door and onto the street are now a nightly occurrence.

"It's surpassed any of our expectations," manager Jen Sorrell said. "The volume is super high. I've got an amazing staff and all the people that walked through our doors have been super happy."

Berlin hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily and until 10 p.m. on Saturday.

Island Creamery has already blended well with other local businesses, using Burley Oak Brewing Company root beer in its ice cream floats. Coming soon, Sorrell said, are more flavors that use local ingredients.

"As the summer progresses, we get a lot more fresh fruit ice cream," she said. "In July, blueberries and peaches are in season and our blueberry and peach ice cream are super-duper popular."

To avoid the lines, Sorrell added, customers should come early. Between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. have been the slowest times.

"After lunch, the lines start and it doesn't stop until we lock the door in the evening," she said.

Fathom owners Hunter Smith and Devon Donahue moved to Main Street in February after operating Sea La Vie on Artisan's Way for several years. The difference of just a few blocks, apparently, is significant.

"It's been a huge difference," Smith said. "The foot traffic is really picking up for us."

"It's great to be up here with the town events and it feels like we're much more a part of it," Donahue said. "That was a great spot back there, but we've definitely had more people find us on Main Street."

Since opening, the store has added a modest men's section. Summer clothes are in stock and the boutique will be open until 8 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Megan Cosman moved Patty Jean's Boutique from Broad Street to Main Street last month. She operated without front windows for the first

week, but still noticed a drastic uptick in sales.

"Being on Main Street has been amazing," she said. "The traffic on Memorial Day weekend was incredible. We had a great crowd."

Having a proper, glass storefront has also helped.

"People kept putting their hand through [the open space] going, 'you have the cleanest windows in town!'" Cosman said. "It's so nice to be able to see outside and not having any more silly jokes."

She raved about her new landlord, Sonny Nguyen, who recently bought the building and is working on renovating the adjacent space, formerly the Berlin Shoe Box, for use as a nail salon.

"Sonny and his wife are amazing. They're going to be a great asset to this town," she said. "They've been the biggest help and I think people should be really looking forward to [the salon]."

Cosman plans to stay open until 7 or 8 p.m., most nights this summer.

"I think being here and being open late in a new young, fun crowd down-

town, and making it alive again will be a great thing for everyone," Cosman said.

World of Toys had been on Main Street since 2012, but moved into a new, four-times-larger space across the street last month.

Owner Olga Kozhevnikova said the new location is more convenient for

shoppers, and the visibility of the large front windows have been a major boost for her business.

"We've gotten huge compliments about how nice and easy to shop it is now, and our sales can prove that big-time," she said. "The town was so busy Memorial Day weekend and that was also huge for

us. We're doing absolutely amazing."

Kozhevnikova has extended her hours to 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. She will stay open even later during art strolls and other town events.

"We're thinking of staying open even later Fridays and Saturdays," she said. "It used to be 5 o'clock and we were dead. In this store, we have people after 5 o'clock coming in, so

we'll definitely stay open for that. If customers are coming in, we are here."

Several more established shops are also getting in on the act.

Sisters and Heart of Gold on Main Street, and Bruder Hill on Commerce Street, will stay open until 7 p.m. on Monday through Saturday.

Bruder Hill Owner Shelly Bruder plans to create flyers advertising later hours by all the businesses. She hopes to distribute those through downtown restaurants.

In the past, Bruder said her store benefitted from the earlier hours kept by most downtown shops.

"People get off the beach at around 4 o'clock and they want to come over to Berlin for a cocktail and walk around," she said. "We're pretty much here anyway because we always stay open, and we get people coming off the beaten path after everything else closes."

Victorian Charm is open until 5 p.m. on most nights, but has stayed open until 8 p.m. on Friday nights for about a decade.

Nest, on the south end of Main Street across from the Berlin Visitor's Center, will stay open until 7 p.m. on Friday. The boutique and gallery is also open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and on Saturday, and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

'People get off the beach at around 4 o'clock and they want to come over to Berlin for a cocktail and walk around.'

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Berlin Briefs

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(June 15, 2017) The Berlin Mayor and Council discussed the following items during a public meeting at Town Hall on Monday.

Berlin Intermediate

Three students from Berlin Intermediate School, Gary Hardy, Emily Biscoe and Davion Brown, made a presentation on their activities at the offland wetlands on Flower Street, behind the multipurpose building.

The children took part in a project to help stop a nitrogen and phosphorus flux in Newport Bay. They split into five groups to plant about 30 different native species of plants in four different areas.

Brown said he enjoyed working on the project because it was in his neighborhood.

"Now, I can see it from my backyard,"

he said.

"On behalf of all of us ... thank you," Mayor Gee Williams said. "I'm glad this was a labor of love. It certainly sounded like it was, and it looked like a lot of work."

Councilman Thom Gulyas joked, "We don't like to get wet and we don't like bugs, so thank you for coming down there and taking care of that for us. You did a great job."

Special event

The council unanimously approved a fundraiser for Believe in Tomorrow on Aug. 12 from 6-9 p.m., downtown. Donna Compher, owner of Sister, helped to organize the event with Believe in Tomorrow coordinator Wayne Littleton.

Both described the event as family-friendly and said it would include live music, street vendors and activities for children. Littleton said he hoped it

would draw about 500 people, including several families helped by the organization.

The Believe in Tomorrow is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit that operates services such as the Children's House by the Sea on 66th Street in Ocean City, a year-round facility that provides a free getaway to the beach for critically ill children and their families.

Stormwater agreement

The council unanimously supported a stormwater management inspection and maintenance agreement between the town and State Highway Administration related to the installation of a new culvert on William Street.

Town Administrator Laura Allen said the agreement was required by the state and was reviewed by Town Attorney David Gaskill.

Water Resources and Public Works Director Jane Kreiter said the town

wanted to increase the size of the culverts, from 24 to 38 inches.

New police headquarters

The council voted unanimously to approve a \$58,447.44 bid by the Absolute Security Group Inc. for security cameras, interview room systems, security doors and intercoms for the new police station, near the intersection of Flower Street and Assateague Road.

The bid was almost \$10,000 lower than a competing proposal from Bay Country Security Inc.

Revenue bond

The town introduced a first reading to assist Atlantic General Hospital in obtaining a \$10 million bond. Allen said the town would have no obligation, but would act as a conduit, or a shell, to help AGH obtain the money at the lowest possible rate.

She said the town had performed the same function for the nonprofit previously. A public hearing and formal vote on the matter will be held during a June 26 meeting at Town Hall.

Road closures

Partial road closures will occur next week on both Seahawk Road and Harrison Avenue in Berlin. The town will tie in water and sewer to both the new Ocean's East apartment complex, on Seahawk Road, and the new library on Harrison Avenue.

Police Chief Arnold Downing said the work on Seahawk Road would take about five days, and the throughway would be opened each evening. He said the schools in the area, as well as emergency services personnel, had been contacted and that signs would be posted on Route 50 and on Flower Street.

Fishing event for children in Pines returns, Saturday

(June 15, 2017) The Ocean Pines Anglers Club is offering children of all ages the opportunity to "test the waters" and learn fishing skills and techniques on Saturday, June 17 from 9-11 a.m. at the South Gate Pond in Ocean Pines near the Sports Core Pool.

The event provides an opportunity for parents and grandparents to share their love of fishing with a new generation. Participants must bring their own rod. Bait and water will be provided, and the pond is stocked with several varieties of fish. Participants are also advised to bring insect repellent.

Members of the Anglers Club, DNR and other local groups will provide fishing tips and general fishing information. In addition, there will be a drawing to win a rod and reel. The event is free and no pre-registration is required. For more information, call Walt Boge at 410-208-2855.

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Berlin Parks Briefs

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(June 15, 2017) The Berlin Parks Commission discussed the following items during a meeting at Town Hall, last Tuesday.

Berlin Falls

Berlin Falls park Project Coordinator David Deutsch briefed the commission on his activities since he was hired in the role last January. He said several environmental and building reports were due back soon that could help the town decide on a direction in developing the property.

He said there was interest in bringing a YMCA to Berlin Falls and that he and town officials had meetings with the YMCA regional CEO in Easton and toured one of its facilities, in Pocomoke.

The town does not have "a bunch of money sitting in a pot" to spend on the park, Deutsch said, and to that end he met with the deputy secretary of the Department of Natural Resources to plant seeds for future funding proposals.

Deutsch said Mayor Gee Williams had mentioned forming a citizen advisory group about Berlin Falls, and he hoped that would happen "sooner than later."

He assured the commission any developments at the park would not dis-

place activity in the downtown region, and encouraged commission members to reach out to him with any additional questions or concerns.

Events

The commission announced upcoming dates for its Outdoor Movie Nights series, which is cosponsored by the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee.

"Tuck Everlasting" will start the series off, June 17, downtown. Additional movies, dates and locations are "Grease," July 1 at Stephen Decatur Park, "Raiders of the Lost Ark," July 15

at Henry Park, "Back to the Future," July 29 at Stephen Decatur Park, "The Sandlot," Aug. 12 at Henry Park and "Runaway Bride," Aug. 26 downtown.

The commission will again participate in the National Night Out event, Aug. 1 at Henry Park, and discussed hosting an arts and crafts project for children who attend.

Next meeting

Bohlen said the next scheduled commission meeting was Thursday, July 4, but that would likely be skipped. The commission also often skips its August meeting, she said.

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Opinion

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Believe in Berlin business

It's good to know that Berlin's Main Street area has become so highly regarded as a place to do business. It hasn't been that many years, after all, that town officials had to recruit various enterprises to fill in the blanks in what was then just a vision of how the downtown should look.

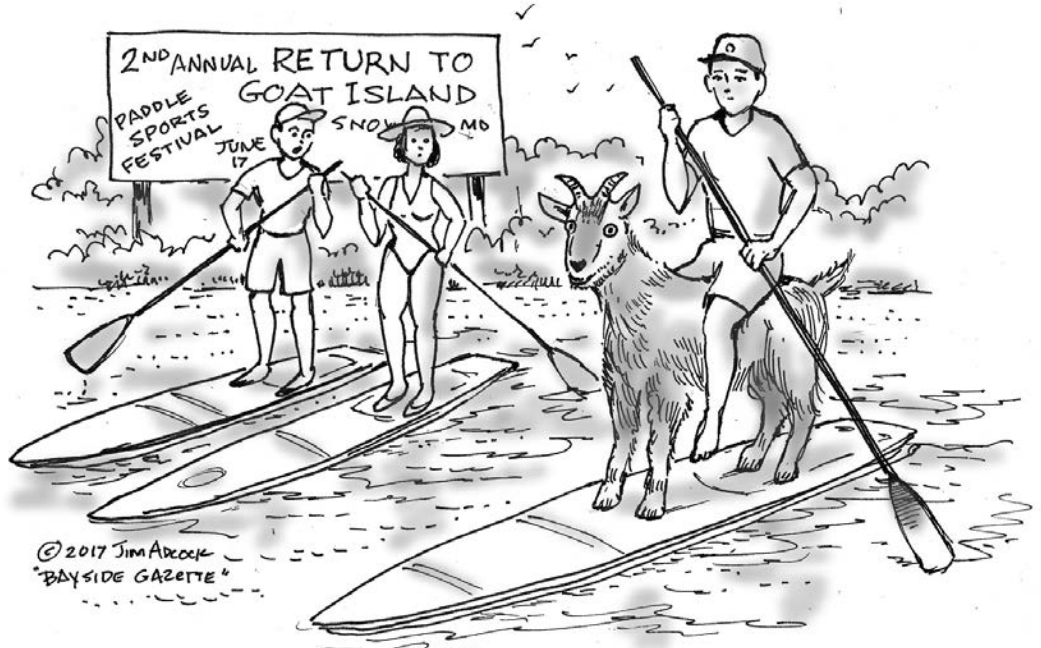
When we say "not that many years," that would be within the last 10 or so that the push to create a vigorous downtown shopping dynamic has taken place. And, now, it has reached a point where shopkeepers are expanding their hours, not just in the hope of catching the additional customer or two, but because the volume of business demands it.

With all the positive stories being reported by both long-time occupants of and new arrivals to the town center, it's apparent that the town has become its own tourist destination, which doesn't need a rainy day in Ocean City to draw visitors.

If someone a decade ago had said this kind of prosperity was achievable in such a short time span, most people would have written it off as the product of enthusiastic optimism, but little else.

But, as everyone now knows, Berlin has made itself the envy of most Eastern Shore small towns whose once vibrant downtowns continue to slip away. In the meantime, given all the success that Berlin's businesses are experiencing, it's easy to see how this commercial core will continue to grow.

As they say, nothing draws more business like doing business.



"I knew this would happen eventually!"

Letters

Board needs better oversight

Editor,

I am writing in response to the article you published on 6/8/17 entitled "GM Hill talks up renovation during packed town hall." In it you report that our Acting General Manager, Mr. Brett Hill, announced a net-year loss for fiscal year 2017 of approximately \$270,000 against budget. You reported him to go on to excuse this deficit by saying "the board made several changes to a budget that was adopted by a previous board and general manager."

One of the strengths of

Ocean Pines Association's governing documents is the continuity of the majority of Board membership from year to year that is balanced by the addition of two or three newly elected members each year. The new members bring additional expertise and fresh ideas to our Board. As such, the Board is a governing authority that is responsible as a whole for adherence to the budget regardless of who sits in the Board seats and who is the GM.

Going forward, our Board needs to do better at overseeing the development of the best budget possible, taking

into account all identified needs, and holding the management accountable for working within the budget that is set. Electing two or three board members each year is a reality of our governing structure. An election or a decision to replace the general manager does not absolve the Board or the management of their responsibility to adhere to the budget that was duly set in accordance with the process articulated in our governing documents.

*Colette Horn
Candidate for OPA Board of Directors
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Berlin's Touch a Truck event, Saturday

(June 15, 2017) Berlin moved the Touch a Truck event from Saturday, May 13 to Saturday, June 17 because poor weather was forecast. The annual event runs from 10 a.m. until noon in Berlin's Stephen Decatur Park on Tripoli Street.

"The weather continues to be a challenge," Mayor Gee Williams said. "We've received such positive feedback on this event from parents with young children, we're choosing another date rather than canceling the event."

Several Town Departments and the Berlin Fire Company are joining to-

gether to hold the free event, which includes a police vehicle, bucket truck, digger derrick, vacuum truck, camera truck and garbage truck, along with a fire rescue squad vehicle and ladder truck.

This year the Maryland State Troopers, Perdue Farm and the Red Cross will be joining the event.

In addition to getting a chance to touch their favorite truck, people attending the event will see employees from the town and the fire company using the equipment.

"We'll be demonstrating

how to set an electric pole and using our 'Power Town' display to show everyone how to be safe around electricity," Electric Utility Director Tim Lawrence said. "We are handing out free information and activities books for children ages 6-12, available on a first come, first served basis."

"In addition to seeing the equipment in action, we'll show how police officers use trained dogs in searches," Town Administrator Laura Allen said.

Hamburgers, hotdogs and ice cream will be available for sale throughout the event.

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Meet The Candidates

Editor's note: The Ocean Pines Association Elections Committee said last Friday its members did not edit any statements sent by the individual candidates. The only requirement was that each segment be 200 words or less.

The Ocean Pines Association released the following on Monday.

Meet the 2017 Ocean Pines Board of Directors Candidates:

In order to help you make your decision in this upcoming Board of Directors election, the Ocean Pines Elections Committee presents the biographies, which were submitted by each of the five candidates and answers to three questions presented to the candidates by the Elections Committee. They are presented here in the same order as listed on the ballot. The candidates are...

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As a lifelong resident of the eastern shore and Ocean Pines community I have cultivated relationships and memories that are immeasurable to my family and I.

The Ocean Pines community has given so much to me over the years from employment at its clubs to business opportunities and most notably



Nicole Crosariol

my home. As a multi-year homeowner and local business owner. I am seeking to serve on a board that wants to promote a vision for our community and will encourage first time home buyers to want to live here, not be scared that their home and livelihood will be scrutinized.

The amenities in the community need to be self-sustaining and consistent, not a financial burden on the community. Ocean Pines needs real leadership, not nepotism and back channels to guide and delegate the departments. My value as a board member will be my tireless work ethic, unwavering principles, and my ability to succeed at difficult tasks. All in all, my ultimate goal is to promote the community and its amenities as the quintessential standard for the eastern shore beach lifestyle that our western Maryland brethren are envious of.

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I grew up in small-town Wisconsin, earned my B.A. degree in philosophy and Master's degree in Educational Psychology at Milwau-



Colette Horn

kee's Marquette University where I met my husband, Jerry, a Ph.D. student and native of Harford County, Maryland. We moved to California where I earned my Ph.D. degree in Psychology at University of Southern California.

In 1985 Jerry and I first incorporated our private psychology practice for which I still provide clinical and administrative services. We moved to Jerry's home town in Maryland in 1992 after our two daughters were born and have been Marylanders ever since. I am now semi-retired after 22 years as a school psychologist in Harford County where we now live part-time.

We moved to Ocean Pines in 2009. I love the beauty of the Eastern Shore's cooler months; exploring the waterways of the local area in our kayaks and pontoon throughout boating season; and taking our Labrador, Jack, on long walks. A lover of books, I recently added book-shelving for the OP library to my volunteer activities, which have also included Board governance for a non-profit organization, directing the Religious Education Program for my church, and serving on inter-agency committees addressing needs of the mentally ill.

Doug Parks
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My wife Stevie and I have lived in Ocean Pines since 2007. Currently serving as a director on the board for the past year, I have contributed to several significant accomplishments during that time. Among them are the renovation of the Beach Club, the renovation of the golf course clubhouse and the completion of bridge repairs on Ocean Parkway and Clubhouse Drive. I was a strong supporter of the approach to renovate rather than replace these amenities in order to prevent several million dollars in expenses and avoid an increased financial burden on the OPA membership.



Doug Parks

I also created the Technology Work Group to assess and address the existing problematic issues with the systems used to conduct Association business. The nine volunteers from our membership have been actively working with OPA leadership and staff and are currently moving forward with proposed solutions for critical financial systems.

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My desire is to continue the work I have started as a current board director and promote a level of continuity on the board for the upcoming year. I ask for your consideration to support me with your vote so I can continue to serve the Ocean Pines Association.

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I have been a member of Ocean Pines Association, Inc. since 1977, and a full time resident since 1992. My wife and I raised our family and conducted our successful real estate



Martin Clarke

and construction business in Ocean Pines for over 30 years. I have served on the following O P Advisory committees: Clubs; Ocean Pines Demographic Study; Budget & Finance; By-Laws & Resolutions; Environmental & Natural Assets. I have also served on community based committees which include the Worcester County Waste Water Task Force; S. T. O. P. (Stop Taxing Ocean Pines); and the OPA Marina Group.

I was elected to serve as a director for our Association (2007-2010) and

(2012-2015). I also served as President of the Pines Point Marina Condominium. I am a member of Saint John Neumann Church; the American Legion; a life member of the V. F. W. and the Worcester Veterans Memorial; and a Sponsor of Worcester County Ducks Unlimited.

If elected to the Board of Directors it will be my goal to promote a conservative zero based budget incorporating reasonable reserves and encourage sound, common sense business practices at our amenities.

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My husband and I purchased a home in Ocean Pines about six years ago after discovering the wonderful amenities and friendly neighbors that Ocean Pines has to offer. I have 33 years of Federal service with the Department of Defense and will retire this September. I am amazed at how beautiful and efficiently run our community is and how everyone pitches in to keep it that way.



Brenda Wascak

I am running for the board because I want to help build the future of our community for our children and grandchildren. My goal is to listen and learn from the residents of Ocean Pines because they know best what services, amenities and future needs they want for our community. I would use this information to make informed choices on the Board if given the opportunity to serve. My work experience along with five years of volunteering with the homeless in Anne Arundel County have taught me how to work as a team player to resolve problems, prioritize projects, and bring them to completion.

Describe your thoughts about OPA finances. What do you think is going well and what needs to change?

Colette Horn: Our most recent audited financial statements (fiscal

year 2016) reflect strong cash flows covering operating expenses and capital expenditures. The unaudited financial statements for fiscal 2017, however, reflect an operating deficit of \$273,000, almost entirely due to poor performance at the Yacht Club. Going forward, we must examine factors contributing to this and search for remedies.

Our threshold for Board spending without referendum at \$1.7 million should be looked at in light of future asset repair and replacement needs to assure members that responsible spending will prevail. Our priorities must be to update the Reserve Study using current numbers and projected needs, taking into account inflation, and ensure fair allocation to members. The discovery of sink holes and worm-infested bulkheads points to the reality of unexpected and costly capital improvement needs.

The recent introduction of an unbudgeted 20 percent member discount for food and beverage venues seems questionable. This action substantially reduces our food and beverage margins. To make up this difference, we will need to dramatically increase our business to remain net revenue neutral. It would have been more prudent to allow the Board to consider potential impact to costs of sales and operations before finalizing the budget.

Nicole Schafer Crosariol: I am an amazing team player. During my six-year employment at Powerhouse Gym and Beach Bounce, I collaborated and worked with over 200 employees, from nine different departments and four physical locations. While collaborating from the head of each department, we were able to not only accomplish, but exceed what was expected across the board.

Currently, I work with an amazing group of women who all own their own retail LuLaRoe businesses. We all use our strengths to execute creative ideas and strive to not only grow our businesses, but to branch out and support the whole small business community.

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member to bring their knowledge and expertise to the table to accomplish a common goal. I bring a unique background, and would make decisions based on what everyone needs. I listen, and will help bring innovative ideas that would help benefit us all.

Douglas Parks: While the annual assessment is very reasonable as compared to association fees in the surrounding areas, consideration should always be given to avoid increases, and if possible, reduce the annual fee for OPA property owners.

This year's budget is a good example of missing an opportunity to reduce the assessment, as the budget was based on the previous year's assessment fee, rather than approaching it from a zero-based revenue/expense perspective. For the record, I voted against the adoption of the budget for this and several other reasons.

On a positive note, I do need to point out that over 98 percent of the assessment fees have been collected from the membership, which is above the national average for associations and similar organizations.

The Board and General Manager need to continue to work closely with the Budget and Finance advisory committee in preparing next fiscal year budget. Given the recent successful renovation of the Beach Club and golf course clubhouse, the de-

mand for contributing to the "reserve" fund is greatly reduced and consideration should be given to passing the savings to OPA property owners by reducing the annual assessment.

Martin Clarke: Ocean Pines is in a sound financial position. We benefit from an excellent Fire and Police Department. Our Public works, administrative and recreational staff are dedicated professionals. We have a potent balance in our maintenance and replacement reserves which currently exceeds well over \$7 million.

Under the leadership of our current board much of our long neglected and deferred maintenance has been achieved. The renovation of our Country Club, new Manklin Meadows playground and pickle ball courts, new Beach Club bath rooms, as well as the mandatory repair of two major

bridges has been accomplished. The long overdue renovations to the administration building and police department have been approved in the recently finalized budget for completion within the next 12 months. We owe this board our sincere thanks and appreciation.

With this in mind, when our new General Manager prepares next year's budget he should only fund the required depreciation and decrease the additional amounts we have continually been adding to our reserves under the five year funding plan. This strategy is no longer necessary, and by its elimination, we can easily reduce our membership's assessments by more than \$75 a year.

Brenda Wascak: I appreciate the fact that Ocean Pines finances are listed in the OP Report so we can see what the actual operating costs are for


our community. I like the fact that the many articles written by the treasurer explain the expenditures and share data points to help keep our community in the loop and better understand the financial issues that are addressed throughout the fiscal year.

I am an advocate of our Fire Department and Police Department because they look out for our safety on a daily basis. I would work to make sure that the safety and infrastructure of our community is funded first and foremost and then recreation and beautification.

Describe your thoughts on OPA amenities. What is going well and what needs to change?

Colette Horn: Support of the amenities adds to the financial value of our homes. Acknowledging years

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of support by long-term residents, we should look at a "legacy member assessment discount" option.

The audited financial statements reflect a significant overall amenity operating profit for fiscal 2016. The unaudited financials for 2017 reflect a substantially lower profit (40 percent) than the prior year. The Yacht Club poor performance represented 70 percent of that decrease.

It was the amenity with the largest variance from budget, with a loss of \$229,000 vs. a budgeted profit of \$34,000. One may expect that renovations of meeting and banquet space and enlargement of the Tern Grille at the Golf Club will position us for additional net revenue increases. Factors accounting for Food & Beverage operating losses this past year will need to be examined carefully and remedied going forward.

The Yacht Club is plagued by chronic complaints of poor food/beverage product and service quality. It is yet to be seen whether the 20 percent discount and recent personnel shake-up will exacerbate this or solve it. Increased stability in staffing and better management are critical to increased event bookings and greater overall customer satisfaction, which should boost revenues and improve financial performance.

Nicole Schafer Crosariol: My vision for Ocean Pines is to be an attractive and affordable place to live. This is a community we all call home, now we need to treat it as such. Updating rotting signs and making all amenities equality desirable for our full and part timers. Investing a little is essential if we want residents to support it.

As we gather to these amenities that were built for us, we engage and meet so many residents/friends, and isn't that what makes a great community anyway? As the amenities thrive, I would like to explore ways to take financial burden off of home owners, both in memberships and annual assessments.

Douglas Parks: Resolution M-02 specifically states that the amenities should be run in a business-like manner and fee-based amenities should be managed to cover, at a minimum, operating costs through fees and operating revenues. I am a proponent of making an honest attempt to operate our beautiful amenities in a sensible manner.

For the most part, our amenities are run in reasonable compliance with M-02. The Beach Club and the five pools managed by the Association are prime examples of this compliance. However, one obvious problem is the Cove at Mumford's (formerly the Yacht Club). Over the years, despite the various changes in business strategy, the amenity continues to lose money, especially in the off-season months.

Even with the quality, and quite frankly marvelous, effort the acting

General Manager and his team put forth to reinvigorate the building and business management of the Cove, we still showed significant operating losses during these off-season months. In my opinion, if that level of effort and creativity, didn't produce the desired results, its proof enough that we need to close down the operation during the off-season as a prudent business decision and am very interested in what OPA members think of that approach.

Martin Clarke: Ocean Pines has always enjoyed the finest amenities of any community on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Every property owner pays for the cost of these amenities as part of their yearly assessment. The board of directors is charged to operate the business amenities in a "businesslike manner." We should also operate them in the best interest of the majority of our fellow property owners.

We are clearly not operating the new \$5 million Yacht Club in a "businesslike manner." This is obvious to anyone who looks at the numbers, and I do. In the first three years the new facility lost over \$880,000 in the off-season.

This loss addresses operational loss and does not include the very expensive depreciation costs also funded by our assessment dollars. Let me please ask you, if this was your personal business enterprise, would you stay open in the off season to lose \$300,000 a year? I didn't think so, and, neither should we. Next year's board must make the only sensible business decision in the best interest of our membership and close this facility in the off season. This would result in a savings of \$30 from our yearly assessment.

Brenda Wascak: I have enjoyed many of the amenities our community has to offer!! I appreciate the people in our community who work on the front-line or behind the scenes to provide these amenities.

Since purchasing a home here six years ago, I have been fortunate enough to arrive for the weekend to enjoy myself at the beach club or pool because of their hard work and dedication. Now that I am getting ready to retire, I want to donate my time so I can meet my fellow residents and to give back to our community.

I want to learn what the majority of people like or don't like about the current amenities and to be a part of updating them or creating new amenities for residents of all ages to enjoy.

Describe what you feel you would bring to the OPA BOD.

Colette Horn: I have a Ph.D. in psychology with expertise in data analysis and research as well as clinical practice. For 30 years I have been President and Chief Financial Officer for the psychology business I own with my husband. I have experience with board governance in the non-

profit sector. I am a published researcher with university teaching experience.

I have the skills and knowledge to represent the financial interests of the membership and to collaborate with other Directors in steering the Board toward sensible decision-making and responsible spending based on faithful adherence to our governing documents and sound business practices.

My skills also support the Board's need for careful study of the priorities of the members and the characteristics of our community and its amenities, and to use this information to guide decision-making. I am semi-retired, and live part-time in Harford County, Maryland which will bring to the Board the perspective of a resident who maintains property value in two places.

My training and experience prepared me to see problems and issues objectively from various points of view, which will allow me to represent the interests and needs of both full-time and part-time residents-owners.

Nicole Schafer Crosariol: I bring new perspective to the board. Growing up here, this community has been my childhood and soon to be, my children's home. I have many heartwarming memories of the beach club, recreation activities and pool days with my family.

Making essential structural updates will ensure constant growth and please all demographics. Not just current residents, but for future generations to come. With my extensive marketing background and business management (including my own), I can assist in being fiscally responsible for budgeting.

Eager to hear of a new General Manger coming in the near future, I am confident the current board members will hire a great leader to fill some very big shoes. The opportunity to work and oversee the productivity with the current board members, will keep the Operation management accountable and amenities sustainable at the very least.

Douglas Parks: I bring over 30 years of executive leadership from a successful career in leading information technology for several prominent organizations, including the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the Pew Charitable Trusts. More importantly, as a current member of the Board of Directors, I bring a valuable level of experience that can only be gained by serving the Association on its Board.

I also bring to the table a demonstrated commitment in building a collaborative relationship among the members of the board, so that varying opinions on important topics can be shared openly and candidly, with the intent of reaching consensus on a solution or course of action. Over this past year, we, as a board have shared a number of successes, while at the same time have faced several chal-

lenges.

One of my focus areas is to continue to work with my fellow directors to address the challenges ahead and serve in the best interest of the OPA and its members, and I ask for your consideration as you cast your vote in the upcoming election.

Martin Clarke: As a successful local resort businessman operating in Ocean Pines for 30 plus years I try to look at every penny of every assessment like it was my money. Over the past 20 years my due diligence and commitment to Ocean Pines has saved the membership a great deal of money.

I have served Ocean Pines as a director and as a committee member for longer than the combined tenure of the entire sitting board. I understand the financial reports and I am the only candidate with a long history of service that brings with it an understanding of our operations and finances.

I promise to work in your best interests and that of Ocean Pines. I would appreciate your vote.

Brenda Wascak: I bring several years of leadership experience from running a military office for three years including Officers and Enlisted personnel. I have served as a team member on numerous projects and programs and I have a great appreciation for the contributions that everyone brings to a team due to their different views and perspectives based on their diverse backgrounds and experience levels.

I love working with people and I am open minded when listening to other's ideas and opinions. I ask a lot of questions so I can learn as much as possible before forming my opinion about an issue. I have a can-do attitude and am very enthusiastic when it comes to turning a vision into a reality.

The Elections Committee is seeking questions from members of the Association for the Candidates' Forum. Residents are encouraged to submit questions, 75 words or less, by calling the Elections Committee Telephone Hotline at 410-208-3989, or sending questions by email to Elections Committee Chair Steve Tuttle at sltuttle08@gmail.com.

The deadline for submitting questions is Sunday, June 18.

The cutoff date for voter eligibility in Ocean Pines is July 1. Ballots will be mailed on July 11 and are due on Aug. 10. Votes will be counted on Aug. 11. The two winners, each serving a three-year term, will be announced during the annual meeting on Saturday, Aug. 12 at 10 a.m. at the As-sateague Room in the Ocean Pines Community Center.

For more information, contact Tuttle at sltuttle08@gmail.com or Denise Sawyer, director of marketing and public relations for the Ocean Pines Association, at 410-641-7717 ext. 3006 or dsawyer@oceanpines.org.

Decatur alumna returns to perform

(June 15, 2017) Katerina Burton of Newark, Maryland, a Stephen Decatur High School alumna and recent graduate of Towson University who has been accepted for a Master's degree program at the Juilliard School of Musical Arts in New York, will perform two concerts this weekend.

Successive concerts will be presented on Friday evening, June 16 at 7 p.m., at Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Hwy. (Route 611 and Snug Harbor Road), in Berlin and on June 17, 7 p.m., at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway in Ocean City. A reception will follow both concerts.

Burton received many awards during her years at Towson. In 2015 she was awarded the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions Encouragement Award for the Mid-Atlantic region. She has performed in many



Katerina Burton

operas while at Towson securing leading roles in "Galantry" and Mozart's "Die Zauberflote."

Burton has performed locally in the Young

Artists Concert series and the Ocean Pines Children's Theater, as well as various church services in the area. Burton is pursuing a career as a professional vocalist (specifically in opera).

Jeffrey Todd, grandson of June Todd who is the director of the Pine Tones Chorus and music director and

organist of Atlantic United Methodist Church in Ocean City, will also participate in the concerts. Jeffrey Todd is a vocal performance major at Salisbury University. He has won first place at the state and regional levels of the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NAT) student auditions for two consecutive years in classical music and was given the honor of being deemed "the most outstanding college male, (classical)" at the 2017 Mid Atlantic NATS honor's recital.

The concert will feature selections from Puccini, Faure, Menotti, Rachmaninoff and others. While admission to the concerts is free, donations toward school expenses for Burton and Todd will be accepted. For further information about these two concerts, contact Lyn Burr at 410-641-0772.

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Snapshots



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DAYTRIPPERS

Twenty travel writers from Europe and the Middle East stop for a photo in front of the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin, last Thursday. The writers, in Washington, D.C. for a convention, decided to take a daytrip to visit Berlin and Assateague. Also pictured are Berlin Mayor Gee Williams, second from right, and Worcester County Tourism Director Lisa Challenger, top left.



BRIAN GILLILAND/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

INNOVATORS

Worcester County Public Schools honored 16 teachers and teachers' groups on Wednesday for innovative classroom techniques. Those recognized, from left, are Brian Cook, Elizabeth Atwood, Tracy Lewis, Jennifer Beach, Richard Stephens, Trevor Hill, Ryan Cowder, Regina Dashiell, Tom Hamill, Kara Casale, Michael Levy, Jessica Fry and Aarti Sangwan. Not pictured: Julia Hill, Brittany Tignor and Angelique Hunter.



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HISTORY DAY

The Maryland History Day Contest 2017 was recently held at UMBC. Across Maryland, over 27,000 students competed in local History Day competitions and 700 students were selected for the state competition, including 19 students from Stephen Decatur Middle School. SDMS eighth grade Social Studies teacher, Anne Cook, left, received the Maryland History Day Teacher of the Year Award for Worcester County. She is pictured with Leah Olsen, a previous winner of the award.



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TOP TERPS

Berlin Intermediate School's fourth grade Terrapins of the Month of April are recognized for exemplifying the three R's: Respect, Responsibility and Ready to Learn on a daily basis. Pictured are Nick Zlotorynski, Darius Melon-Early, Addison Conley, Angelina Li, Emily Smith and Alyssa Monteverde.



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STUDENT SHOWCASE

Berlin Intermediate School hosted the annual Soup Bowl Project & Passport to Learning Night on April 20. Student-made bowls were on sale for \$5 and filled with soup donated from local restaurants. BIS also celebrated Passport to Learning, designed to showcase activities, projects and lessons that students are doing and to help parents understand strategies and programs that are available. Trista Harner and Laura Truitt are pictured next to their booth "Lemonade to Loot" where they displayed tips to opening their own lemonade stand.



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EARTH DAY

The Worcester Prep Environmental Club encouraged everyone to go green, brown and blue on April 21, to celebrate Earth Day. The Middle and Upper Schools united to raise awareness of the environment and take action to protect nature and the planet. Everyone donated \$1 to the WPS Greenhouse Fund that allowed them to dress casually in the colors of green, brown and blue to represent nature, earth and sky. In addition to cleaning up trash, planting seeds, watching TED Talks about the environment, and tending to the Children's Garden, Upper School and Middle school homerooms competed in a door decorating and poetry contest. Environmental Club members also visited the Lower School children to read books and talk about ways to help save the environment. Eighth grader Chipper Becker, teacher Susan Godwin, and eighth grader C.C. Lizas were the winner of the Middle School Earth Day Door Decorating Contest.

Business Briefs

Gordon joins EXIT

EXIT Realty at The Beach in Berlin recently announced the addition of Christy Gordon to its team of real estate professionals.



Christy Gordon

Gordon was born and raised in Baltimore County. In 1999, she moved to the Worcester County area to become a "local" and can't imagine living anywhere else. She retired from a 31-year career in public education in 2011 and obtained her Realtor license the same year.

She represents buyers and sellers, specializing in her home town of Snow Hill as well as serving Stockton and Girdletree, Public Landing, Newark, Berlin/Ocean Pines. Gordon's clients love her sense of humor, attention to detail and her honesty. She makes every real estate transaction an easy and enjoyable experience for all her clients.

She lives in Public Landing with her husband, Steve. Gordon has three grown children and four grandchildren, all of whom live in the Snow Hill area.

EXIT Realty is a by-invitation-only company focused on the business of real estate. A portion of every transaction fee collected by EXIT Realty Corp. International is applied to its charitable fund. To date, \$3.5 million has been pledged to Habitat for Humanity.

Graduate

Grace Masten, broker of Sea Grace at North Beach Realtors in Ocean City and a member of the Coastal Association of Realtors' (CAR) Board of Directors, was among 21 graduates from the Maryland Association of Realtors (MAR) 17th annual Leadership Academy honored during ceremonies held recently in Annapolis.



Grace Masten

The MAR Leadership Academy was formed by Realtors who understand the important role they play in their community and the need to enhance the leadership skills, knowledge and competencies of fellow Realtors interested in making a difference in their personal lives and in their communities.

Masten has been a Realtor since 1981 and a broker since 1985. She currently serves as a director on the CAR Board of Directors and chairs the association's Rentals Task Force, while also serving on the Finance Committee.

In the past, she has served on the Professional Standards, Grievance, New Members, Community Service, Broker, Strategic Planning and Association Executive Search committees. Masten is the incoming state chair for the Maryland/DC Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) designation, as well as the CRS Local Networking Group director for See BUSINESS BRIEFS Page 33

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June 17: Over Time, 9 p.m.
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June 22: Bettenroo, 8 p.m.

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116th Street, behind Fountain Head Towers Condominium
Ocean City
443-664-2896
www.bourbonstreetonthebeach.com
June 16: Dave Sherman, 7-10 p.m.
June 17: David T Duo, 8-11 p.m.
June 18: Silhouette Sound, 6-9 p.m.
June 19-20: Just Jay, 6-9 p.m.
June 21: Michael Smith, 6-9 p.m.; Open Mic, 9-11 p.m.
June 22: Chris Button, 7-10 p.m.

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CASINO AT OCEAN DOWNS

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Berlin
410-641-0600
www.oceandowns.com
June 16: Everett Spells, 5:30-9:30 p.m.
June 17: Everett Spells, 4:30-8:30 p.m.; Smoking Section, 6-9 p.m.; Monkee Paw Trio, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

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Ocean City
410-289-6846
www.castleinthesand.com
June 16: Darin Engh, noon to 4 p.m.; Naked Nation, 5-9 p.m.
June 17: Joe Smooth & John Remy, noon to 4 p.m.; The Swell Fellas, 5-9 p.m.
June 18: Rick & Regina, noon to 3 p.m.; Homemade Hooch, 4-8 p.m.
June 19: Nate Clendenen, noon to 3 p.m.; Bob Wilkinson & Joe Smooth & Pete, 4-8 p.m.
June 20: Jack & T, noon to 3 p.m.; Bad Since Breakfast, 4-8 p.m.
June 21: Shortcut Sunny, noon to 3 p.m.; Chris Button & Joe Mama, 4-8 p.m.
June 22: Sean Loomis, noon to 3 p.m.; The Lime Green Band, 4-8 p.m.

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June 17: Clean Getaway, 9 p.m.

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June 22: Dutch Adam & DJ Bigler, 9 p.m.

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410-250-1449
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June 16: Bob Hughes, 5-9 p.m.
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June 16: DJ Billy T, 4 p.m.
June 17: Side Project/Chris Button, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m.
June 18: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m.
June 19: Blake Haley, 4-7 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 7 p.m.
June 20: Funk Shue, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
June 21: Karaoke w/DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
June 22: Opposite Directions, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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June 16: Identity Crisis, 8-11 p.m.
June 17: Randy Lee Ashcraft and the Saltwater Cowboys, 8-11 p.m.
June 21: Randy Lee Ashcraft and the Saltwater Cowboys

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June 20: Karaoke w/J-Lo, 9-11 p.m.

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June 16: Paul Lojewski, 8-10 p.m.

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June 16: Jimmy Smooth, 5 p.m.
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June 20: Bo Dickerson, 4 p.m.
June 21: Batman, 5 p.m.
June 22: Monkee Paw Duo, 5 p.m.

MUMFORD'S LANDING OCEAN PINES

1 Mumford's Landing Road
Ocean Pines
410-641-7501
www.oceanpines.org
June 16: Sir Rod, 6 p.m.; First Class, 8 p.m.
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June 18: Randy Lee Ashcraft, 6 p.m.
June 20: Suzette Prichett

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June 16: DJ Wax, 6-9 p.m.
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June 22: Lauren Glick, 6-9 p.m.

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June 16-17: Power Play, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.
June 21: Bryan Clark, 7-9:30 p.m.
June 22-24: New Censation, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Lenny's Deck Bar:
June 16-18: On The Edge, 4-9 p.m.
June 19-25: Power Play, 4-9 p.m.

OCEAN PINES BEACH CLUB

49th Street
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www.oceanpines.org
June 16: TBA, 3-7 p.m.
June 17: First Class, 4-7 p.m.

PURPLE MOOSE SALOON

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Ocean City
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June 16-17: CK the DJ/VJ, 2 p.m.; Surreal, 10 p.m.
June 18: CK the DJ/VJ, 2 p.m.; Heads Up, 10 p.m.
June 19: Heads Up, 10 p.m.

June 20-21: VJ Mazi, 9 p.m.
June 22: Total Distraction, 10 p.m.

SECRETS

49th Street and the bay
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June 16: DJ Bobby'O, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Innasense, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; DJ Bobby'O, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; DJ Mike T, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; The Benajims, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
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June 18: DJ Bobby'O, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; Reel Big Fish - The Beer Run, 6:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.; DJ Davie, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Innasense, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.
June 19: DJ Bobby'O, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; New Direction, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Davie, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; Split Decision, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
June 20: DJ Bobby'O, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Opposite Directions, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Mike T, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Protoje Live in Concert, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Rising Sun Reggae, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
June 21: DJ Bobby'O, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Mike T, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Rising Sun Reggae, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Cruz, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; The Rockets, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
June 22: DJ Bobby'O, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Rew Smith, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; 9 Mile Roots, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; Go Go Gadgets, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.

SHENANIGAN'S IRISH PUB AND GRILLE

309 N. Atlantic Ave.
Ocean City
410-289-7181
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June 22: Ciernan Quinn, 9 p.m.

SKYE RAW BAR & GRILLE

66th Street, bayside
Ocean City
410-723-6762
www.skyebaroc.com
June 16: Aaron Howell, 4-8 p.m.
June 17: Kayla Kroh, 4-8 p.m.

WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17
Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines
410-208-3922
www.whiskersbar.com
June 16: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey

Business Briefs

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the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

She holds the Seniors Real Estate Specialist designation and is a secondary member of the Mid-Shore Board of Realtors in Easton and the Sussex County Association of Realtors in Delaware.

Masten received the W.H.C. Wilson Memorial Scholarship award, presented by 2008 MAR President Ilene Kessler. The scholarship is administered through the Leadership Academy and is awarded to the graduate who best demonstrates integrity, a desire to lead, and a high ethical standard, both professionally and through community involvement. The award covers the cost of Masten's tuition for the program.

Masten was also awarded the David E. Maclin Humanitarian Award, by her peers, as the graduate who best demonstrated Maclin's character and ideals through faith, integrity and a deep commitment to community and real estate endeavors. This award was created by colleagues from the Class of 2002.

This is the second year in a row that a CAR member has been the recipient of the David E. Maclin Humanitarian Award, as local Realtor. Board member Joseph Wilson received the honor last year.

Masten was the first ever graduate to receive both awards in the same year.

Promotions

Raymond M. Thompson, president and chief executive officer of Calvin B.

Taylor Banking Company, the bank subsidiary of Calvin B. Taylor Bankshares, Inc. has announced the following recent promotions.

Ross Bergey has been promoted to loan and business development officer for the Ocean City Market. Bergey will be located at the bank's 20th Street location.



Ross Bergey

Bergey began his employment with Taylor Bank in June 2014. In January 2015, he entered the bank's Management Trainee program where he was exposed to the various operations of the bank. Having joined Taylor Bank with a background in accounting and finance, Bergey was promoted to credit analyst in January 2016.

Scott Williams has been promoted to credit administrator at the bank's main office in Berlin. Williams will support the bank's loan operations in the credit underwriting area, including expanded duties and responsibilities related to post-closing file review, loan file compliance review and asset quality monitoring of the bank's loan portfolio.



Scott Williams

Williams graduated from Salisbury University in 2005 with a Bachelor's Degree in Information Systems. In 2006, Williams joined Taylor Bank as a customer service associate, and was subse-

quently promoted to management trainee in June 2008.

In 2009, Williams became the assistant manager of the bank's main office. In 2014, Williams transferred to the loan department where he previously served as a credit analyst, and most recently loan operations supervisor.

Kathy Warren has been promoted to loan operations supervisor at the bank's main office. In that capacity, Warren's duties will include oversight of loan document support staff, loan document production and review, and management of the bank's loan document systems.



Kathy Warren

Warren joined Taylor Bank April 2014 as a loan processor. She came to Taylor Bank with 28 years of banking experience in branch management, loan operations and loan production.

Promotions

Atlantic/Smith, Cropper & Deeley (ASC&D) announces several promotions

Kim Schmidt has been promoted to the role of Life and Health team leader. Schmidt has been influential in streamlining processes within her department and has successfully trained many in the Life and Health team. She has worked in the insurance industry since 2000. She enjoys spending time with her sons and going to the beach with family.



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Cuisine

Your new food obsession: Marcona almonds

Few foods find themselves fortunate enough to land in my "obsession" category these days, as I have



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

tried a great many foodstuffs throughout my long and quasi-illustrious career. However, every now and then a food will rear its ugly head and smack me in the body and soul with its self-complementing tastes,

smells and textures that just happen to embody the perfect sustenance. I cry a little the first time that I savor said morsel, and look forward to properly acquiring some more for future meals and snacks.

I guess I had that feeling when I drank Coca-Cola for the first time. The chemistry, the nuances of hundreds of top-secret ingredients and the lore of the amalgamation of South American apothecary and North American marketing prowess all lent themselves to a lifetime of soda fanaticism.

At a similar level, but at a very different time in my life, I tried Marcona almonds. The Marcona is a Spanish almond that I sampled with great trepidation, as I despise California almonds. I find the latter grainy, unpleasant on the palate, pasty and basically do not care for them in any way, shape or form.

Of course, this attitude towards California almonds has put me on the blacklist for the national convention for The California Association for the Acceptance and Tolerance of Grainy, Subpar Almonds (TCAATGSA for short). And so I don't get sued, as did Oprah with her comments on hamburgers years ago, I welcome you to continue purchasing said almonds. I know that I am in the minority, and this is simply the way I feel.

Oh, sweet Marcona; you elate me. You have held such a place in Spanish lore that you have found yourself quipped about and pondered upon since ancient Roman times. A magnificent force, you blossom from a bitter nut to one that serves us well.

But, what can you do with Marcona almonds? Well, you can roast and salt them, as I have down below, and simply serve them in a bowl. They don't have the propensity to linger in your choppers all day and force you to rinse and repeat to clean out your mouth. They are a great snack, especially when combined with some dried fruit. If you can find dried Michigan cherries, they make



for the best combination. If not, dried cranberries will certainly suffice.

These lovely nuts go great on salads, and if you salt them, a nice, sweet dressing will help to counter that flavor profile. They are perfect in traditional Spanish soups, and I have found that they have a much better texture when pureed.

In restaurants and bars, there is a little trick that sneaky people use to help to increase the level of drinking, and that is through the careful application of salt and spice. The former will naturally make you thirsty, but the operator must ensure that the food is not salty – there is a fine line. The addition of spices to a roasted nut mix will naturally increase thirst, while exciting the taste buds of your customer.

But back to the salad, it is wonderful to watch guests eat their simple starter and see the look of bliss when they bite into the almonds on the plate. After all, how could anyone get excited by an almond? Well, that's what I used to think, before these delicious tidbits made their way into my life.

Salt-Roasted Marcona Almonds

makes 5 ounces

5 ounces Marcona almonds, un-

salted
1 Himalayan salt block
EV Olive Oil, to coat nuts
Coarse Kosher salt, TT

1. Preheat a conventional oven to 400F and a convection oven to 375F, placing the salt block in the oven while it is cold. It is important to heat the salt block slowly to prevent cracking or shattering

2. Toss the almonds in the oil and salt

3. Spread evenly on the heated salt block and place in oven

4. Roast until the almonds have a golden hue and the aromas fill the kitchen with wonderment and joy

5. Remove and allow to cool. They may be a little soft at this point, but they will crisp up as they cool

6. Store in an airtight container until ready to use

Garden Salad with Marcona Almonds

makes 6 salads

1 bag Mesclun/Spring mix
1/4 cup Dried cherries or Craisins
1/2 log chevre or equal amount of bleu cheese

Salt-roasted Marconas from above
1/2 Vidalia onion, fine julienne
1 cup Tangy-Sweet vinaigrette (recipe follows)

Baked, crispy pita chips as crouton,

as needed

1. Combine everything except for the croutons and dressing

2. Dress the salad to taste (you may have extra, but it's easier to make a cup of vinaigrette than a smaller amount)

3. Garnish with pita chips and serve. Eat all remaining Marcona almonds, hiding them from your guests

Tangy-Sweet Vinaigrette

Makes a bit over 1 cup

1/4 cup Champagne vinegar
1 Tbsp. Dijon or stone ground mustard

2 tsp. Granulated sugar
1 tsp. Fresh thyme leaves
1 tsp. Fresh basil, chopped
1 clove roasted garlic, smashed
3/4 cup Grapeseed oil
Salt & Pepper, to taste

1. Combine everything except the oil and whisk well

2. While whisking vigorously, drizzle in the grapeseed oil and create a simple emulsion

3. Keep refrigerated until ready to use

— Paul G. Suplee is an Associate Professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College. Find his ePortfolio at www.heartofakitchen.com.



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HARD - 99

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

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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THINK TWICE

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Zip along | 1 Desert crossed by the Silk Road |
| 7 Example of 22- and of 65-Across | 2 Gulf state |
| 12 Conscience-stricken | 3 Celebration |
| 19 Opposites of alphas | 4 Writer/critic James and family |
| 20 It may be grand | 5 Animal with luxurious fur |
| 21 "Hah!" | 6 Org. with a "3-1-1" rule |
| 22 7- and 112-Across | 7 Twenty-one words |
| 24 Flashing lights | 8 Give ___ all |
| 25 What scouts gather | 9 Damage |
| 26 Intentions | 10 Blight victim |
| 27 Donkey's call | 11 Film again |
| 29 Naval engineer | 12 Money in the bank, e.g. |
| 31 Example of 65-Across and 39-Down | 13 This and that |
| 33 Subsides slowly | 14 Razor brand |
| 37 Org. for ex-G.I.s | 15 Example of 39- and 34-Down |
| 40 Diddley and Derek | 16 Lang. heard in Haifa |
| 41 Farewells in Florence | 17 Before, to a bard |
| 42 Take temporarily | 18 ___ Moines |
| 44 First lady before Bess | |
| 47 116-Across and 96-Down | |
| 49 Levin who wrote "A Kiss Before Dying" | |
| 50 Silver, for example, in the opening to TV's "The Lone Ranger" | |
| 51 Torah receptacles | |
| 52 A professional may need one to practice: Abbr. | |
| 53 Work unit | |
| 54 Intimates | |
| 55 Wash'n ___ (towelette brand) | |
| 56 Caribbean land whose capital is St. George's | |
| 59 It'll knock you out | |
| 60 Ricochet | |
| 62 Ambition for an actor | |
| 64 In view | |
| 65 7- and 31-Across | |
| 67 "So long," for short | |
| 69 Part of a machine assembly | |
| 71 Like Odin or Thor | |
| 72 Titter | |
| 73 Some scratchy attire | |
| 74 "Sprechen ___ Deutsch?" | |
| 75 Lowest points | |
| 76 Car for which you "listen to her tachtin' up now, a listen to her whine," in a 1964 hit | |
| 78 Land in the Seine | |
| 79 "I cannot tell ___" | |
| 81 "Nuh-uh!" | |
| 82 Film critic Christopher | |
| 83 112-Across and 96-Down | |
| 86 Dress adornment | |
| 87 Lathers (up) | |
| 89 Not esos or estos | |
| 90 Coiled killer | |
| 91 Nikon product, for short | |
| 92 "___ Rebel" (1962 No. 1 hit) | |
| 93 Example of 34-Down and 108-Across | |
| 94 Dimes, essentially | |
| 97 Straight | |
| 100 "Othello" traitor | |
| 101 Milky gems | |
| 105 Admit | |
| 108 93- and 116-Across | |
| 112 Example of 83- and 22-Across | |
| 113 "Little Women" author | |
| 114 Ruined | |
| 115 Dead Sea Scrolls sect | |
| 116 Example of 108- and 47-Across | |
| 117 "See ya!" | |
| 20 Bugs about the trash | |
| 23 Toil | |
| 28 Competitor of Petro-Canada | |
| 30 Scrub, as a mission | |
| 31 Squealer | |
| 32 They may be high in a fallout zone | |
| 34 93-Across and 15-Down | |
| 35 When repeated, a Polynesian getaway | |
| 36 What trees do in fierce storms | |
| 37 Is on the brink | |
| 38 Passed quickly | |
| 39 31-Across and 15-Down | |
| 41 Len of stage and screen | |
| 42 They're often pulled at night | |
| 43 13 1/2-inch gold-plated figure | |
| 45 Hall of fame | |
| 46 A mere stone's throw from | |
| 47 Upscale London retailer | |
| 48 Fatty-acid compound | |
| 55 One of a pair of best friends in Greek legend | |
| 56 Heights of achievement | |
| 57 Witherspoon of "Legally Blonde" | |
| 58 Fussed over, as a grandchild | |
| 60 Like some diplomats | |
| 61 AOL alternative | |
| 63 Skeptical response | |
| 65 Dudes | |

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| 66 Puts forward | 84 ___ the Explorer | 95 "Me So ___" (1989 rap chart-topper) | 103 Jay who preceded Jimmy |
| 68 Holt of NBC News | 85 Guide to studying the night sky | 96 Example of 47- and of 83-Across | 104 Big bunch |
| 70 Part in an animated film | 86 What "Mc-" means in a name | 98 Excited cry in a casino | 105 Juice drink |
| 72 "Well, look what I did!" | 88 Richard Strauss opera | 99 Highest score in baccarat | 106 Fleur-de-___ |
| 75 Lightly bite | 90 Sired, biblically | 100 Privy to | 107 ___ Palmas, Spain |
| 76 Word of wonder | 93 Is disposed | 102 ___ Barksdale, drug dealer on "The Wire" | 109 90° bend |
| 77 "Really!" | 94 Need for a professional designer | | 110 Obama health law, for short |
| 79 Ear: Prefix | | | 111 Old, clumsy ship |
| 80 Den denizen | | | |

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, JUN. 15

PINE'EER CRAFT CLUB

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 9:45 a.m. Refreshments served at 9:45 a.m., business meeting at 10 a.m. Guests are welcome. Sharon, 410-208-3032

COASTAL HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT

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

'PLAY IT SAFE' - SPLASH MOUNTAIN

Jolly Roger, 2901 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 2 to 4 p.m. Free event for 2017 high school graduates. Attend a "Play It Safe" event and receive a wristband to ride the bus for \$5 all week. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://playitsafeoceancity.com>

BEACH SINGLES

Clarion Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 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, <http://www.beachsingles.org>

OPIOID TREATMENT/OVERDOSE TRAINING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 6:30 p.m. Featuring a brief overview of treatment approaches and the Worcester County Response Plan, training on how to administer Naloxone and a discussion on the role of Peer Support and how community members can assist. Sponsored by the Worcester County NAACP.

'PLAY IT SAFE' - DODGEBALL

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 7 to 9 p.m. Free event for 2017 high school graduates. Attend a "Play It Safe" event and receive a wristband to ride the bus for \$5 all week. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://playitsafeoceancity.com>

'PLAY IT SAFE' - MINIATURE GOLF

Planet Maze/Lasertron/Lost Galaxy Golf, 3305 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD, 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. Free event for 2017 high school graduates. Attend a "Play It Safe" event and receive a wristband to ride the bus for \$5 all week. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://playitsafeoceancity.com>

FRI, JUN. 16

'PLAY IT SAFE' - TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Ocean City Tennis Center, 104 61st St., Ocean City, MD, 1 to 3 p.m. Free event for 2017 high school graduates. Attend a "Play It Safe" event and receive a wristband to ride the bus for \$5 all week. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://playitsafeoceancity.com>

ZUMBA GLOW PARTY

Coastal Fitness, 11545 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 5 p.m. Body painting starts at 5 p.m. and Zumba class starts at 5:30 p.m. Black lights, body paint and glow sticks provided. Dress on theme to win prizes. Free to club members. Non-members can purchase a day pass for \$15. Sign up at the Member Service Desk or call 410-723-4653. Refreshments provided.

FORGE FRIDAY

House of Mercy, 36674 Worcester Highway, Selbyville, DE, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The group meets every Friday. Each meeting includes a small meal, music, games and life lessons. FORGE is an ecumenical youth ministry helping to break the cycle of bad choices. All are welcome. Robert Shrieves, 443-366-2813, <http://www.forgeyouth.org>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

Columbus Hall (behind St. Luke's Church), 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Held each Friday night. Doors open at 5 p.m., games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments for sale. 410-524-7994

RISING STAR CONCERT

Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, West Ocean City, MD, 7 p.m. Featuring vocalists Katerina Burton and Jeffrey Todd. While admission to the concert is free, donations toward school expenses for Burton and Todd will be accepted. A reception will follow. Lyn, 410-641-0772

SAT, JUN. 17

RETURN TO GOAT ISLAND

Byrd Park, Snow Hill, MD, 7:30 a.m. Stand Up Paddle Board Festival and Race featuring \$5,000 cash prizes, food, music, beer and snow cones. The Lauren Glick Band will perform between 1-4 p.m. Race registration and packet pick-up from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Elite race starts at 9 a.m., Recreational Race at 11 a.m., Kids Race at 12:30 p.m. and Awards Ceremony at 2:30 p.m. <http://www.walkonwatersupco.com/return-to-goat-island-race.html>

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 corn, flowers, artisan breads, seafood, meats and more. New vendors welcome. 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006

TEACH A KID TO FISH DAY

South Gate Pond in Ocean Pines, 11144 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 9 to 11 a.m. Members of the Ocean Pines Anglers Club, DNR and other local groups will offer fishing tips and general fishing information. Bring own rod and insect repellent. Bait and water provided. There

will be a drawing for a free rod and reel. The event is free and no pre-registration is required. Walt Boge, 410-208-2855

WALK WITH A DOC

Ocean Pines War Memorial, South Gate Pond, Ocean Pines, MD, 9 to 10 a.m. Family and pet friendly event. There is a short presentation by a doctor on a current health topic followed by a walk around the pond. Ashley, agodwin@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9644

'TOUCH A TRUCK' EVENT

Stephen Decatur Park, Route 113 and Tripoli Street, Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Free event includes a police vehicle, bucket truck, digger derrick, vacuum truck, camera truck and garbage truck, along with a fire rescue squad vehicle and ladder truck. Demonstrations, free handouts and activities books for children, 6-12 years. Hamburgers, hot dogs and ice cream available for sale.

DISCOVER YOUR WATERSHED: A BISHOPVILLE DAM ADVENTURE

Bishopville Dam Restoration, 10618 Bishopville Road, Bishopville, MD, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will begin by taking a walking tour of the property, followed by a tree survey and aquatic macro invertebrate sampling. Data collected will be compiled and use by the Maryland Coastal Bays Program. Lunch is provided. RSVP is required: amandap@md-coastalbays.org, 410-213-2297, Ext. 103

FREE FAMILY ARTS DAYS CELEBRATION

Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The event begins with a welcome presentation at 10 a.m., followed by a dedication of the new "Little Free Library" at 10:15 a.m. Delaware author Joanne Guilfoil will be on hand to sign her new book, "Flying over Delmarva — Spray Planes, Banner Planes & Bi-Planes." Between 11 a.m. and noon, there will be free art activities and complimentary light refreshments. Attendees are welcome to stroll through the galleries and artist studios. 410-524-9433, <http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org>

BBQ CHICKEN SALE

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, MD, 11 a.m. Cost is \$8 for a half BBQ chicken and roll. Proceeds benefit the church's Men's Ministry. Patrick Henry, 443-880-4746

SUMMER KICK-OFF

Germantown School Community Heritage Center, 10223 Trappe Road, Berlin, MD, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free event to celebrate the end of the school year. Featuring arts and crafts, horse rides, moon bounce, "Scales & Tales" program and the Worcester County Sheriff's dog show. Volunteers are needed to help with face painting and other duties. Students who volunteer can earn student service credits. 410-641-0638

OC AIR SHOW

Ocean City beach and Boardwalk at 16th Street, Atlantic Avenue and 16th Street, Ocean City, MD, 12 p.m. The U.S. Navy Blue Angels will headline the 10th anniversary edition of the OC Air Show. For more information and to purchase Premium Viewing and VIP tickets, visit ocairshow.com or call 877-722-2927. Info: 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

RISING STAR CONCERT

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 7 p.m. Featuring vocalists Katerina Burton and Jeffrey Todd. While admission to the concert is free, donations toward school expenses for Burton and Todd will be accepted. A reception will follow. Lyn, 410-641-0772

SUN, JUN. 18

FRIED CHICKEN CARRYOUT

Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department, 10709 Bishopville Road, Bishopville, MD, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$8 for half chicken (4 pieces) and \$14 for whole chicken (8 pieces). Bake table available. Call 443-235-2926 to arrange for remade carryouts.

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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

OC AIR SHOW

Ocean City beach and Boardwalk at 16th Street, Atlantic Avenue and 16th Street, Ocean City, MD, 12 p.m. The U.S. Navy Blue Angels will headline the 10th anniversary edition of the OC Air Show. For more information and to purchase Premium Viewing and VIP tickets, visit ocairshow.com or call 877-722-2927. Info: 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

FATHER'S DAY FATHERHOOD BEER FESTIVAL

Sunset Park, S. Division Street and S. Philadelphia Avenue, Ocean City, MD, 1 to 5 p.m. Beer festival celebrating fathers. Cost is \$35. Eric Chaplin, salleofmd@gmail.com, 443-856-8651

OC CRUZERS CAR DISPLAY

Somerset Street Plaza, Atlantic Avenue and Somerset Street, Ocean City, MD, 2:30 to 6 p.m. OC Cruzers will display approximately 15 vehicles. Owners will be on hand to educate spectators about their older cars. Live music or DJ will be provided. 410-289-7739, <http://www.ocdc.org>

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SUNDAES IN THE PARK

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 7 to 9 p.m. Bring picnic baskets and beach chairs for ice cream sundaes and live entertainment by Good Vibrations (Beach Boys Tribute). For a small fee, make your own ice cream sundae creation. Children's entertainment also presented. The night will end with a fireworks display at 9 p.m. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

MON, JUN. 19

CPAP MASK FITTING

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

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LEARN LIFE SAVING TECHNIQUES

Fire Fighter Memorial on the Boardwalk, Atlantic Avenue and North Division Street, Ocean City, MD, 1 to 4 p.m. The Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute will host a live demonstration of life-saving bleeding control techniques during the Maryland Firemen's Association Convention. This free event is open to the public and consists of safety demonstrations designed for all ages. <http://www.mfri.org>

ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH MUSEUM TOURS

Historic St. Martin's Church Museum, 11413 Old Worcester Highway, Showell, MD, 1 to 3 p.m. Visit Historic St. Martin's Church Museum built in 1756, 20 years prior to the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Guided Docent Tours every Monday through September. Complimentary parking and admission. 410-251-2849

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

DELMARVA SWEET ADELIN 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, JUN. 20

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.

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ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 9715 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Support group for caregivers of Alzheimer's patients. It meets the third Tuesday of each month. Open to the community. Info: Heather Cormack, 410-641-4400, Ext. 6123 or Kenneth Lewis, 410-208-1701 or 410-430-4818

ASK A MASTER GARDENER

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road 410-208-4014, 1 to 4 p.m. The clinic is free and held every Tuesday through September. Master Gardeners will be available to help with gardening questions. Put plant damage samples in a plastic bag and label with your name and phone number. 410-208-4014

CHICK-FIL-A FUNDRAISER

Chick-Fil-A, 12901 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, MD, 5 to 7 p.m. A portion of your purchase will be donated to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company.

8TH ANNUAL BROTHERHOOD BLOCK PARTY

Cowboy Coast, 1700 N. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. With the OC Fools. Featuring Pipes & Drums, original event T-shirts, 50/50 raffle, seven bars and a mechanical bull riding contest with cash prizes. Entertainment by DJ Wax. Cost is \$10 and includes souvenir event pint glass and food and drink specials. Benefits the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

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, JUN. 21

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>

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BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic Health Center Conference Room, 9714 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 1 to 2 p.m. Women Supporting Women/AGH Support group for women and men who are battling breast cancer (current patients and survivors). Lunch is provided. RSVP: Women Supporting Women, 410-548-7880

FIREMEN'S PARADE

Along Baltimore Avenue from 16th Street to 30th Street, Baltimore Avenue and 16th Street, Ocean City, MD, 1 p.m. Featuring equipment, band and floats. Approximately 3 hours long. <http://www.msfa.org>

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. cliff0917@aol.com, 410-641-1700

MOVIE ON THE BEACH

Carousel Resort Hotel and Condominiums, 11700 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD, 8:30 p.m. Free movie on the beach,

featuring "Pete's Dragon." Take a beach chair or blanket. In the event of inclement weather, the movie will be shown inside the hotel. Every Wednesday from June 7 to August 30. Chris Clarke, 410-250-0125

ONGOING EVENTS

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Buckingham Presbyterian Church, 20 S. Main St., Berlin, July 17-21, 6:15-8:15 p.m. Five local churches come together for a week of bible lessons, games, music and snacks. Open to ages Pre-K (3) to 5th Grade. Sign up: www.myvbs.org/berlinmdvbs2017/.

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SUNDAY OUTDOOR INFORMAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Beginning May 28 through September, Bethany United Methodist Church front lawn, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, 8:30 a.m. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Info: 410-641-2186, bethany21811@gmail.com

ONE-ON-ONE FAMILY HISTORY ASSISTANCE

Learn how to trace your family history. Call Ashley Jones to make an appointment at 410-632-5622. Appointments are available from 1-4 p.m. on the following days: the second Wednesday of each month at the Ocean Pines branch; the second Tuesday of each month at the Ocean City branch; and on the third Monday of each month at the Pocomoke branch. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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Atlantic General Bariatric Center Conference Room, 10231 Old Ocean City Blvd., Suite 207, Berlin. Weekly sessions are held at 1 p.m. on the first, third and fourth Monday of each month and the second Tuesday of each month. Free, 20-minute, informational seminar. Register: 410-641-9568.

STAR CHARITIES MONTHLY MEETING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m., on the first Friday of each month. Meeting of volunteers. Info: Anna Foulz, 410-641-7667.

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