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## Eleven candidates continue race for Ocean Pines board

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(July 14, 2016) A record number of candidates are competing for three seats on the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors this year, and homeowners have about a month left to vote.

Ballots were mailed to all homeowners in good standing on Monday. Ballots must be received at the post office or dropped off in the ballot box inside the Ocean Pines Police Station by 5 p.m. on Aug. 11.

The OPA Elections Committee will count the votes on Aug. 12, and the results will be announced during the annual meeting at the community center at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 13.

The elections committee will monitor calls to a special hotline, set up for questions and additional information, through Aug. 11. Call 410-208-3989 for questions, or to request replacement ballots.

Only one incumbent, Jack Collins, will be on the ballot this year. Former Director Ray Unger and Slobodan Trendic are the only other candidates who previously appeared on a board of director ballot.

Other candidates are Budget and Finance Committee Chairwoman Pat Supik, By-Laws & Resolutions Committee Chairman Doug Parks, and Comprehensive Planning Committee Chairman Frank Daly. Newcomers are Brett Hill, Tom Janasek, Steve Lind, Larry Perrone and George Simon.

The Bayside Gazette previously published interviews with all 11 candidates, which will re-run in this edition. Also included in this issue are stories on the recent Parke community forum, an overview of the election process and an exclusive interview with General Manager Bob Thompson.

A citizen has organized a candidate Q&A at the Ocean Pines Library, scheduled for 9 a.m. on July 16. Not all candidates have said they would attend, although a majority of them have indicated they will.

### PARKE DEBATE

Ocean Pines candidates for board of directors participate in a forum at the Parke community last week. See story page 8.

## Pines GM: 'things are actually good'

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(July 14, 2016) Ocean Pines Association General Manager Bob Thompson has a message for homeowners in the community: things are actually going pretty well.

That's not always the message coming out of the election forums, as 10 men and one woman vie for three seats on the board of directors, which serves as Thompson's boss. And while he has been something of a punching bag during the last several election cycles, the numbers appear to

tell a different story — one of moderate financial success and a homeowners association that has quietly become one of the safest communities in the state.

That information, Thompson said, should not be lost on the public.

"I think with everything going on right now and the lack of accurate information, I thought it was probably time to at least try to get on the record with accurate information — not partial information or pieces of information," he said.

"Despite what you hear, things are actually very good," Thompson continued. "That's what's really strange, when you sit back and you look at this time of year and certainly with this election cycle, we finished this recent

[fiscal] year as the best-performing year for amenities, as a whole, in two decades. You've got to scratch your head and go, 'what's wrong with that?' I hear things are so bad, but the team did a fantastic job in each of their areas and the amenities rocked it this year."

A year ago all amenities, which include the yacht club, beach club, golf, aquatics and racquet sports, finished close to \$200,000 in the black. According to Thompson, the unaudited results from fiscal year 2016 show a close to \$500,000 profit at the amenities, representing the best finish in about 20 years.

"It's amazing to me, when you hear things are mismanaged or things aren't going well or people are upset — I don't

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## Copy Ctr. crime included cancer cash

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(July 14, 2016) A late-night burglary last Tuesday evening at Copy Center in Ocean Pines resulted in the theft of about \$750 set aside for Gina's Comfort Fund, a charity established to honor the late Gina Barnes, who died

of colon cancer in 2014.

Her mother, Linda Dearing, learned of the break-in the following morning. Several hundred dollars from the register was also missing.

Video surveillance captured what appeared to be a white male breaking in. Dearing, the owner of the store, said

police had no leads as of early this week.

She described the man as "late 40s, early 50s."

"They actually broke into the back end of the building and came through the Hileman agency into the inside hallway, and then they broke into my door

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# Fire at Eastern Shore Forest Products, Sunday

Animal bedding cause of blaze; no injuries reported, and structure undamaged

**By Brian Gilliland**  
Associate Editor

(July 14, 2016) Fire departments from Pocomoke City, Stockton, Girdle-tree, Princess Anne, Marion and Fairmont responded to, while departments from New Church and Greenbackville in Accomack County, Virginia remained on standby as pine shavings at Eastern Shore Forest Products ignited,

and were extinguished about two-and-a-half hours later last Sunday.

Pocomoke City Volunteer Fire Company was the first to respond to the facility on St. Luke's Road near Fruitland.

No injuries were reported, but according to Pocomoke City EMS Director Mike Thorton, one firefighter was treated on the scene for heat exhaustion, but didn't require further attention.

"The building was not involved in the fire," Pocomoke Fire Chief Dick Gladding said. "It's very hard to tell where the origin was, but it was most likely the machinery that loads the bags. Nothing suspicious was discovered."

Between 40 and 50 firefighters were on site, Gladding said.

Eastern Shore Forest Products Manager Shannon Dykes also said the machinery caused the blaze.

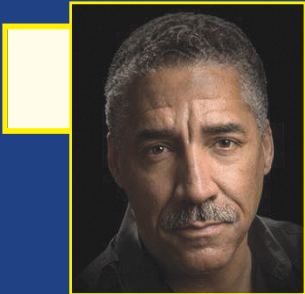
"It turned out to be minor damage," he said. "We're back up and operating."

The machinery was loading bags of pine shavings customarily used for animal or livestock bedding.

In all, Dykes estimated 30 pallets worth of shavings were lost in the fire. A single pallet holds 59 bags weighing about 25 pounds each, Dykes said, for a total of about 44,250 pounds of shavings.

No estimates for the amount of product damaged by water or foam were available.

The fire department deployed a large amount of foam to help contain the fire, which is more readily absorbed by the dry shavings, increasing the effectiveness of firefighting procedures, Gladding said.



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Team Slower Lower: Lee Cowger, Corey Dean and Chris Vieira, squares off against team Twisted Sisters: Megan Briggs, Christine Briggs and Marissa Spears in an epic battle that lasted several minutes during the Snow Hill Volunteer Fire Company's annual canoe joust last Saturday. See story page 8.

# UpriZing returns to play Cypress Pk.

**By Brian Gilliland**  
Associate Editor

(July 14, 2016) While fans of the group already know to expect the unexpected during an UpriZing show, the people of Pocomoke City only learned that last year during the band's first performance, which turned out to be the most popular of the event series.

"The band already has a good following, but there were lots of locals too. It was one of my personal favorites," Karah Lacey, downtown coordinator, said. "The people just loved it — everyone got up and danced."

Since it was the season's biggest and most popular show, band manager and lead guitarist James Stewart Jr., said he wasn't surprised when he was offered the opportunity to return.

"We'd never played there before and wanted to try it out," he said.

"Everyone got up and off their seats, when the sun went down they had their cell phones out. We're bringing the same energy back."

That energy is how UpriZing builds its shows — not by a pre-arranged setlist, but by watching the audience, responding to its reactions and choosing songs on the fly.

"We've been a group for only three years, but most of us have been playing our entire lives," Stewart said.

So, explaining what the band plays can be a little tricky. Generally, UpriZing specializes in funk, rhythm and blues, rock, hip hop and reggae, but has a number of other musical tools at its disposal.

"We never know what we're going to play when we get up there. We work in all genres — it can go from anything on the radio today to the Doobie Brothers. We get by on our versatility," Stewart said.

There are touch points, or bench-

marks the band starts from at the beginning of a set, but from there the sky is the limit.

"We always have ideas, and there are some universals but we feel out the crowd, and based on their reactions, we build from there," he said.

Stewart said UpriZing has played all over Salisbury, including the popular Pork in the Park and Good Beer festivals, as well as making the Ocean City rounds with gigs at Seacrets, Coins and throughout West Ocean City.

He said UpriZing was in consideration to perform during September's Sunfest in Ocean City.

The performance is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at Cypress Park near downtown Pocomoke City. Outside food is allowed, and the town recommends brining in additional lawn chairs.

For more information, visit [www.downtownpocomoke.com](http://www.downtownpocomoke.com).

# Jesse's Paddle returns to Snow Hill for 8th year

**By Brian Gilliland**  
Associate Editor

(July 14, 2016) During its eight-year tenure, Jesse's Paddle has grown from a memorial of one young man's life and the river he worked on and loved to a vital fundraiser supporting scholarship, educational initiatives, awareness plans and response training to assist during mental health crises.

"The main things are the program has grown and the demand for our services has grown," Kim Klump, founder of the paddle, said. "That we are sustaining or increasing the amount we collect every year is mind-boggling and heartwarming — it's recognition of the difference we're making."

As a consequence, the paddle has become more and more important to the scholarship foundation named in honor of Jesse Klump as the number of people that depend on it increases, and the demand for resources increases.

"We do health fairs and a lot of other events. We visit churches, groups like the AARP and schools including Salisbury University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore and Wor-Wic Community College either as instructors or guest speakers," she said.

Specifically, the foundation trains people to recognize and attend people experiencing a mental health crisis.

"It all finishes with the arrival of professional help. This isn't crisis intervention, it's more on the education and awareness side, like mental health's version of CPR," she explained.


The basics, Klump said, are focused on the time before thought becomes action — intervening before suicidal ideation occurs.

"You've got to get them before it becomes a crisis, show compassion and start talking. Understand this person is in pain. Maintain eye contact and gain their trust," she said. "If you can do that, you might then be able to contact someone else, or get the person to

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# Berlin Historic Commission backs butcher shop upgrades

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(July 14, 2016) The dozen or so people who attended the Historic District Commission meeting in Berlin last Wednesday got a preview of the town's new butcher shop to be run by Councilmember and mayoral candidate Lisa Hall.

She hopes the shop will be open by the end of July.

Hall was there to get approval for exterior renovations of the building at 101 Williams Street that will include a new paint job, signs and a new handicapped-accessible door.

Her section of the building most recently housed Rainbow Florist. The Beez Kneez Boutique is a current co-tenant.

Decades ago, the structure was a gas station.

Hall called the present exterior "very unattractive," and said she planned to do extensive remodeling.

"You can't put lipstick on a pig," she said. "I want it to go back to the '40s, '50s style-looking gas station. With the mansard all around it, it really takes away from it."

She said co-tenant Lori Wagman "was all for" the makeover.

As for the shop itself, Hall said she had lined up fourth-generation Italian butcher Matt DiPietro of Brooklyn. She has a photo of his grandparents stand-

ing behind the counter of their own New York shop, celebrating their 50th anniversary in 1984, ready to hang.

"He's the meat manager at the Food Lion, and he's been here for nine years so he knows our market," she said. "He and I have been looking into this for about five years. I just needed a good butcher."

"We're all about quality and service, fresh meat, clean meat, grass-fed, organic. I'm just starting with beef, pork and poultry, but I'm bringing in smoked [meats] eventually," she added. Hall said several local restaurants had already inquired about using the shop as a supplier for butchered products.

"I think it's very exciting," commission member Mary Moore said. The commission unanimously approved all three requests.

Also during the meeting, the commission approved a four-foot pressure-treated colonial gothic fence for a home on 26 Broad Street, as well as a change of color to the shutters and front door – and replacing windows – to a home on 103 South Main Street.

Planning Director Dave Engelhart, the staff liaison, reported that Berlin had received grant money from the Maryland Smart Energy Commission to change the old bulbs in all downtown streetlights to LED bulbs. He said that could happen as soon as late summer or early fall.

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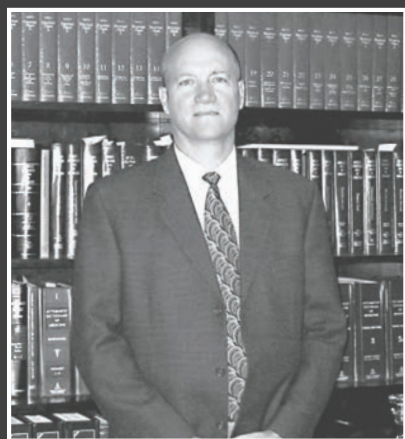


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# Thompson says OP amenities had best year in two decades

■ THOMPSON continued  
think the majority of our membership knows what's out there. All they're hearing is the white noise," Thompson said. "There's no question, from a numbers standpoint, the team is doing a great job. The numbers show a tremendous movement in the right direction for us."

Critics often single out the yacht club as being a drag on the association. Thompson suggested much of that criticism comes from those who didn't want the new building, which opened in 2014.

"For whatever reason, if you don't like the decision that was made to get us there you're going to do your very best, if you live in a negative world, and try to continue to pick at it," he said. "The yacht club actually had a tremendous year last year, when you look at the bottom line finances. They cut more than in half the year-over-year losses, and that's a big move for the club."

Thompson credited Yacht Club Manager Jerry Lewis with the turnaround, and said the hardest part of that improvement has been managing payroll costs. To address that, staff is being reduced sooner as the volume starts to drop, and scheduling has generally been more appropriate as opposed to the "running tons of bodies and hoping it works" approach that was favored two years ago.

"Is it perfect? No, but I don't think any place is," Thompson said. "But, I'm real proud of what's out there and I'm real excited about the direction we're heading with it. It not only sets us up for today, but well into the future."

Thompson said he “absolutely” expects the positive trend there to continue.

"Every year if you learn a little bit from what went well and what didn't go well, and you improve what didn't go well and you stick with what did go well, at some point you're going to hit that sweet spot. I absolutely believe we're moving in the right direction," he said.

He said he is “extremely encouraged and excited” about the operations at aquatics, where again he credited the amenity manager, Colby Phillips, and her team. Specifically, he said strong customers service has helped turn the amenity into a profit generator.

"I said that the first day when I walked in this building – we don't make anything. Everything we do is about guest experience; what does that member or that guest feel when they come through the door, whether it's administrative, police, rec and park or walking into the club," Thompson said. "Everything we do is service related. You don't walk away with a widget that we've made for you."

Damage to the beach club done by a nor'easter earlier this year has been repaired, and Thompson said that amenity – generally the most profitable in the Pines – is set up to have another strong year.

An RFP to renovate the bathrooms there has gone out, with repairs targeted for fall or winter, meaning the

peak season will not be interrupted and work should be completed in time for a spring reopening.

Golf, Thompson admitted, is something of a wildcard. Management there has been outsourced for several years, and he publically spoke out against the board's decision to fire Billy Casper Golf and instate Landscapes Unlimited in that role last year.

"I didn't want the first outside management company, but what my preference would have been is not relevant once the board makes the decision. It's my job to figure it out from there and that's what we're trying to do," Thompson said. "There have been some cost management improvements with the new company, which is great, but we need to continue to put some more focus on the revenue generation."

With outside management, Thompson said his role is to “provide oversight,” with the board providing additional oversight of his role.

"It's just a layered approach to running the course," he said.

Thompson said he did not have a timetable for racquet sports improvements, essentially converting two tennis courts for pickleball use. He said “some” work had been done at the Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports center, but not as much as he would like.

"Weather has slowed a lot of things this year," he said. "A lot of the projects and a lot of the things going on have taken a little bit longer, but you just adapt and kind of go with it."

Addressing complaints that an area near the swim and racquet club was being used as a staging ground for bulkhead repairs – meaning construction equipment has had a regular presence there – Thompson said weather again played a factor.

"Just because action doesn't get taken right away doesn't mean it's not a concern," he said. "It took a little longer [this year]. We were running ahead of schedule and then we had all that rain, and it slowed everything down. Was some of the stuff down there a little longer than last year? Absolutely. But it wasn't because we ignored it."

He said he tried to get the staging ground moved several years ago, but could not find an alternative site. However, current bulkhead repairs are only scheduled to run another year.

"After that, it'll be done for a couple years before we get started again," he said. "When we reach that point, that launch area will be dramatically declined in use – if at all. So, do we want to spend a lot of money trying to push somewhere else when we only have one more year?"

"I'm not taking away from what the folks around there have to look at, but we have been very responsive and very engaged in trying to make things happen over the years," Thompson continued. "It's always 'what have you done today' as opposed to looking at the bigger picture sometimes. I understand it – it's the nature of the beast –

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■ JESSE'S PADDLE continued contact someone else."

Those are the basics of the situation, Klump said, and will not replace any formal training.

Klump is also a certified grief counselor, and is involved with a support group for survivors every third Wednesday of the month at the Berlin Health Center across the street from Atlantic General Hospital from 6 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

“When we started, we didn’t know how long it would be sustainable,” Klump said. “Then, we didn’t know if the sustainability came from great need or because of the services we provide. It turns out, it was a combination of both.”

Much like the event is a combination of disparate notions — it is tribute to Jesse Klump's life, as well as the lifeline for students that depend on its scholarships at the same time it is a fun and lighthearted event.

"It started as a way to remember my brother and give back to the community that supported us," Leah Klump said. "We're doing something

on the river where he worked and we're bringing awareness to where it matters most — in our home.”

The event starts at 4 p.m. on Saturday at the Pocomoke River Canoe Company at the foot of the drawbridge in Snow Hill. The poker run paddle is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m.

Before the paddle begins, five boats will be sent out along the Pocomoke River, each with a deck of cards separated into 52 envelopes. Each paddle participant chooses one card from each boat and returns to the canoe company. Upon returning, the boat with the best poker hand wins better prizes — all participants get something, Leah said.

The foundation requests \$25 per boat for those participating in the paddle.

The paddle will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and desserts for free. There will be a 50/50 raffle, a silent auction and live music with Nick Haglich opening up, and Gabe and Gigi playing during the event.

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# 'Aquaholics' capture canoe joust title in fire co. benefit

**By Brian Gilliland**  
Associate Editor

(July 14, 2016) Some matches played out in seconds, with the joustier hitting the water as soon as the starting horn blew, others were more like chess matches with opponents taking several passes, feinting and dodging around until finally, one fell.

At the end it was the Aquaholics — a team of Caitlyn Cody, Phillip McCordell and Calvin McCordell — that won the day and the coveted hand-carved paddle trophy of the annual Snow Hill fire Company canoe joust, held this past Saturday.

In second place were the Sea Men, Andrew Benson, Adam Schoepf and Bobby Gordy. PC3, with AJ Miller, Travis Cowger and Doug Mumford, placed third.

The event, a fundraiser for the Snow Hill Volunteer Fire Company, drew teams from as far away as Salisbury, and the event, watched by hundreds, had the feel of a family reunion — if the family was particularly fond of bawdy team names.

In a designated spot on the Pocomoke River at Sturgis Park in Snow Hill last week, two teams squared off, jockeying for position and advantage, in bouts that could take seconds or several minutes.

Two paddlers steered the canoes for each team, trying to find the best position for the target — the person doing the jousting with the help of a dowel about nine feet long with a foam head on one end.

Teams were co-ed, with a mix of men and women, old and young, skilled and unskilled, and only the river standing between victory and defeat. None of those categories seemed to feature much into the battles, as the tall had little advantage over the short, and upper body strength faltered before a well-placed poke.

Once a team dislodged the others' target via either surgical precision or brute force, the match ends. The tournament's format was double elimination, and each target was outfitted in life vests and helmets for safety.



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# ‘Wonderful people doing a lot of wonderful things’ in Pines

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but that’s what makes it hard.”  
Thompson said the new yacht club and major renovations of all five pools during recent years were evidence that the administration was being proactive and responsive to the needs of the homeowners. Similarly, a contract to repair two major bridges was recently awarded, with construction scheduled to start in the fall.  
“We’ve been on it and things have been good,” Thompson said. “We have had a very limited increase in assessments in recent years, we have more programing, we have a better performance from the amenities, and we’re getting third-party recognition.”  
He said that included a “Best Residential Community” nod from Coastal Style, for two consecutive years. The yacht club was named “Best Wedding and Banquet Facility” by multiple publications, recreation and parks received recognition from Maryland Recreation and Parks, and the Public Relations Society of America gave top honors to the Ocean Pines website.  
Thompson also pointed to community organizations like the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation, which hosts events and raise awareness of veteran’s affairs in local schools, association-sponsored pro-

grams like bulk pickup and junior life-guard water safety training, and recreation and parks offerings that include one of the largest summer camps in the county, and the concerts in the park and movies in the park series.  
Not to mention that Ocean Pines consistently has one of the lowest crime rates in the state.  
“That’s a phenomenal thing,” Thompson said. “It shows the effort, in this case, that the police department does each and every day keeping us safe. Being the safest city, especially at this time when things are really tough nationwide, that’s a big deal. We’re real proud of the work they do.”  
“We’re pretty aggressive in trying to make this community better in so many ways, and we’re seeing the improvements,” he continued. “Unfortunately, you get the vocal minority that want to focus on things that may not be 100 percent where they should be yet, or they want to take a snippet of information and use that as the narrative, which is unfortunate because that’s not who we are.”  
“Things are going well, folks. They’re not perfect – we recognize there’s always work that needs to be done, but we can’t lose sight of everything that’s going well. We have a lot wonderful people doing a lot of wonderful things in the community,” Thompson said.

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Thompson targeted

during Pines forum

at Parke community

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(July 14, 2016) While the issue was only briefly touched on during a forum at the Ocean Pines Community Center last month, the relationship between the board of directors and the general manager took center stage during a debate in The Parke community on July 6.

A majority of the 11 remaining OPA Board candidates gave their opinion on whether General Manager Bob Thompson should be fired during their first day of office.

Steve Lind, a former police officer, was the first to mention Thompson, and did so during his opening remarks.

"It doesn't take a detective to figure out that for the last three elections the general manager has been 'the' campaign issue," he said. "The general manager has been the center of much of the controversy and much of the divisiveness, and for the good of the community this personnel issue must be quickly resolved before we can get back to conducting the people's business."

Lind said he had never seen such "political battling" over a general manager during his 17 years of residence in the Pines.

"We need to take politics and personality out of the GM office," he said. "Simply sitting at the table and voting on spending projects based only on the facts and opinions of one unelected person – the manager – is not enough."

Doug Parks said he was concerned that the general manager "dominates ... most, if not all, of the discussion."

Slobodan Trendic called Thompson's \$165,000 base "outrageous," and blamed him for deteriorating infrastructure, outdated information technology, "ongoing controversy" at the yacht club and a lack of transparency.

"Do you know that the board pays our general manager the same salary that [the] Maryland state governor makes?" he asked.

Trendic went on to say the "key difference" between the roughly five or six candidates focused on ousting Thompson was just how fast they would move to do so.

"As your new board member, I will move promptly to address our concerns with the general manager's performance. I believe that has been the root cause of most controversies that has plagued the board and divided us as a community," he said.

Businessman Brett Hill said Ocean Pines had "too much money sitting around in the hands of, really, one person." As such, he said Ocean Pines did not need to keep as much money in reserves as it does under the current policy.

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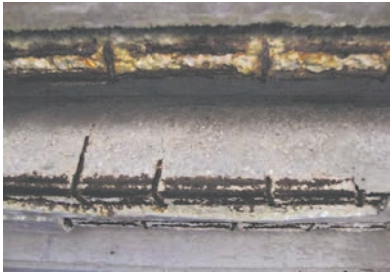
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## George Simon: 'what we have is a board issue'

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tion that the GM is the central issue.

"As far as saying that it's all the board's fault – like he was an innocent bystander – that's ridiculous," Lind continued. "Something has to be done ... it's time to resolve it right now."

George Simon defended Thompson, a man he said he has known for more than 25 years and shares similar views with.

"As far as an integrity standpoint, you will not find a better man in this community," he said. "A general manager is instructed by the board of directors, and most of the criticism that our general manager has taken needs to fall right back on the board."

"Instead of a general manger issue, I believe what we have is a board issue," he continued. "We have certain people that like to grandstand. If they don't vote for a certain thing to happen in the community, you can count on a 'no' vote from them for everything that has to do with that."

"I have no problem with working with the board and coming up with a solution to give the general manager a directive to do what is best for the community," Simon said.

Frank Daly said the board needed to have a plan in place to find a replacement before it even considered terminating Thompson. Moreover, he offered a few sobering thoughts about the potential cost and likelihood of success for such a replacement.

"Quite frankly, we have five or six business people sitting up here, but I don't think any one of us has ever run an association where we've been responsible for police protection and public works," he said. "Putting somebody in charge that's not prepared to take that over and has not run those functions are going to leave monkeys in the wheelhouse."

Daly said he had experience as a recruiter, often landing clients salaries of "more than a million dollars a year."

"If you think you're going to pay less [for a general manager] you're kidding yourself," he said. "It's going to take six-to-nine months [and], based on what I know about Bob Thompson's contract and severance deal, it's going to cost up to \$250,000. And the chances of that person being success [is] 70 percent or less over a two-year period."

"Ocean Pines is a tough place to manage," Daly continued. "We have 11,000 people, 8,400-plus homeowners, and you have a corporation trying to function as a government."

Those who want to see better management, he suggested, should "elect a better board."

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# Ocean Pines theft leaves local cancer fund \$750 lacking

■ BURGLARY continued from the hallway – not from outside,” Dearing said. “I think they knew exactly what they were going for. We watched the whole video of the guy walking around the whole building, trying to figure out what door he was going to go in.”

Dearing said the man was in the shop for about six minutes. Nothing else in the store was stolen or out of place.

Linda Kessinger, an office manager at the store, was the first to come in that day. When she phoned her boss to tell her the news, Dearing’s first reaction was, “We were blessed. It’s all right. So we lose a couple hundred dollars out of the register? No big deal.”

When she came into the shop, however, she found the container missing. Along with the cash, it had a picture of Gina and a blue ribbon for colon cancer awareness.

“It really got me emotionally. I thought, what kind of person would come in specifically to take cancer money?” she said. “It didn’t look like he messed up anything else as far as retail, electronics or anything like that, but he took the cash out of the register and took the container of colon cancer money that we had on the counter. We had been collecting that money since April,” Dearing said.

She had planned to donate that money to a local cancer center in honor of her daughter’s birthday, July 1.

“I would have normally sent the money to the cancer center in her name, but I had five of my grandchildren here through the Fourth of July, so I didn’t get it done. When I came in on Wednesday it was my intention to take that money, count it out and deposit it. And, of course, they came in [the night before] and took it,” Dearing said. “It was devastating.”

“I lost her two years ago to colon cancer and that’s why I do this. I’m trying to help other colon cancer victims, because there’s not much out there for colon cancer. It’s mostly about breast cancer,” Dearing added.

Dearing said police were at the store for “about a half a day” on Wednesday, taking pictures, collecting fingerprints and watching the surveillance video.



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Surveillance footage from a robbery committed at Copy Central in Ocean Pines appears to show a white male in his late 40’s or early 50’s. The man stole several hundred dollars from a cash register, along with about \$750 earmarked for a local cancer charity.

Since then, she has printed photos from the video and distributed them to customers.

“We also put it on our Facebook page and asked all of our friends to share it, that maybe somebody would recognize him,” she said.

After news of the break in went public, Dearing said several people came in with cash donations for Gina’s Comfort Fund.

“That day the crime scene closed us down and [police] wouldn’t let anybody in, so we stood out on the front porch of our unit and greeted customers to let them know [what happened]. And people handed me money even then,” Dearing said. “For the evil that’s out there, there’s plenty of good.”

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**Frank Daly**

In April, Frank Daly was the lone interested party sitting in an Ocean Pines Search Committee meeting, gathering information and considering a run for the board of directors.

A few days before the May 10 deadline to file Daly, 67, visited the *Gazette* office to sit down for his first official interview as a candidate, having filed his paperwork just days earlier.

Daly was born in southwest Pennsylvania and grew up in Ohio. He holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in engineering and has a master's degree in finance and marketing. His first real job was as a mechanical engineering trainee in a Cleveland steel mill.

As his career progressed, he moved into aerospace and worked as a senior-level engineer for a company associated with Northrop Grumman. He then moved to sales and marketing, and held titles such as product manager, director of marketing, vice president of sales and division general manager.

Five years ago, he opened and he ran his own business, Jordan Frank & Associates, which recruited high-level positions in the engineering, construction, architecture and renewable energy industries.

He moved to Ocean Pines three years ago, and during the last year he has served on the comprehensive planning committee, an advisory panel to the board of directors.

Daly and his wife, a retired schoolteacher, looked at property in the Ocean City area before finally settling on Ocean Pines. Before that, they had been regular visitors in the area since moving to central Maryland in 1997.

"We were aware of Ocean Pines, but not what it consisted of," Daly said.

And then when we saw it we thought this was a place that would work pretty easy for us in terms of the right blend of things we like to do, it's in the right geography for visiting our family, and it turned out to be a very pleasantly affordable situation for our retirement – and in my case with the business, semi-retirement," he continued.

Because he owns a second home in Tucson in an area managed by a homeowner's association, Daly says he can identify with the roughly 50 percent of Ocean Pines homeowners who do not live in the area year 'round.

He sees the Pines as "an extremely diverse community," including people from all walks of life, ages, interests, and income levels.

"Right now, it struck me that we're entering a particularly critical phase in terms of the community," Daly said. "If you asked me what I wanted as a homeowner, I want to maintain the diversity, I want to maintain the social fabric, the recreational abilities, and I want to keep it affordable. And, we enjoy a tremendous amount of public safety. What more can you ask for than a safe, clean, well-maintained and affordable community?"

Daly served on an HOA board in Columbia, Maryland and said the issue of maintaining homeowner value includes taking care of some of the "pockets" of the Pines that are not well maintained.

"I read a comment the other day that said, 'I had a lousy neighbor and the way that I cured it is I moved away.' The cost of moving is pretty substantial. Why should a homeowner have to pay that because the person next to them doesn't maintain their property?" Daly said.

That means streamlining the CPI violation process and working with the county to enforce code. It also means, he said, holding landlords responsible for their tenants.

Watching and attending board of directors meetings, Daly said he believes all of the current members "work extremely hard." They also all come from a constituency they feel extreme loyalty toward, and at times, he said, that can create friction.

"The issue is how do you work with all the board members to get something done? I'm a no-nonsense kind of guy and I argue my points very hard, but I keep it at a business and professional level. When you don't do that and you resort to any type of personal attack because you don't agree the point of view, I think you're out of bounds and out of order," he said.

"I think I can work with folks and I think I can maintain my cool while trying to bring everybody together," Daly continued. "I think we need that, and I think the people [in Ocean Pines] want to do that. I think there's plenty of room to come together – I just think we have to do it."

During the last several years, a significant number of board candidates have made General Manager Bob Thompson the central issue of their campaigns. Daly said he would try to avoid doing the same.

"The board, as it consists of today, is made up of folks that really like the job Bob is doing and [others] who have really criticized him severely in the past. But, they just voted 6-1 to extend his contract," Daly said.

"In the time that I've been here as a homeowner I honestly can't tell you what objectives the board has given Bob that are measurable that tell you whether or not he's done a good job," he continued. "If I come into the board and say, 'Yeah, my platform is to throw the bum out' it would be ludicrous, because I don't know how he's performed, and the people that do know how he's performed that go to the closed meetings and deal with him day to day have just voted 6-1 to keep him."

Daly said he is concerned the association does not, to his knowledge, have "a serious ongoing proactive preventative maintenance plan for buildings and facilities."

"That's not the current board's fault and not Bob's fault, when [Ocean Pines] is 40 years old and doesn't have the basics," he said.

Growing up in Cleveland, Daly remembers walking by Interstate 71 on the way to high school and seeing a Marriot Hotel going up.

"That hotel is, I will guarantee you, 50 years old. When I go back to Cleveland to visit my mom, I stay in that hotel. You go in that hotel and it looks immaculate – it doesn't look like its 50 years old," Daly said, contrasting that with the Ocean Pines Country Club. "What is the difference? I'll bet you that Marriot has a pretty doggone good capital improvement program and maintenance program for that hotel. We should have had those programs in place a long time ago."

"That we don't have them, I guess you could blame the board and I guess you could blame Bob, but since they haven't been in place for 40 years, why don't we just kind of pick up the rope and pull on it and develop what we need to move forward?"

Other issues of importance to Daly are the still-in-progress reserve study, which "has to be done right," and a more developed capital improvement plan that includes all of Ocean Pines facilities.

"You need to get what the 8,400-plus homeowners want in terms of improvement, factor that in, and then lay out a detailed schedule with costs, are we going to build new or are we going to refurbish what we have, and say over the next five years this is what we're planning on doing, this is how we're planning on doing it and this is the cost," Daly said. "I think that you have to lock that in."

"The whole idea is moving forward," Daly said. "You want to know, from a stability standpoint, what it's going to you to run the association and what you're going to get from that."



**Slobodon Trendic**

Slobodon Trendic finished third in

the race for Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors last year, coming within less than 300 votes of earning a seat on the board.

The 61-year-old Belgrade, Yugoslavia native is running again this year – for the third consecutive time.

Trendic spent 30 years working in the information technology industry, and retired three years ago "for health reasons." He moved to Ocean Pines in 2013.

"Over the course of the last three years, it's been kind of a journey of reality checks as far as the Ocean Pines affairs goes," he said. "There's some great aspects of that and some very disturbing aspects – that's why I became very active in different ways, writing to the newspapers and making public comments at the board meetings, and really walking the streets and talking to the owners."

He joked that he "wanted to set a record" by running again.

"It's not whether I want the job – it's really stepping up as a community member," he said. "There are two parts of my motivation. One, the community, as they learned about me, they began to motivate me to run for the board and get hands-on involved. Two, when we see something that's not being done right – that can be done better – and we have the skills and the experience to bring out value, then we should do so."

"I really feel I have what it takes to do this 'thankless' job," he added. "Anybody who steps into a public domain gets seldom credits of recognition. It's often been heavy criticism, and hopefully that's going to change in the future as we begin to do a better job as a board."

Trendic said there are two key issues facing Ocean Pines, essentially "chaos" on one side, represented by the board of directors, and a "run-away train" on the other, represented by General Manager Bob Thompson.

He called the collision of the two a "perfect storm" in the making, with the biggest damage coming from Thompson himself.

"I think that's what this election is about – can we stop this from becoming, truly, a situation where there's some significant damage that can be done. It's not just physical or financial, but it's also the perception about us as a community," Trendic said. "We're beginning to get a bad reputation. Our property values are going down, not up. We're being called 'Pines Whinos.' This is really not who we are and we should not be, really, perceived as such."

The homeowners, he said, "need to do a much better job" of selecting candidates. Trendic urged voters to look further than individual resumes and instead look towards reform-minded people rather than those who favor the status quo.

"We need to change, really, the board – the way it functions – and we need to change the management of the community," he said. "The performance speaks for itself – this is not



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my opinion. All you've got to do is look at the performance over the last six years under the leadership of Tom Terry as a board president and under the leadership of Bob Thompson there were some significant mistakes and failures that happened in the course of that time."

Trendic used the issue of several bridges in the community that reportedly have serious structural issues that have not been addressed, as example of failure of leadership. He also said there is an overall lack of transparency as evidenced by the fact that the OPA Election Committee counts votes during a closed session. That, he said, is a violation of Maryland law.

"For years the board has used the following justification: this is done in closed session because it is a personnel matter. I've done extensive research – thank God for Google – the fact is that [neither] the candidates nor the directors are employees of the association. They are not personnel."

"This is one big issue that the board has continued to maintain in the eye of the public, and it's controversial and it doesn't need to be," he added. "We should really make the public and the community and the homeowners part of the process. They should be in the meeting, cheering, clapping, enjoying a smooth transition of governance in our own democratic community."

Trendic also took issue with Thompson's salary, saying it ballooned from \$110,000 to \$165,000 "in a matter of four years." Comparatively, he said that's more than the city manager of Annapolis and the county administrator in Worcester, and is the same as the salary of Gov. Larry Hogan.

"Is that Bob's fault? No. I don't blame Bob," he said. "If I was [him] I would take half a million dollars if the board wants to pay me. It's the board's fault – total fiscal irresponsibility and misuse of our money."

He criticized the proposed food truck as another example of wasteful spending, and said the board, overall, was not using "best business practices."

"We've got to be looking at outsourcing," he said. "We're just kind of nibbling at it with the golf course – and not doing a very good job – because we keep putting our fingers into the pot. The way the outsourcing model works the best is really hands off. Let the pros do it."

"I would expect that the new board should really be more open minded with using best practices, and if they don't know what those are, we're the members of the Community Association Institute. That's a repository for best practices. We're not the only 50-year-old community in the country that's struggling with the issues that we have ... and we can learn from those."

When he ran two years ago, Trendic said he stepped down because he did not want to take away from two

perceived "reform" candidates, Dave Stevens and Pat Renaud. It's a decision he now regrets.

"We can't rewrite history. We can only learn from it," he said.

He also cited health reasons at the time. Trendic said he has had eight different surgeries during his 30-year struggle with Crohn's disease and diabetes.

Last year, Trendic was found guilty of driving while impaired by alcohol and negligent driving stemming from an incident in Ocean Pines, which was reported in several local papers just months before the election deadline.

"They say any publicity is good publicity. I don't know if I really agree with them. Being in the IT industry for 30 years, if you put something in the digital world it stays there forever," he said. "But, we're humans. We're all vulnerable. We all experience moments in our life that test our ability to persevere and overcome controversies. The most important thing is to learn from that."

"I don't want to disappear from something that I believe in very strongly. I still feel that I can really be a good member of the community and I can help in many ways. Whether I'm elected or not, I will try to help in any way that I can."

Asked if he believed lingering health issues would prevent him from performing activities as a board member, Trendic said he hoped they would not.

"There are people with different handicaps and it doesn't stop them from living, and I hope the voters will actually see that as a positive from me as opposed from a negative," he said. "I don't [expect health issues to be a factor] based on how I feel today, but we don't know what the future has. If I reach a point where my health is impacting my ability to perform as a board member, I will be the first one to recognize that and I will not affect the board's ability to perform because of my personal situation."



**George Simon Jr.**

George Simon Jr. he has "seen it all" during his decades-long career in construction, and he's hoping to bring that expertise to the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors in August.

"I've been in construction and construction sales pretty much my whole life," he said. "The main thing I can bring to the board is knowledge of

construction, construction projects, sales and the bid process, and ... I have a good relationship with a lot of the contractors in the area."

Simon, a 55-year-old territory representative with TRI Supply & Equipment in Salisbury, is one of a dozen candidates vying for three positions on the board.

After growing up in Baltimore, he moved his family to the Ocean Pines area in 1986, and bought his first home there about four years later.

"We would come down here to the ocean on vacation and we liked the area, and when we had kids, we didn't want them growing up [in the Baltimore] area," Simon said. "Probably the best thing I ever did for my family was moving down here."

"All the kids have gone through the local school systems, and it's been a great experience living down here," he added. "Having kids, I haven't been as active in a lot of things as I'd like to be, but I've coached sports in Berlin on and off for 25 years and I've worked with kids in Ocean Pines, teaching basketball."

When considering a run for the board, Simon said he was troubled by some of the negative press the community often receives in the local media.

"I sit back and I read some of the newspapers – some of them are very negative," he said. "I'm sorry, but I enjoy where I live. If you read some of these newspapers they make it sound like people have the worst experience in their life living here. Ocean Pines is a great place."

He said the amenities, for instance, are often taken for granted.

"We have a yacht club here that's fantastic," he said. "In the summertime we go there just about every weekend. Where else can you take your kids and sit and have that beautiful view and listen to music? It's an all-around good place for the whole family."

"We're somebody who has come to the area and enjoyed using the amenities – they're there for us," Simon added. "We have youth programs as part of the recreation [department] that we've always used, and we use the pools."

Simon called himself a "fiscal conservative." He pledged to be a positive influence on the board, and said his work background would help the association deal with some of the problems it does have, including addressing several aging structures.

"I think having another positive person on the board would help," he said. "The board has been doing very well, but they've been touched with some hot-button issues lately and I guess the next big issue will be the country club."

"With my past experiences in construction, I do say I generally lean more towards building new as opposed to rebuilding," Simon added. "Especially with structures that are older, what people don't understand is you're getting into something and

a contractor may give you a bid for 'x' amount of dollars, but when then they tear the floors up and they tear the walls out and – wow, we're not even close. The next thing you know you're rebuilding structure and it's very close to something you could've done brand new."

A political newcomer, Simon said he's essentially running to help maintain the community that has supported his family for more than 25 years.

"I'm new to politics, but I just want to help out the community," he said. "That's really the bottom line. I love it here and I just felt it was time to give back."



**Tom Janasek**

Laurel native Tom Janasek, 50, came to Ocean Pines in 1984. He's been a presence during board meetings for years, often offering his opinions during public comments, and is one of 12 candidates running in this year's board of directors race.

Janasek sold real estate straight out of high school and started his own construction company in the early 1990s. He ran his company for more than 20 years, and now works with AC Beverage out of Bishopville. He still dabbles in real estate, buying and flipping houses.

He entered the 2016 race, he said, because he finally has had enough time to devote to the job.

"This is the first year that I can physically spend time in Ocean Pines and be at the meetings and be part of committee work, and try to change something," he said. "I never had that amount of time. We still live part-time in West River, Maryland, so I commute back and forth because I still have another house there that we're flipping."

Simply showing up to the meetings, he said, "gets nothing accomplished." Janasek wants to change that culture on the board, as well as move the meeting times to weekends or during the afternoon to accommodate the work schedules of the general public.

"Up until the last meeting, when the election started and everyone [on the board] decided to be nice to you, when you spoke, no one ever said 'thank you' after you make a comment," he said. "Usually, they stare blankly at you like you have a third eye. It's ridiculous, and that's one of the things I want to change – they

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just look so superior than thou to people who want to speak, and I want to give other people like myself the chance to be able to come and talk.”

Given his construction background, Janasek said aging infrastructure is an issue he would like to address, and he singled out the country club as one of the major buildings that desperately needs repairs.

“People say there’s no mold in the country club, but you walk in the door and that’s the first thing you smell,” he said. “You can’t tell me there’s not an issue with that building, and it should have been addressed a long time ago. The fact that they put the board in there [during budget meetings] with jackets in the winter is the most ridiculous thing I’ve ever seen.”

“That’s a big one for me, because I’m in construction and I can see what needs to be done,” Janasek said, adding that he favors repairing rather than replacing the building. “I would have to look deeper into it as far as how bad the structure is, but based on the 2011 report, the structure is fine. Why spend \$4 million on a new building when you could renovate and make that building into something [better]?”

Other ailing structures that Janasek is concerned about include the beach club, which is still undergoing roof repairs. He said a request for proposals for improvements to the bathrooms has yet to be released, despite board approval of the project in March.

He also has issues with the yacht club, which he called “poorly designed.” Janasek opposed the association’s plan to build new rather than renovate when that issue came up, about three years ago.

“Our biggest thing with the yacht club today is poor service and bad food, and I’m afraid we’ve lost so many people that it’s going to be hard to get them back,” he said. “It’s gotten better. My last couple meals there have been great, with the exception of when I go there on Sunday and order a fancy burger, which comes with Gouda cheese, but they’re out of Gouda cheese.”

“It’s a \$16 burger – for Christ’s sake, go to Food Lion and get a couple slices of cheese. That’s my problem with service – it doesn’t seem like anyone is held accountable for just dumb stuff like that,” he added.

Payroll, he said, is also an issue. Although he doesn’t favor closing the club during the winter, he would recommend cutting back to a “skeleton crew” during some of the leaner months.

“Our payroll is exorbitant – it’s just outrageous,” he said. “If you look at our payroll in March, it was \$100 more than our food and beverage intake – that’s ridiculous,” he said. “I think that’s a GM issue personally, but I don’t know how micromanaged [Yacht Club Manager] Jerry Lewis is.”

He promised to bring “fiscal re-

sponsibility” to the board, addressing payroll issues all around, as well as the addition of last-minute capital spending proposals that General Manager Bob Thompson only shows the board “days before” public meetings.

Of the current board, Janasek sees a “huge amount of dissention,” and believes it’s become a major problem.

“I don’t like it,” he said. “They were bitching about Marty Clarke when he was there and went after him with [attorney] Joe Moore, and I think it’s worse now than it was before,” he said.

“[Bill] Cordwell should have been thrown off the board for what he said about Marty [in the Gazette]. You’re still on the board – you still represent the people of Ocean Pines. You don’t speak like that about previous board members, or anybody on the board.”

“You don’t want to have all like-minded people on the board, because you want to have that interaction and have people with different ideas, but you have to be civil,” he continued. “I owned a construction company for close to 30 years – you learn who has strengths and who has weaknesses, and you figure out how to get along.”

“You can’t be so divisive and so set in your ways that this is the only way you’re going to go,” Janasek said. “I just think it’s been that way for too long, and I’m not a fan of some of the people on the board who are bitter and sarcastic. It just drives me crazy. You’ve just got to work together – it’s the only thing you can do.”

Despite all the political infighting, Janasek said he loves the community. He wants to preserve it, trim some of the fat, and fix what’s obviously falling apart.

“I’ll be the first to tell you, when I’m in Ocean Pines I don’t want to leave Ocean Pines. I love it here,” he said. “I like to ride my bike to the yacht club, I like to take my boat to the yacht club. We like to stay here as much as possible – but it’s not the same for everybody. Some people are just a little too tickled with the status quo.”



**Doug Parks**

Ocean Pines resident Doug Parks turns 61 this month. He’s one of 12 homeowners running for the Association’s Board of Directors this year and, if elected, he would be the youngest member of that body.

Spending a few moments with

Parks, it’s clear he has plenty of energy to offer the job.

“Age is interesting, but I think the more important thing is energy level and attention to detail,” he said. “I have a couple of colleagues who are older than me, and I sort of hope I’m that sharp and have that much energy when I’m their age.”

Born in Philadelphia, Parks grew up in Bowie, Maryland. He bought a second house in Ocean Pines in 2007, and moved to the area full time in 2013.

He graduated from the University of Maryland, cum laude, with a degree in information systems management and a minor in business administration, and has held several executive positions during his three-decade career in the tech sector, including at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, the AES CORPORATION, and the Pew Charitable Trusts.

Parks volunteered with the U.S. Olympic Hockey team from 1997-2006 and, in Ocean Pines, he currently chairs the by-laws and resolutions committee.

Along with being high-energy, he calls himself a “big picture” kind of guy.

“I pride myself, after being exposed to those kinds of things, that I’m not one to jump to conclusions. I really want to take in the big picture,” he said. “When I’m going through the decision-making process, I want folks who have an opposing viewpoint sitting in the room with me. That viewpoint may bring an approach or a perspective that you hadn’t realized.”

That approach is something Parks hopes to bring to the board of directors this August.

“As long as everybody feels like they’re engaged and what they say – even though it’s a disagreement – is going to be considered, that’s really where I see the benefit,” he said. “But unless you’ve been exposed to those kinds of things and actually can put them into practice, some people don’t even know that that kind of stuff exists. They think it’s just theory, and I’ve actually been able to put it in practice.”

If elected, Parks said he would also make cultivating relationships a priority.

“There needs to be as much time spent in cultivating that relationship between the board members as there is to conducting the business of Ocean Pines,” he said. “And you have to explicitly state your purpose – don’t do it in the clandestine way. Be blunt – be open and honest about it.”

“I call it the ‘reasonable person test.’ Would a reasonable person think that’s a good idea, and would they be engaged?” he added. “I think that level of effort, to work with everybody to build that camaraderie, build that consensus and build that trust that says, even though I disagree with that person my opinion is being considered.”

He sees “us and them” scenarios

forming factions on the current board, and the regularity of 4-3 votes would seem to back that up. At times, Parks said he believes those narrow votes are made to preserve those divides rather than to back an actual issue.

Instead, he said votes should be made with the best interest of the majority of the homeowners at heart.

“You need to think in terms of a board member in terms of saying, ‘I suspect that some portion of our population will agree with that, but I don’t have the luxury of sub-optimizing my solutions.’ I have to look at the broad base of what we’ve got. I might have to say no, and I’m willing to do that,” he said.

Parks said what got him into the race this year was the debate over the Manklin Meadows racquet sports complex.

“Obscene is the word I would use there – \$750,000, one bid,” he said. “What’s wrong with saying, ‘Folks, we’re not ready for this yet? What are the other solutions that could potentially be available to us?’”

In particular, he was intrigued by Director Tom Herrick’s proposal to convert an “unused tennis court” for pickleball, which came after the board approved \$150,000 to work on a portion of the old plan, estimated to cost \$750,000.

“From a business perspective, you’ve got a simple ask from our racquet sports folks to add pickleball courts. Based on that analysis, that morphed into something that’s a \$150,000 spend to move a playground and do stormwater mitigation, and some parking lot stuff that has nothing to do with the original ask,” he said, adding that he would have favored converting the court, trying it out for a year, and then reevaluating the situation.

“With a small, nominal investment we could’ve had an opportunity to meet the most important thing, and that was the request of the constituency,” Parks said. “Right now there’s no more pickleball courts and our budget is down potentially \$150,000 for what? Don’t insult my intelligence – it’s phase one of a three-phase project. How dare you?”

“That’s the one that got me. That really pushed me over the edge,” he continued. “I can’t see that kind of reckless approach to things.”

On the country club, Parks said he favors repairing rather than replacing the ailing facility. He pointed to a 2011 study that recommended “retrofitting and renovating.”

“What bothered me was, why wasn’t anything done?” he said. “To watch the budget meetings [this year] – I was appalled. You’ve got people in coats having a meeting indoors. It can’t be that bad. I’m missing something here.”

“I don’t want to draw any conclusions, but, why is it like this? You’ve got to invest the money to make the building sustainable. That’s standard operating procedure. It’s not political



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– it's how you run the environment," Parks added.

If leadership in Ocean Pines were to solicit another study that suggested spending \$2-3 million to replace that building, Parks countered that he could produce "tangible evidence that you can't take care of a building."

"Prove me wrong," he said. "You couldn't take care of the last one, and now your solution is building a new one – I'm going to argue that you're not going to be able to take care of this one either. And I've got evidence backing me up."

"Do I want to build a new clubhouse? Absolutely not," Parks added. "We have plenty of time for these grandiose new ways to spend money, but we don't have a lot of time to maintain what we do have. The level of effort that goes into maintaining our current environment is not commensurate with the level of effort that goes into building new."

"This isn't the Friday afternoon bridge club, whose most important financial decision as to whether they're going to have a pizza party or an ice cream social at the end of the year," Parks said. "We're talking about millions of dollars with both requirements to the membership and requirements to governance and compliance and regulatory issues as well. This is a business and we need to understand and treat it as such."

Rather than talk specifically about General Manager Bob Thompson, an often-controversial figure in the Pines, Parks targeted the board of directors as the ultimate source of many of the problems.

"What's missing is the board direction," he said. "The board does not direct what goes on here. That's the shift, and that's one of the things that I am running on is the shift of authority and leadership back to the board."

"I have been a leader for a very long time. I tell you what to do, and you show me how to get it done. That's really the way it is," Parks continued. "[In Ocean Pines], I kind of just shake my head. The information flow should go from the board to the GM, and if you don't establish that – shame on you."



**Steve Lind**

Brooklyn-born Steve Lind, 68, served as a police officer for about two decades in New York City. He also ran a successful small business on the side before selling it and using

the proceeds from to buy a large waterfront lot in Delaware.

Now, Lind is looking to turn his diverse background into a successful bid on the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors.

"I have a combination of formal education, experience as a former and very successful small business owner, and real-world street smarts derived from my career with the PD," he said. "I think I bring to the table a lot more of a well-rounded background than a lot of people that are running."

Lind said he is not running on his "resume and rhetoric," but rather on his track record when it comes to Ocean Pines politics.

"I've been involved, as a property owner, in board matters since settling down in the Pines full time in 1999," he said. "I've attended and commented at board meetings and general manager town halls, I've written letters to the editor, I've had my guest commentaries published in local papers and, most recently, I served on the clubs advisory committee for several years here in Ocean Pines."

After about 17 years of involvement, Lind said he was finally compelled to run for the board because he was fed up with the status quo.

"Each election, candidates come before us with impressive resumes and they tell us how they'll make everything better, and when they get to sit at the board table they don't perform the basic function of a board member – that is representing the property owners," he said.

"Much too often I've seen board members making decisions based on their own personal vision – and I mean vision – of this community, no matter what the cost, no matter what the need and with absolutely no sense of priority," he continued.

This year, he said, "was the worst" example of that kind of behavior. Moreover, he said board members often showed each other disrespect and "out and out animosity" during public meetings.

"It was disgraceful," he said. "During the last couple of years that self-interest decision making couldn't be more obvious and distinct. That has to come to an end, and we have to start representing the people."

Lind said the current board majority does not represent the "fiduciary interest" of the property owners in Ocean Pines. Most importantly, he added, the board does not provide the proper amount of supervision and oversight of General Manager Bob Thompson.

"That seems to be a toxic statement to say – that we should provide supervision and oversight – because some of the other candidates will use those terms and interpret it as being micromanaging," Lind said. "That's nowhere near true. Those are the candidates who I'm assuming will continue the big-spending policies of the status quo."

"I think that's the perfect indica-

tion of what we're up against here," he continued. "We have folks that just want to change what's going on when it comes to spending the property owner's money, and folks that just want to keep it going the way it is. Those candidates see nothing wrong with spending big bucks on the grandiose – the big, glitzy stuff – while ignoring the basic maintenance, the basic beautification and the basic safety issues."

This election, Lind said, is not about candidates who are "anti-GM" or "pro-GM."

"It's about anti-frivolous spending and pro-frivolous spending," he said. "The GM just happens to be in the middle of that debate, and that simply comes with territory of being the GM. It's as simple as that."

In March, Lind was asked to leave a town hall meeting led by Thompson, after he challenged him on the operations at the yacht club.

When Lind said, "But Bob, that's not true" Thompson replied, "Don't tell me I lied ... don't call me a liar in my own meeting."

Thompson warned that "one more time and I'll ask you to leave," at which point Lind voluntarily left.

"It wasn't an altercation because an altercation takes the involvement of two people," Lind said. "I was just sitting there baffled at what was going on. I was totally surprised."

In retrospect, he called the incident "absolutely meaningless" in terms of the big picture.

"I've had a career where I've been shot at, I've been stabbed, I've been bitten, I've been punched, I've been spit on, I've been kicked. You think this is going to bother me? This doesn't bother me at all," he said.

"I think he overacted because I was challenging him on issues such as the definition of an amenity, the yacht club losses, the food truck – stuff like that," Lind continued. "I had the facts to back me up because I'm paying attention, and I think he just got flustered at that."

As for the yacht club, Lind said the answer to the financial woes of the amenity is not necessarily to close it during the down months, as some have suggested, but rather to run it better and extend profits during the busy summer months.

If elected, he said he would give Yacht Club Manager Jerry Lewis "what he needs" to make that happen.

"We have a waterfront resort facility with an outside tiki bar with a huge outside porch – we should be making a lot more money in the summer," he said. "If we made the money we're supposed to be making in the summer we could stay open on a Thursday, Friday and Saturday like we're doing now in the winter and still break even."

Ultimately, Lind said it is the responsibility of every board member to determine the facts on each issue for themselves, and not to rely too heavily on what they're told by any single person in the administration –

including the general manager.

"No issues matter if a board member or a board collectively does not research issues themselves, and if the board members don't challenge, supervise and provide oversight when it comes to the GM," he said. "If that's the case they should give back their amenity passes and step aside."

"Of course it's a double-edged sword. If a GM is providing false or misleading info to a board just to have things his or her way when it comes to spending, he or she should also be sent packing," Lind added. "The point is, it's up to the board to make sure that doesn't happen. If the board gets snookered, shame on them – they should be doing the research. Everything they know about every project shouldn't be what they learned from the general manager. They have to look at things for themselves."



**Brett C. Hill**

Brett C. Hill is by far the youngest candidate running for the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors this year.

Born in Baltimore, the 37-year-old has owned property in the Pines since 2012 and moved to the area full time last spring. His company, FTS Fiber, provides Internet infrastructure services from its headquarters in West Ocean City.

"In the years we've been exposed to the community, it appears that there's a select demographic, or a few people that seem to be pretty vocal and push their intentions, and the direction doesn't necessarily align with what I feel is in the best interest of my family," he said. "I think it doesn't really represent the demographic – which is a fairly large population – of younger families moving into the neighborhood."

His, he suggested, is a "voice that hasn't been heard by the community" in some time.

"We make up a large portion of the homes and, at least among our peers, everybody just kind of gives up and says it is what it is," he said. "I don't have that attitude. It has been [like that], but it can change. I have a big mouth and I want my voice to be heard."

Among Hill's chief complaints are that board meetings, usually scheduled on Thursday mornings, are difficult for working people to attend. He said playgrounds in the commu-

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nity are falling apart, and the yacht club is a “complete disaster.”

“The old building was a great place to take my family to eat. It was a warm, inviting atmosphere. The food was good, the other patrons were talking to us and having conversations, and it was more of a communal atmosphere,” he said. “The communal atmosphere has disappeared and it’s just cold, on top of the quality going downhill.

“We moved to the community and bought in the community because of the amenities, and those reasons, which for us justified paying essentially a premium – they’re disappearing,” he continued. “I think for all the residents, the amenities should be something that increases the value of our house. Right now, in my opinion, it’s an HOA due that decreases the value and marketability because the benefit’s not there. They’re a financial drain, and it’s wrong.”

Hill called the current board of directors “lackadaisical,” and suggested many simply enjoyed having the title.

“It doesn’t seem like there’s any true management taking place from the board or the senior management staff that we employ,” he said. “It’s kind of just a happy-go-lucky attitude. We have millions of dollars to spend and we’ll just kind of do what we want to do, and the people who scream the loudest will get money spent.”

He said he has not personally met with or spoken to General Manager Bob Thompson, but is not impressed with the information he shares during monthly presentations to the board. The proposed food truck, for example, included quotes comprised of “scratched up notes on paper.”

“There’s no description of warranty or what you’re actually buying, and they matched that up to two eBay listings,” he said. “I don’t know in what world that is a competitive bid process.”

Hill also brought up the recent example of the awnings on the tiki bar at the yacht club, which he said included two quotes simply taken from two websites.

“The website quote came in cheaper than the preferred, but the catch was labor wasn’t quoted. Well, that’s because we never asked for a quote,” he said. “If you’re a community the size of Ocean Pines with the buying power that a multimillion dollar budget dictates, picking up the phone and asking a vendor to come out and walk a job and provide a written quotation with a warrantee description and an ‘apples to apples’ comparison – that’s what management should do.

“If I were Bob I would be embarrassed to feed that back to the board,” he added. “Maybe that’s how Bob was directed. I don’t know how Bob works. I can’t speak to say it’s 100 percent his fault and everybody else is awesome and Bob’s the one screwing it up, which I think is what a lot


of people would like to say because Bob’s the face that’s out there.”

Whether the issue is chiefly with Thompson or “across the board,” Hill said it is clear there is a problem with how things are done in Ocean Pines.

“The problem has to be fixed,” he said. “Looking at the way a lot of our amenities are run, it’s an issue of we don’t have the proper management in place to be running those amenities. I don’t know Bob well, but it appears he doesn’t have a lot of experience in running restaurants and hospitality – and the hospitality industry is a tough industry to work in.

“Perhaps the community would be better served by having a professional organization or an individual with the experience in handling hospitality – which is, at this point, a large portion of our losses every year – providing better experience and better guidance,” Hill said.

“We’re, as an HOA paying people to supposedly come in and manage us, and they’re not doing their job. I don’t think it’s a function of we have a failed amenity – we have the wrong people managing the process,” he continued.



**Ray Unger**

Ray Unger might be one of the most upbeat citizens of Ocean Pines.

The 75-year-old two-time former director is running for the OPA Board again this year, and says he is largely satisfied with the job the current directors are doing.

“I think we’re kind of cruising a little bit now,” he said. “They’re going about it the right way. There are no big issues that I know of that are coming up, although it could happen at any time.

“Things are moving along well. I spend a lot of time down at the dog park, and it’s getting nicer and nicer to live in the Pines,” he added.

Unger said he is also comfortable with the level of discourse on the current board.

“They’re going about it the right way. There’s very little contention compared to what we went through years ago,” he said. “Of course, there will always be differences of opinion, but there’s very little contention, so they’re getting some things done that they should be getting done.”

He also gave a positive appraisal of OPA General Manager Bob Thompson.

“Under the circumstances, I think Bob has done a good job since he’s

been here,” he said. “He’s not well liked by everybody, but you can’t be. I, personally, like Bob. He’s a very personable guy, and I think he’s done a lot for Ocean Pines.”

Two big issues facing the current board are repairing or replacing a pair of bridges, and addressing the country club need for repairs or replacement.

On the former, Unger is favoring repairing the building.


“We have to be careful with the money we spend and what we collect in,” Unger said. “The country club definitely needs work. It’s not going to entirely be replaced, but it does need work. There are things that are going to need to be done because they’re getting to be 40, 50 years old. They only last so long down here.”

As for bridges, Unger said that was mostly a backburner issue, in his view.

“Bridges will be an issue for a while, but the bridges are safe,” he said. “They’re checked every year by the state and by the county. Eventually, they’re going to have to be replaced with concrete and steel, but at this point in time there’s no danger of any of them collapsing.”

In preparation for his run, Unger said he plans to attend more public meetings, including the next regular board meeting on Thursday, March 24, set for 9 a.m. in the community center. It’s a process that he said he enjoys dearly.

“I just miss it. I love it. I enjoy it. So, I figured I might as well run again. It’ll keep me out of the house,” he said. “I love it here. I enjoy very much being part of the governing body the Pines. There are a lot of nice people.”



**Pat Supik**

During the last two budget cycles, Pat Supik has chaired the Ocean Pines Association Budget and Finance Committee. Along with her other duties, she has overseen the annual weeklong meetings the advisory group holds on the financial plan, and helped pen a list of recommendations to the directors.

Supik, 71, is now looking to move up a rung on the ladder of Ocean Pines politics, running for one of three positions on the board of directors this August.

A Baltimore native with an accounting background, she moved to the area in 2011 and has served on the budget committee for three years,

chairing the last two.

Last year, she said Director Tom Terry and former Director Pete Gomsak starting encouraging her to run. At the time, she said she “just couldn’t even think about” it.

This year, however, Supik felt strongly enough about the issues that she was convinced to enter the contest.

“I think that a board’s function, particularly in this setting, is to set the mission, vision, and long-term direction for a community,” she said. “I don’t think the board’s role or responsibility is in the management of a community. For that, the board hires a manager who manages the day-to-day operation.

“To me, it’s a clear distinction between managing and being a board member,” she added.

In Ocean Pines, that distinction is occasionally a matter of some debate.

“I’ve been fortunate to serve on several boards and I’ve been equally fortunate to be involved in organizations which were discussing the very same topic, which is not uncommon,” she said. “In many ways, managing is easier for people than leading long term. I think, for a lot of people who have never been in that setting they think, ‘OK, I’m on the board, I run the place.’”

Supik said she appreciates the work the Ocean Pines directors do, calling it much more time consuming than many similar directorial bodies. That said, she believes the current group tends to get sidetracked on a single subject – namely, the general manager.

“I do think that, in many cases, one topic, one issue, one item shades the day for many. And I think it’s critical that board members look at each issue independent of the next,” she said.

“One of the major responsibilities of the board is to hire – and fire, if necessary – the manager of the organization. That should not be an all-consuming task. You decide if you want this guy or woman and then you hire [them],” Supik continued. “And while personality is in everything you do, I think the job should be measurable in performance metrics. Then, once you’ve decided that, that’s all good, move on and plan for [the future].”

She pointed to the recent vote by the directors to extend the contract of General Manager Bob Thompson as a prime example.

“To me, OK, that’s it. The board has decided,” she said. “It was not a 4-3 vote – it was a 6-1 vote. The board has decided, now move on. Evaluate again at the end of the year or whenever the term that you’ve agreed to for evaluation, and if the manager is not performing then you make a decision based on that. But, once you’ve decided that let it go and move onto bigger issues.”

Since she bought a home in Ocean Pines, about five years ago, Supik said she was delighted that the association



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decided to build a new yacht club and address needs at the pools and on the golf course.

Next, she said the board should tackle the country club, “step up” the process for dealing with abandoned and “ill-cared-for” properties and come to a decision on funding reserves based on the recent Design Management Associates Inc. study.

While living in Baltimore, Supik was brought on as the treasurer of a community that “didn’t believe in reserves” and came to a somewhat rude awakening.

“We needed a couple million dollars worth of work and we had to borrow the money, which people didn’t want to do,” she said. “So, I think we need to pay attention [to reserves]. Do I think we need to be fully funded to the extent of the study? That’s probably not reasonable, but I do think we need to pay attention to the reserves so that when the country club falls in on itself – which may happen – we have a solution ready.”

Supik knows a thing or two about the conditions at the country club, having spent significant time there during the last two Februarys – with the heat off – debating the budget. During that time, many on the committee and on the board could be seen sitting in the building wearing long, winter coats and wrapped in scarves while trying to discuss the finer points of Ocean Pines financials.

“It was terrible. I think there’s mold and dampness, and I think there are significant structural issues,” she said.

While she admitted her opinion was not unbending, she said she favors replacing the county club rather than attempting to renovate it.

“I do not have the expertise to say whether that can be repaired or not, but from my high-level view of the situation and knowing the age of the building and the type of structure it is, I’m thinking we start [with repairs] and it’s going to be a nightmare,” she said.

“The HVAC has got to be repaired tomorrow – or yesterday,” she continued. “That’s got to be a big ticket. You do that, and then next week the flooring and the roof probably need to be addressed. I think if you do components, you’re going to have a really, really long and ugly road.”

For the most part, Supik is upbeat and positive about the direction Ocean Pines is heading. She’s thrilled the beach club bathrooms are getting a makeover, and called the annual parking passes there one of the best deals in town.

“We, as a family, use the beach club a lot and that’s a super amenity,” she said. “When I tell people we have parking at the beach for \$175 dollars a year, any day we want to go and that gets us four people in the pool, they’re like, really? I think it’s fantastic.”

The same goes for her take on Ocean Pines aquatics.

“How can you beat sitting at the yacht club pool in the afternoon hav-

ing a vodka and tonic at 5 o’clock? I just love it,” she said.

With a dozen candidates running for just a handful of vacancies, Supik said voters should look to her “significant” experience on other boards and in leadership positions as a major selling point.

That includes taking part in the Leadership Baltimore County program, which is restricted to just 40 participants each year from business, government, nonprofit and education sectors, and includes intensive training in economic development, public safety and the inner workings of county and state government.

“I’ve been on boards that have been operating at a level that’s somewhat less than ideal and gone through the process of bringing that board to ideal,” she said. “I think that’s huge in my background.

“I also think the fact that I’ve been chair of the budget and finance committee – that’s a singular role and I’ve gone through, in detail, two budgets and dealt with bylaws and resolutions,” she continued. “That familiarity with our structure gives me a head start. I think I could hit the ground running without needing much ramp-up time.

“I can work with a very, very diverse group of people, as I have on the finance committee,” Supik said. “We had several members that were totally divergent to my opinion and we worked through our issues. There was never a finance committee that became rancorous. We didn’t agree, but we discussed and worked through our issues and I think I could bring that to the board.”



Jack Collins

As the only incumbent in a group of 11 candidates seeking one of three vacancies on the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors, Jack Collins has a different perspective.

Collins said he ended up in Ocean Pines after marrying “a local girl,” Connie Kelley, from Ocean City.

“Her dad was the mayor of Ocean City (Mayor Harry Kelley) and that’s what drew me here. I’ve been coming to Ocean City and this environment since I was 12 years old, and I am now in my early 70s,” he said. “I was born and raised in Baltimore, but spent many, many summers down here.”

After they were married, the Collins’s moved to Catonsville for a number of years, raising a family. In 2004, they permanently relocated to

Ocean Pines.

Collins, who had a career as a lender and manager in commercial banking, joined the board three years ago. He said he decided to run this year somewhat late into the process.

“I have a group of people that have supported me over the years and I discussed it with them,” he said. “They said that they felt I brought some stability to the board and that I could bring some action to the board.”

He said he wanted to make sure that some of his initiatives, including repairs to the beach club bathrooms, stayed on track.

“It’s taking me this amount of time to bring it to everyone’s attention and to get it done, so I would like to see it completed,” he said.

Collins said he’s always voted for “responsible budgets” focused on eliminating wasteful spending and reducing assessments. That, he said, is something he would continue if re-elected.

“It was no accident that we’ve only had one increase in dues over the last three years,” he said. “That [increase] was unfortunate, but that’s the way it is.”

He also touted his recorded as secretary and treasurer, as well as liaison to the county commissioners in Snow Hill, where he regularly attends meetings.

“The county commissioners now recognize a presence from Ocean Pines at each of their meetings,” he said. “I think it makes an impact.”

Drainage has also been an issue close to Collins’ heart.

“I’ve worked to create a committee that was headed by general manager – that’s the only way I could get it done – and members of the county to address certain drainage issues in section two and three,” he said. “We addressed them and got it done, and just recently we had the final repair on St. Martin’s Road. That all came out of that committee over a period of time.”

As for the key issues during this election cycle, Collins said infrastructure, including the police station and the country club, were key.

He is not in favor of relocating the police station to Route 589, as some have proposed, and would rather renovate than replace the county club.

“You have to look at the possibilities,” he said. “If you do the measurements you have approximately 20,000 square feet in that building. If you tear it down and replace it [with] a 10,000 square-foot building at a cost of whatever millions of dollars, your cost per square foot is tremendous. If you renovate that place and you can do it for \$1.5 million – and you’re renovating 20,000 square feet – you’re talking about a \$75-\$85 a square foot costs.

“That’s critical and that’s important to me from a cost analysis point of view and from a banking point of view – doing the most efficient and effective thing that impacts the great-

est number of people,” Collins continued. “I would like to see the country club maintained as a multiuse building that’s for the card players, for the dance lesson people, for the drama people, for the men’s club, for the Kiwanis, Optimist and Lion’s Club of Ocean Pines – whoever wants to meet there, as well as the board – in a warm environment.”

Collins declined to comment on issues pertaining to General Manager Bob Thompson, saying “it doesn’t behoove anybody.” Instead, he is focusing on developing a communitywide beautification committee.

In the 1990s, he said, a group of citizens formed “Keep Ocean Pines Special,” also known as “KOPS.”

“What they did, is they focused on areas to enhance the curb appeal and the eye appeal and the open spaces and entrances and amenities – things that they could directly impact. I think we should consider doing something like that again,” Collins said. “I think that might be worthwhile.

“Growing out of that, maybe we could get some ideas as to how to genuinely make more attractive our environment here in Ocean Pines, together with the possibility of coming up with incentives to our property owners to maintain their properties in proper order,” he continued. “They could be positive, they could be enforcement of the [declarations of restrictions]. You could go a lot of different directions on that.”



Larry Perrone

With three seats up for grabs during this year’s OPA Board election in August, the field is likely to be crowded with candidates.

Larry Perrone, 61, was the first to declare his candidacy, in March.

A Pennsylvania native, Perrone served for two years as an air defense officer in the U.S. Air Force, 82nd Airborne, followed by four years in the reserves. Professionally, he worked for 36 years in the commercial insurance industry.

When he retired last year, Perrone, after watching the politics of Ocean Pines play out during the 30-plus years he has been a property owner, said he felt it was finally time to get involved.

“The last 6-7 years have been very disappointing with what I’ve seen on the board,” he said. “Since I retired in July, I now have the time and the en-

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ergy to come down and get some things done. For me, it's been very disappointing how the board has run things."

While he admitted his is not a huge fan of Bob Thompson, Perrone said he is not among those who are calling for the general manager's head.

"That's not my intent," he said. "I don't think the general manager has had time to really show whether he can do the job or not, because the board has just let him run free. I've managed a lot of people over my career."

As a board member, my position would be, this is what the board wants done based on what we think the community wants. Tell us what you need to do to get there, and then put some timeframes on it," he continued.

At the top of his to-do list, Perrone said he favored improving – not necessarily replacing – the country club. He added that he would likely not

back the proposal to replace the building with a smaller structure that includes an attached cart barn.

"If the bones in the structure of the country club are good, I think I would prefer to have it refurbished," he said. "We don't know what the costs are going to be at this point, but I don't think losing that square footage is the best idea."

He would also like to address the bathrooms at the Beach Club, which the board budgeted for in fiscal year 2017.

"I think that's in the process of being done, however, as we've seen in the past a lot of times, they talk about getting things done and they don't," he said. "I'm a problem solver, and that's one of the things that I think needs to be done."

As for the bridges, Perrone said he would consider replacement of two structures the board is currently discussing repairing.

"I'm not sure that I would have made that decision," he said. "I think I would like to know exactly what

total replacement would be at this point, as opposed to dumping in another \$400,000 into it, just for temporary repairs."

He also questioned the wisdom of the recent reserve study, which suggests Ocean Pines should fund reserves at 100 percent, or, about \$14 million.

"I'm not sure that's necessarily needed, particularly since we went ahead and replaced the yacht club. I think we have another 40 years to build the reserves to cover that issue," he said.

During the next few months, Perrone is hoping to have an in-depth discussion on the bigger financial picture with Controller Art Carmine, and also wants to have a sit-down with Thompson.

If elected, he hopes to change the tone of the board, which, he feels, has been too aggressive during recent years.

"We need some civility and cooperation," he said. "During the last 6-7 years, it's just been pounding back

and forth between the majority and the minority. I don't think that's productive for the community, and I don't intend to be that way.

"I have always been very pragmatic. I consider myself a problem solver. I think, at this point, that's what we need," Perrone continued. "I don't think we need someone coming in and waving a flag and saying, 'we're going to fire the GM,' or, 'we're not going to fire the GM.' I don't think that's the issue at this point."

Instead, Perrone said he would like to see how Thompson responds to "proper direction and control" from a more measured board of directors.

"Whether or not he can do the job – I won't know that until I've had an opportunity to work with him and to make that evaluation," he said. "Over the years, I've had to hire and fire a lot of people. Without having the knowledge of actual performance standards, you just can't say, 'I'm going to fire that person.' I don't think that's appropriate."



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# Walking through election process in Ocean Pines

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(July 14, 2016) Those closest to the election operations in Ocean Pines insist there are no cauldrons set up inside the room where, each year, the elections committee and a handful of support staff count ballots for the annual board of directors vote.

No livestock are sacrificed; no brooms are ridden and no spells are cast. According to those who have been involved during the last several years, hardly a pointy black hat is present in the room when the votes are processed.

Last year, 6,707 ballots were counted. The year before, that number was 6,676. Elections Committee Chairman Bill Wentworth, who oversaw both counts, said they were done in the same manner, following the procedures set forth in Resolution M-06, one of the many governing documents of the Ocean Pines Association.

Wentworth has been on the committee for six years, and has been chairman during the last two elections.

Each time, he said an independent representative from Ace Printing & Mailing picks up ballots from the Ocean Pines post office, along with those deposited in the ballot box inside the police station, by 5 p.m. on the day of the voting deadline.

“When he delivers the information to us, he has already taken all of the ballots out of the envelopes, separated the ballots from the envelopes, and organized the envelopes by their property identification information,” Wentworth said.

For about the last decade, that part of the operation has been performed by Thom Gulyas, a Berlin Councilmember and owner of Ace Printing.

“What I do is I make sure there aren’t any duplicates. It would take a lot for somebody to duplicate the Scantron card, the envelope, and then get the coding off the back,” Gulyas said.

“We put the presort sequence on the back of the envelope. So, say I get back two 5,001’s. If I get two of those, one them is a duplicate, and what I do is I pulled those aside and, more than likely, the committee would disallow both of them,” he continued. “That being said, I have never had a duplicate — never. No one has ever tried to game the system, thank God.”

Occasionally, he said things do get wonky with the U.S. Postal Service, although those incidents are generally minimal and are often resolved.

“You are dealing with the post office, so you’ve got to take it for what it’s worth,” Gulyas said. “People claim that they don’t receive [a ballot], and that’s fine. They give me a list of a dozen or so where they’ve actually

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# Habitat for Humanity project progresses

New Berlin building granted setback variance by board of appeals; called ‘anchor’

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor  
(July 14, 2016) A new Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County project inched closer to completion last week, when it received unanimous approval of a setback variance from the Berlin Board of Appeals. The variance was a condition of approval by the town’s planning com-

mission, which approved the project in May, but asked that the setback be pushed closer to the curb.

Habitat’s newest venture, on 21 Jefferson Street next to Berlin Coffee House and near downtown, would put two, two-story apartments over a ground floor studio or shop spaces for artists. The nonprofit would retain the downstairs spaces and use rental revenues to fund future projects.

**‘The planning commission feels this is more of an anchor building for downtown...’**  
Planning Director Dave Engelhart

Planning Director Dave Engelhart, the staff liaison, explained the appeal. “Zoning ordinance requires a 10-foot setback in the B-1 town center district. They got conditional site plan approval from the Berlin Planning Commission at their May 11 meeting, which suggested to them as one of the

conditions that they try to get a reduced set back, move the building they’re proposing closer to the sidewalk,” he said.

“The planning commission feels this is more of an anchor building for downtown [and] will be an attractive building and a draw to downtown, so they wanted to see it be more visible when you stand at the corner of Main Street and look down Jefferson,” Engelhart added.

The commission agreed, and unanimously granted an exception to change to setback to five feet.

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which is against the rules, two were rejected because multiple ballots were mailed in a single envelope, five were completely blank, and 22 voted for more than the allowed number of candidates.

Fourteen duplicate ballots were also sent in.

“A duplicate ballot is something where, a dog ate the ballot and we processed and made sure they got another one, and stamped ‘duplicate’ on it so if it came up, obviously they weren’t going to be counted [twice],” Wentworth said.

When all the tabulations are completed, the IT professional prints out two copies. Wentworth said those results immediately go into his trusty briefcase, where they remain sealed until the following morning, when the results are publicly announced.

“I share that information with no one — no one on the committee. I don’t even share it with my wife,” Wentworth said. “I don’t tell anybody what the results are. All kinds of people try to get the information out of me and I say, ‘show up to the annual meeting and you’ll find out.’”

At the annual meeting, held on the following morning each year inside the community center, the elections committee chair signs both copies and gives them to the general manager and the board president to certify.

Wentworth said the possibly for impropriety in the Ocean Pines election is “none whatsoever.”

“It’s not any one person making any decisions,” he said. “The committee will review any contested ballots together, and we can usually figure out what it is. We always err on the side of making the vote count.”

In Gulyas’ opinion, the system that’s in place in Ocean Pines is “1,000 percent strong.”

“There’s no way — no way — that anybody’s going to be able to pull anything,” he said. “I’ve known these people [at BDK] for years. They’re above reproach. They’re just some of the most honest folks you could ever meet. And they don’t own property in the Pines [and] I don’t own property in the Pines, so we don’t have a horse in the race. We just don’t.

“As far as the committee, they’re paid zero dollars and they take their jobs very seriously. Every single committee that I’ve worked with going back [more than 10 years] takes their job seriously,” Gulyas continued. “These guys have their game together — they really do.”

The ultimate assurance for residents of Ocean Pines, however, may be the fact that the ballots are kept for one year after each election in a lock box inside the administration building, and are accessible to any Ocean Pines homeowner.

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# Narrow council vote approves infrastructure for Dollar General

With one councilmember absent, mayor has to cast rare deciding tiebreaker

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(July 14, 2016) An apparent misunderstanding led to a minor flare-up during a Berlin Council meeting Monday night, as the mayor and council voted 3-2 to absorb costs related to water and sewer installation at a new Dollar General Store on 109 Decatur Street.

Developer Oxford Chase purchased 1.6 acres from the town, near the intersection of Flower Street and Route 376, for \$409,250.78. As part of the agreement, the developer agreed to deed "sufficient property at the northwest corner of the premises for a right of way to align Decatur Street with Flower Street."

Also in the contract, Oxford Chase agreed to install, at its own cost, "all sewer and water infrastructure on the premises."

The portion of the property on the agenda Monday night, however, was part of the property deeded back to the town – and not the property of Oxford Chase.

"This is a function of the sale of the property ... and then deeding back of a portion of that property to the town to assist with the realignment of Decatur [Street] in providing some easement access along the road," Town Administrator Laura Allen said on Monday. "The town, in exchange for components of that arrangement, has agreed to pay for the water and sewer connection to Dollar General in the area that is town property."

Reynolds Excavating Inc., who won the bid for the project, provided an estimate of \$24,700 for the project.

During the meeting, Councilmember Thom Gulyas wondered if the town had made similar agreements in the past.

"This is the first time that I've heard of this," he said. "Since I did my development in town and I paid full monty for mine, I think it sets a dangerous precedent for developers when they come into town to start doing this. It's a slippery slope, and I don't feel comfortable [with it]."

Councilmember Lisa Hall also worried about "setting a precedent."

"This is not the supreme court," Mayor Gee Williams said. "Our decision should be based on the circumstances that we face any particular time. Quite frankly, I think one of the reasons government gets so damned



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# Burrell: council aware of D.G. negotiations

screwed up is they say, ‘Well, we’ve always done it this way, so we’re going to keep doing it this way.’

“When you have special circumstances that require some creative thinking, as long as everybody gets properly compensated, thing get done,” he added.

Oxford Chase originally sought a permit to build a Dollar General at the intersection of Old Ocean City Boulevard and Healthway Drive in 2014. When the Berlin Planning commission vetoed a site plan, citing traffic concerns, the matter bounced around between the Berlin Board of Appeals and the circuit court.

Then, last October, an agreement was made with Oxford Chase involving the new site. In turn, the developer agreed to drop its case in circuit court.

The deal also set into motion plans for a new police station adjacent to the store.

“We basically took a train wreck and created something that’s going to be important to the neighborhood. We didn’t do it for the town in general – we did this for the neighbor-

hood,” Williams said.

“But that’s at the cost of the ratepayer,” Hall said.

“No. No. No. No,” Williams said, raising his voice. “This is something we have worked on for a year. There is nothing new. This is not a surprise, and it’s not setting a precedent that we have to do again because we don’t have properties to sell to retail.

“We’ve needed a police station for over 25 years. We found a way to get that done. We bought the property with [casino] revenue. We have basically worked for years to get here,” he continued. “I’m sorry you didn’t understand that, but this is no obligation for any other developer any time just because we did this.

“We took adversity and turned it into a very good situation for the community – and we’re not giving away a damned thing,” Williams said.

Councilmember Elroy Brittingham said he did not “have a problem with it,” and made the motion to approve. He and Dean Burrell voted in favor, while Hall and Gulyas voted against.

Because one councilmember, Troy Purnell, was absent, Williams voted to break the tie.

“Just because we haven’t done it before doesn’t mean that it’s not a good thing,” Burrell said. “This has always been in the deal, that they would deed back some of the property to us and we would provide this hook up, and I don’t think it sets a precedent ... I believe that these conditions are right for this deal.

“It’s going to make that corner a lot safer for our community. I think this is a good thing,” he added.

During an interview on Tuesday, Burrell said the council had been aware of the negotiations with Oxford Chase for some time.

“In the negotiations, the mayor was able to have them deed off a portion so we could address this safety issue in our community, and just like

I said last night I was all for it,” he said. “It was something he had shared with us in a previous meeting.”

Also on Tuesday, Williams said the contract with Oxford Chase was finalized this spring. The matter did not come up in a public meeting until now, he said, because it was simply lost in the shuffle.

“In retrospect, maybe I should have had an up-to-date because it’s been so long since all of this was discussed,” he said. “Obviously, not everybody remembered about it. That’s OK and I understand that, but we would not expect any private property owner to pay for infrastructure that is on public right-of-way.

“We’re not charging them for the cost of the sewer up to their actual

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# Opinion

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## One-note harping tone-deaf

Ocean Pines residents, and voters in particular, are more fortunate than they realize: while other towns, communities and even hamlets have multiple issues with which to deal, Ocean Pines apparently has just one: the general manager.

That would be judging from comments at a recent candidate's forum, where it was asserted that every problem could be fixed, every question could be answered and every needed improvement could be accomplished by making just one personnel move.

Other communities, by contrast, have to slog through myriad meetings, discussions and strategy sessions to find way to address multiple unrelated issues.

But not in Ocean Pines, where the simple act of firing General Manager Bob Thompson will take care of everything.

Or so some have suggested.

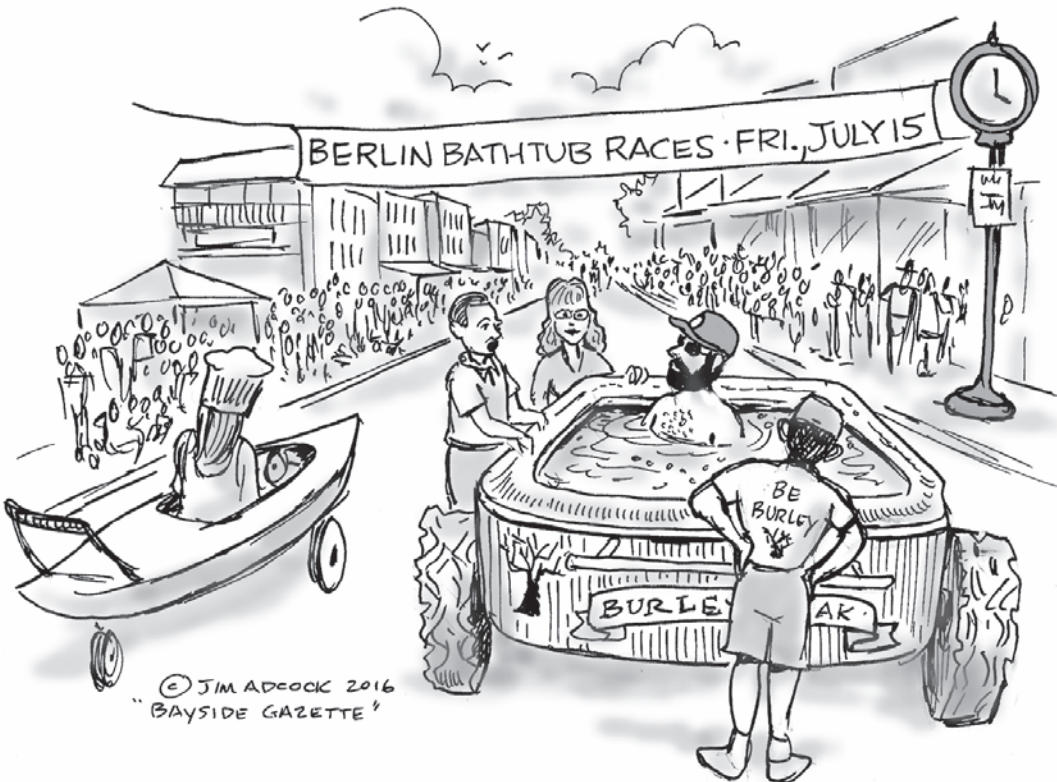
The simplistic nature of this argument, however, suggests that these candidates are so focused on dumping Thompson that either they haven't thought about other matters relevant to Pines voters or they have a limited understanding of how governing bodies work.

This episode is reminiscent of the county commissioner elections a few decades ago, when inevitably one or more candidates would declare that there was nothing wrong with the county that firing then-County Administrator John Yankus wouldn't fix.

Election after election, calls for the late Mr. Yankus' firing was the centerpiece of someone's candidacy, and yet Yankus would go on to serve, even after his critics joined the board. Why? Because he knew how to manage the government and they didn't, and because they learned that he had no more power than what they gave him.

The same can be said for any OPA general manager. While some managers are better than others, it still stands to reason that a cohesive policy, clear direction and an established level of accountability will make any manager better. Or else.

That's the first thing that candidates ought to pledge to work toward, rather than harping on the same old thing.



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## ‘Feed the Elderly’ campaign established

### Meals on Wheels looks for donations to continue project

(July 14, 2016) More than 69,000 meals were delivered to area senior citizens through MAC's Meals on Wheels program last year, but with looming funding cuts, the program's critical services must find new ways to meet ever increasing demands for assistance.

MAC Inc. and the Meals on Wheels Program recently launched the "Feed the Elderly" campaign, which aims to raise funds for services to seniors, while increasing the number of meals provided.

A grant from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore through the Bobbi Biron Fund provided a \$5,000 grant to be used toward program assistance, but this will only meet a portion of the \$50,000 campaign goal.

Currently, meals are delivered a maximum of four days a week, however in more remote areas meal service is not available at all. Organizers hopes that through the campaign they

will be able to increase this critical service to the elderly on the Lower Shore.

Meals on Wheels, which provides life-giving services to the homebound elderly who are confined to bed, lack transportation, or are too frail to cook for themselves, is sometimes the only access to adequate nutrition for some senior citizens in the Lower Shore area. Food insecurity and hunger lead to many critical problems for the elderly.

Those suffering from lack of nutrition see a diminished quality of life through an increased risk for illness, falls and hospitalization, and often require more frequent hospitalization and nursing home placement. The Meals on Wheels program aims to combat these problems by providing access to adequate nutrition even when family support, mobility and resources are lacking.

The program also reduces isolation and increases safety for the citizens it serves. Many seniors have no contact with the outside world with the exception of the

program delivery drivers. The services also act as a safety check for ailing seniors who are at an increased risk of medical emergencies, falls and accidents.

Those interested in contributing to the campaign's efforts should contact Peggy Bradford, executive director, MAC Inc. at 410-742-0505 or [mab@mac-inc.org](mailto:mab@mac-inc.org) or by mail MAC Inc., Attn. Meals on Wheels, 909 Progress Circle, Suite 100, Salisbury Maryland 21804.

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# Gilbert's Provisions open in Berlin

Cheese and charcuterie shop carries local products, hopes to expand in future

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor  
(July 14, 2016) Charcuterie and cheese lovers have a new heaven in Berlin, and its name is Gilbert's Provisions.

The new shop opened last Friday on 25 Commerce Street, suite B, behind Bruder Hill, just off the town's Main Street.

Inside, customers can browse a large display case filled with more than a dozen different exotic cheeses, along with several types of prosciutto, mortadella and homemade foie gras and chicken liver terrine.

On the adjacent walls are jars of fermented goods, from pickles to fennel carrots, along with several types of sea salts, crostini and local coffee. T-shirts, tote bags, magnets and other branded items are set up on a display table.

At the center of the operation is Berlin resident Toby Gilbert, an acclaimed local chef and son of NEST owner Dee Gilbert.

"We were packed on Friday," he said. "As soon as I opened the doors I had people in here, and I said I was going to close at 9, but I think I was here until 11 p.m."

"People were buying good cheese, and that made me happy," he added. "It gave me a lot of confidence for the future because everybody was so excited about everything."

Along with the allure of spreading his love for high quality and hard-to-find foods in the town where he grew up, Gilbert opened the shop to get away from the rat race of running a contemporary kitchen – places that have notoriously long hours and high levels of stress.

**'We were packed on Friday.  
As soon as I opened the doors  
I had people in here.'**

Toby Gilbert

"[The shop] is a lot of work, but it's lower stress level and it's a more personal kind of work," he said. "I'm not behind a wall getting beat up on a line. I actually get to talk to people and get to make food that I'm really into. So far it's been really great – and I got the schmoozing ability from my dad. I'll give him credit for that."

Gilbert put a heavy emphasis on "being green" when he put the shop together, from the branded bags, to the brown paper packaging used to wrap meats and cheeses, to the eco-friendly insulation in the walls, the

concrete poured into the floors, the reclaimed wooden counters and the cleaners and sanitizers used to keep the shop tidy.

On opening night, Gilbert operated entirely with outsourced goods, although many of them were local, with kombucha and pickles from Pennsylvania, hot sauces from New Jersey and coffee from Rise Up, based in Salisbury.

Meats and cheeses are also found close by, whenever possible.

"I try to go as domestic as possible with cheese – Maryland, Georgia, Vermont, Wisconsin, but I wanted good French brie, and I wanted good gouda from Holland, and pecorino and grana padano and parm from Italy," he said.

In the future, Gilberts plans to steadily increase the supply of home-made products with an eye towards eventually starting a wholesale operation. Essentially, other shops in the region – and possibly nationwide – would carry his products on their shelves.

On Monday, he baked his first batch of bread in the new shop, and a he is in the process of curing 22 pounds of Duroc pork belly in order to make bacon. That, he said, should be ready in about a week.

"Eventually the plan is to have half of the cooler be all my stuff. And then

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# Waiver granted for public portion of Dollar General

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property line, that they have permanently," Williams added. "Once you hit their property line, then they're paying for all the costs that anybody would."

Williams said he took full responsibility for "not explaining it better back in the day," and said it was late winter or early spring when the council last discussed the agreement. What made the situation unique, he said, was that the land in question was public, then sold to the developer, and then deeded back to the town.

"There's a lot going on, so I understand why everybody would not recall every nuance," he said. "But, at the same time, I don't understand why questions weren't just asked so it could have been cleared off right on the spot."

"Our legal counsel consistently throughout said that we would not expect anyone to pay for infrastructure on public right of way – why would this be any different?" Williams added.

Planning Director Dave Engelhart confirmed that it was standard for the town to take care of water and sewer infrastructure costs, up to the property line.

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# Toby Gilbert happy to have ‘Provisions’ open in hometown

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pretty regularly we’ll have a ricotta and always have a terrine or a pâté of some sort,” he said. “I’m still working on my lab validations for all my ferments. As soon as I get that, I’ll be able to put prepackaged things like quinoa salad and cucumber salad – things like that.

“The goal, hopefully within a year or so, is to get space for a commissary so I can kind of take the production out of this building and have a full-on kitchen. The idea is to market my ferments as a brand,” Gilbert added.

All of that, he said, will likely happen in Berlin.

“The thing about having this in Ocean City is it would be great for foot traffic, but the clientele would just be different,” he said. “I want to keep it in Berlin. I really like biking to work and not having to drive an hour to work, and being like a son of the town I can see what we need just because I’ve been here. It’s all my people, and everyone knows me. That’s pretty nice.”

Gilberts Provisions is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. six days a week. The shop is closed on Tuesday.

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# Daily Brew owner wants to give back to those who helped

By Brian Gilliland  
Associate Editor

(July 14, 2016) Lori McAllister has spent years trying to figure out a way to help the people who helped her.

Her first idea was college, and she graduated from Salisbury University with a bachelor's degree in conflict analysis and dispute resolution. She began working with people who had been recently released from prison to reintegrate with society, and later took a position as operations manager at ReConnections helping foster a holistic approach to mental health.

But it wasn't enough. Not until she started airing her concerns out loud did she discover what it was she needed to do next.

"I know because I'm from Snow Hill and I kept talking about how terribly the town needed a coffee shop," she said. She didn't know at the time, but soon found out, the person she was discussing this idea with is a friend of Michael Day, the town's economic development consultant.

"Before I knew it, I was having a conversation with Michael, and then the next thing I knew I was writing a business plan, marketing plan ... all sorts of plans," she said.

Those plans came to fruition this past Monday, when the Daily Brew Coffeehouse opened full time in downtown Snow Hill on Washington Street, in the shop that was formerly Hettie's. That's where her search ended for now, but it started in 2007, when McAllister was involved in an automobile accident that left her severely injured.

"I was in a car accident when I was 17 — it was very bad. I broke my back in several places. The whole town flooded my mailbox as I was recovering," McAllister said. "My teachers and classmates at school flooded me with support. The fire department saved my life. I'll never forget, it changed me forever and I want to give back."

While she doesn't see herself as



Owner Lori McAllister and barista Aerin Saidla catch their breath on the big comfy couch during the grand opening of Daily Brew Coffee in Snow Hill on Monday.

part of a movement or ambassador for the town, she did say Snow Hill was experiencing a renaissance — just on its own terms.

"I don't think we're undergoing revitalization in that people have begun to move here in droves," she explained. "But more people know about the town now, and the town wants to keep the Snow Hill charm but it needs more businesses, tourism and revenue."

That's why she didn't consider opening up a coffee franchise, but opted instead for her own brand.

"I am a coffee lover," she said. "When other people would go out partying, I would go to Barnes and Noble in Salisbury for coffee."

It was fine for a while, but as time

went on she began to resent the 25-minute drive to get there.

"I don't think a franchise is what's needed here. Snow Hill is about the mom and pop shops — we don't need big box stores, we want something homey," she said.

To get to that feeling, DBC is taking something of an uncharted course. The design of the shop is industrial, showcasing the contrast between light and dark with white walls with dark wood floors and gleaming chrome highlights.

Artwork by Kent Ambler is highlighted by contrast, and there is a laptop bar, table seating and, for those in search of something a bit cushier, an overstuffed black leather sofa.

McAllister gets her coffee from a

roaster in North Carolina, but said she plans on looking for more local sources once she gets more ground under her feet.

"I'm new in business myself," she said. "But I want to see more people and more businesses here. I'd like to see something like what they have going on in Salisbury but with a more neighborly feel, where we can reconnect with each other."

Daily Brew Coffeehouse serves sandwiches for breakfast and lunch, as well as cookies, muffins and brownies.

The shop is open Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. — 4 p.m. and on Saturdays during town events. Additional Saturday hours are possible if there's enough demand to support it, she said.

# AGH and Bethany United join for summer health fair, Sat.

(July 14, 2016) Atlantic General Hospital and Bethany United Methodist Church have partnered to offer a summer health fair with free screenings and family-friendly activities this Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

Open to the public, the health fair will take place on the church property, located at 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, in Berlin.

This is the first health fair at Bethany UMC and promises to provide fun for the whole family and several opportunities for free health screenings.

The event will include cholesterol (complete panel) and Glucose (12-hour fasting is required) testing; dermatology information and DermaScan scanning; bone density and blood pressure screenings; sleep apnea and nutrition/BMI information as well as palliative care/advanced directive information.

There will also be food, and activities for children such as a bounce house, relay races and face painting.

For more information, visit [www.atlanticgeneral.org/calendar](http://www.atlanticgeneral.org/calendar) or call 410-641-9268.



**AUX. AWARD**  
The Auxiliary of Atlantic General Hospital and Health System recently held its annual awards luncheon where Auxiliary Teen Volunteer Coordinator Judy Baumgartner presented an award to Stephen Decatur High School student, Dana Kim, for her service to the hospital. Kim accumulated 149 volunteer hours in the past year. Pictured, from left, are Stephen Decatur Principal, Tom Zimmer; Dana Kim, AGH teen volunteer; Tae Kim, father of Dana; and Austin Martin, Stephen Decatur High School Social Studies teacher.



# Bathtubs coming to downtown Berlin for annual street race

By Greg Ellison  
Staff Writer

(July 14, 2016) Bathtub Races, an annual tradition in Berlin for the last 27 years, returns this Friday as both a competition and a fundraiser for the Berlin Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber Executive Director Larnet St. Amant said the race involves two-person teams racing down Main Street in a bathtub, or at least a close approximation.

“Typically, we have about 15 to 20 teams race,” she said. “We line the street with straw bales.”

Over the last two-plus decades, technological improvements have caused the racing machines to morph into something beyond traditional tubs.



Mardi Davis and Evan Haas, from the *Bayside Gazette*, came up just short against the Town of Berlin Water Resources team led by Sean Cooper and Ryan Showell in last year's race.

“In the past, they had big galvanized tubs,” she said. “Now, some of these things are state-of-the-art.”

Jessie Turner, a pioneer of the

sport who has more than a few first-place finishes to his credit, has witnessed that evolution as well as the

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<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>56 Steep</b>	<b>107 Request for permission</b>	<b>18 "Woman With a Parasol" painter</b>
<b>1 Onetime Scandinavian automaker (containing the first part of the "double quote")</b>	<b>57 Sitcom whose title character was Fran Fine</b>	<b>109 Showing few lights, as cities during W.W.II</b>	<b>20 Kikkoman product</b>
<b>5 Music's Prince of Soul</b>	<b>59 Perfumery oils</b>	<b>112 Follow</b>	<b>25 "Oliver!" director Reed</b>
<b>9 Precious Australian exports</b>	<b>60 ____-Cat</b>	<b>113 Beeper from "a long time ago," informally</b>	<b>28 "____ any drop to drink": Coleridge</b>
<b>14 Abandon détente</b>	<b>61 First secretary of homeland security</b>	<b>114 Speaker of this puzzle's "double quote"</b>	<b>31 Repent of</b>
<b>19 Victimizes</b>	<b>62 Tank tops?</b>	<b>115 Have another crack at</b>	<b>32 Consents to</b>
<b>21 Like pets but not strays</b>	<b>64 Make noise while asleep</b>	<b>116 Long</b>	<b>34 "Bearded" flower</b>
<b>22 2015 Oscar winner Morricone</b>	<b>66 Corresponding expense?</b>	<b>117 Humorist Bombeck</b>	<b>36 Celebrate gloatingly</b>
<b>23 Solitary sort</b>	<b>67 First-chair violinist, perhaps</b>	<b>118 Spotted (containing the last part of the "double quote")</b>	<b>37 Grown-up pullet</b>
<b>24 Dream of many Koreans</b>	<b>68 Person with an account</b>	<b>DOWN</b>	<b>38 Deceptive police op</b>
<b>26 Youngest "Brady Bunch" daughter</b>	<b>71 Political org. dating to 1854</b>	<b>1 Like vindaloo</b>	<b>40 Freight-train component</b>
<b>27 "No, no, it's my treat!"</b>	<b>74 Bear witness</b>	<b>2 Golfer Palmer, to fans</b>	<b>41 Delicately applies</b>
<b>29 "____ Fideles"</b>	<b>75 Painkiller first sold in 1950</b>	<b>3 Health care giant</b>	<b>42 Be deserving of</b>
<b>30 Senatorial vote</b>	<b>76 Unable to continue</b>	<b>4 Disputed North Pole visitor</b>	<b>43 Treated with a preservative, as telephone poles</b>
<b>31 "Key Largo" gangster Johnny</b>	<b>77 Nameless network user</b>	<b>5 Sir, in Surrey</b>	<b>45 Teen spots</b>
<b>33 Church group</b>	<b>78 Some dumps</b>	<b>6 Emulate</b>	<b>46 Michael's wife in "The Godfather"</b>
<b>35 Break</b>	<b>80 Image Awards org.</b>	<b>7 Head guy in "Hamlet"?</b>	<b>47 One who seems responsible but isn't</b>
<b>36 Time periods in a polo match</b>	<b>81 Hall of announcing</b>	<b>8 Draw in</b>	<b>48 Faux sophistication</b>
<b>39 U people?</b>	<b>82 Pan's home, in myth</b>	<b>9 Difficult duty</b>	<b>49 Slam</b>
<b>41 Authoritarian announcements</b>	<b>84 Minority branch of Islam</b>	<b>10 Market problem</b>	<b>51 Reform Party founder</b>
<b>44 Catch something</b>	<b>86 Longtime Texas politico Phil</b>	<b>11 Technology eschewers</b>	<b>52 "Idylls of the King" woman</b>
<b>47 In the doldrums</b>	<b>87 Free throws, e.g.</b>	<b>12 Not secured, as a gate</b>	<b>53 Shaver</b>
<b>50 Golden calf's maker</b>	<b>91 ____ horn</b>	<b>13 Reagan-era program, in brief</b>	<b>55 Without a date</b>
<b>51 Birds with throat pouches</b>	<b>94 Judges to be</b>	<b>14 Went over</b>	<b>57 Explicitly</b>
<b>54 Comp-sci acronym</b>	<b>97 Use as a bed</b>	<b>15 Crosses the sill</b>	<b>58 Med. care options</b>
	<b>98 Mom-to-aunt term</b>	<b>16 Pernod flavoring</b>	<b>59 ____ Villa (English football club)</b>
	<b>101 Actress Mason</b>	<b>17 Crowd scenes?</b>	<b>61 Like major generals</b>
	<b>103 Journalist/ columnist Carl</b>		<b>62 Pushes</b>
	<b>105 France : madame :: Italy : ____</b>		<b>63 Nonhuman 1930s film star</b>
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			<b>66 Gun full of blanks, maybe</b>

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| 68 Fanta competitor                                    | 78 It's all downhill from here   | 89 Add color to, in a way       | 102 Vietnam War copter                 |
| 69 Quarters                                            | 79 "I feel that way, too"        | 90 Lead-in to -itis             | 104 "___ Flux" (1990s animated series) |
| 70 Record label owned by Sony                          | 80 Hairsplitter's objection      | 91 It may contain bugs          | 105 Cotillion attendee                 |
| 72 As soon as                                          | 83 Storm shower?                 | 92 Football Hall-of-Famer Bobby | 106 Horatian collection                |
| 73 Fires (up)                                          | 84 "Homeland" network, for short | 93 Private meeting              | 108 Put                                |
| 74 "We are always the same ___ inside": Gertrude Stein | 85 Darling                       | 95 Mazda two-seater             | 110 "Gone With the Wind" studio        |
| 75 Nth degree?                                         | 86 Take a turn for the worse     | 96 Fully enjoy                  | 111 Verdi's "O patria ___"             |
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# Berlin Bathtub Race returns Friday evening from 6-8 p.m.

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increase in the number of competitors.

“It started out being original (bathtubs) and they started making them look a little prettier,” he said. “When we first started, we started with small wheels, like a go-kart, and then we ended up with bigger wheels, like 27-inch bicycle wheels.”

Turner expressed a preference for larger wheels, but admitted his multiple award-winning vessel is still in storage for the moment.

“Mine’s in my garage with flat tires and everything,” he said. “I was planning on it this year but I said, ‘no I’ll wait until next year.’”

He said it hasn’t been easy remaining on the sidelines as many people have tried to push him back into participation.

“They asked me to be in it,” he said. “I said I could park it and they said, ‘We want you to be in the actual race.’ I said I don’t know about all that.”

Regardless of his personal participation, Turner was happy to share strategic tips with the rest of the field.

“It takes a pusher and somebody to steer,” he said. “You need somebody as light as you can get them in-

side the tub and a fast pusher and runner.”

He also noted that the competition has seen the competitor pool expand over the years.

“At first, it was just the merchants, but now it’s other people from the community that are joining in,” he said.

St. Amant encourages the increased buy-in and welcomes the unexpected.

“Vast groups of people participate,” she said. “The more flamboyant the participants, the better.”

The race raises funds for the Chamber of Commerce through a 50/50 raffle, with each ticket earning a keepsake.

“Each five-dollar raffle ticket gets a rubber ducky,” she said. “This year we will offer bearded rubber duckies.”

The charitable competition does offer the victorious team at least a badge of honor.

“The winner gets bragging right for the year,” she said.

Describing the day as a feel-good event for all ages, St. Amant offered one piece of advice for those attending:

“Come early and shop,” she said. “Then stay late and get dinner.”

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July 17: Dave Sherman, 2-6 p.m.  
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July 15: Darin Engh, noon to 4 p.m.; John LaMere, 5-9 p.m.  
July 16: Rick & Regina, noon to 4 p.m.; Over Time, 5-9 p.m.  
July 17: Aaron Howell Duo, noon to 3 p.m.; Copper Sky, 4-8 p.m.  
July 18: Nate Clendenen Solo, noon to 3 p.m.; Bob Wilkinson, Joe Smooth & Pete, 4-8 p.m.  
July 19: Paige Stevenson, noon to 2 p.m.; Dave Hawkins & Joe Mama, 3-7 p.m.  
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July 16: Sean Loomis, 2 p.m.; Opposite Directions, 5 p.m.; Groove, 9 p.m.; Bigg Romeo, 10 p.m.  
July 17: Everett Spells, 10 a.m. brunch; Sean Loomis, 2 p.m.; Colossal Fossil Sauce, 5:30 p.m.; DJ Louie T, 9:30 p.m.; Kick It Out, 9:30 p.m.  
July 18: The Klassix, 5:30 p.m.; DJ RobCee, 9:30 p.m.; Laura Lee & Tripp Fabulous, 10 p.m.  
July 19: Zion Reggae Band, 5:30 p.m.; DJ Hook, 9:30 p.m.  
July 20: DJ Greg, 5:30 p.m.; The Long Run (Eagles Tribute), 7 p.m.; DJ Benja Styles, 9:30 p.m.  
July 21: The Pips, 5:30 p.m.; Sons of Pi-rates, 9 p.m.; DJ Groove, 9:30 p.m.

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July 16: Simple Truth/Side Project, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m.  
July 17: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 6:30 p.m.  
July 18: Blake Haley, 4 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 7 p.m.  
July 19: Funk Shue, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
July 20: Karaoke w/DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
July 21: Opposite Directions, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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July 16: Dave Sherman, 5-10 p.m.; DJ Nuke’m, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
July 17: Kayla Kroh, 2-6 p.m.; Kevin Poole, 6-10 p.m.  
July 18: Dave Hawkins, 5-10 p.m.; Johnny Wilson, 10 p.m.  
July 19: Kevin Poole, 5-9 p.m.; Karaoke, 9 p.m.  
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July 16: Klassics, 5-9 p.m.  
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July 16: DJ Cowboy, 10 p.m.  
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July 20: DJ Wax, 10 p.m.  
July 21: DJ Casper, 10 p.m.

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www.ocmickyfins.com  
July 15: Blake Haley, 7 p.m.  
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July 19-20: VJ Mazi, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
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July 18: Rob Fahey, 4-8 p.m.  
July 19: Pat O’Brennan, 4-8 p.m.  
July 20: Island Fusion, 4-8 p.m.  
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July 17: Michael Franti & Spearhead Soul Rocker Tour w/Marc Scibilia Open Act, ticketed event, sold out, 6-11 p.m.; Innasense, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; The Ben-jamins, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
July 18: Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.; Rising Sun Reggae, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Dorothy in Concert, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
July 19: Opposite Directions, 5-9 p.m.; Rising Sun Raggae, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Lu-nasea Glow Party, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Burnt Sienna, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
July 20: Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.; Zion Reg-gae, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; The Rockets, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
July 21: Rew Smith, 5-9 p.m.; Nine Mile Roots, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Go Go Gadget, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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July 20: Joey Harkum of Pasadena, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
July 21: James Gallagher & Off The Boat, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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July 16: The Stims, 4-8 p.m.  
July 17: Bryen O’Boyle, 4-8 p.m.

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410-250-0125  
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July 16: Rick & Regina, 6 p.m.  
July 17: Monkee Paw Duo

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# Ocean Pines to host Junior Tennis Open next Saturday

(July 14, 2016) The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department and Delmarva Beach Tennis will host the Ocean Pines Junior Tennis Open on Saturday, July 23 at the Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex, located at 11443 Manklin Creek Road in Ocean Pines.

This non-sanctioned competitive tournament is offered to current and future high school students. The match format for singles will be eight-game pro sets. Registered players will play at least two matches.

The entry fee is \$20 per person and includes an event T-shirt. Registration forms may be obtained at the Ocean Pines Community Center, the Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex or online at OceanPines.org. The deadline for entry is Wednesday, July 20.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be held on Sunday, July 24.

For more information, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052. Information about additional recreational programs, including an online version of the Ocean Pines Activity Guide, is available at OceanPines.org.

# Friends of OP Library to host annual book sale, July 22-24

(July 14, 2016) The Friends of the Ocean Pines Library will hold its annual book sale on Friday, July 22, from 6-8 p.m.; Saturday, July 23, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.; and Monday, July 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Friday, July 22, sale is open to members of the Friends of the Ocean Pines Library, but participants may join at door for \$5 (individual membership) and \$10 (family membership). Saturday and Monday are open to the public, and on Monday all items will be half-price.

There will be hundreds of books with topics ranging from fiction, biographies, children's literature and memoirs to travel. There will also be DVD's and CD's for sale. All proceeds of the sale will go to support the Ocean Pines Library with goods and services.

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# Snapshots



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## RIBBON CUTTING

Absolute Investigative, Fingerprinting and Security Services (AIS) celebrated its expansion to the Eastern Shore with a grand opening open house and ribbon-cutting celebration on June 22. Joining owner Reggie Przybylski in the festivities were the chambers of Ocean Pines and Ocean City, local business associates, and Delegates Teresa E. Reilly and Mary Beth Carozza. The Berlin location will offer digital and ink fingerprinting; investigative services including domestic, business, criminal investigations; process serving; surveillance and more.



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## CRAFTERS VISIT

Seniors at the Northern Worcester County Senior Center in Berlin show off the visors they decorated with the help of members of the Pine'er Craft Club. The Pine'er crafters visit the center monthly to help the seniors create a craft.



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## GOOD CITIZENS

The General Levin Winder Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently recognized DAR Good Citizens at four Worcester County high schools. Snow Hill High School's Kallie Blakelock receives the DAR Good Citizen Award from General Levin Winder Chapter Regent Patricia Ayers. Other recipients are Kenny Christopher, Pocumoke High School; Allison Jade Shumate, Stephen Decatur High School; and Cassandra Juliet Stevens, Worcester Preparatory School.



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## AMERICAN AIRLINES DONATION

American Airlines recently donated \$100,000 to Coastal Hospice & Palliative Care in tribute to Stephen R. Farrow, retiring chief executive officer of Piedmont Airlines. American Airlines is the parent company of Piedmont, which is headquartered in Salisbury. Farrow is retiring after 30 years of service and selected Coastal Hospice as one of three local nonprofits to receive donations in his honor. He is in his second year of service on the Coastal Hospice board of directors and also serves on the finance committee. Pictured, from left, are Farrow; Alane Capen, president of Coastal Hospice; Kenji Hashimoto, senior vice president of American Airlines; Lyle Hogg, new CEO and president of Piedmont Airlines; and Robert Isom, COO and executive vice president of American Airlines.



KATIE TABELING/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

## MURAL UNVEILING

The second panel of a five-panel mural on the outside of the Berlin Visitors Center debuts during the town's art stroll, last Friday. Children from Worcester Youth and Family worked with muralist John Donato on it.



# Cuisine

## Simple summer snack: chips and salsa

*This column originally ran on July 17, 2014*

As voices echo through our little street, a feeling of summer, fun and family runs through me like an electric current. It's a wonderful thing as a parent to have a flash of memory back to the days of my own childhood; a prevailing feeling of worth as I



By Paul Suplee,  
CEC PCIII

remember the emotions that I attached to certain events in my life and that I now share with my children. Years ago as we played at the water's edge, I was teaching my kids how to dig deep enough to reach the tide line, in essence making your own pool at the ocean. Something that my father taught me in the early 1970s, it was a laughable concept to my friend who was visiting from out of town. He brushed it off as nonsense, but as I taught my kids, you could see bewilderment in his eyes as the bottom of the hole began to fill with water. Move forward a few years and our next scene is our home. I took my kids outside at dusk to teach them how to summon the bats, those ethereal creatures of the night about who has been written enough negative and cruel passages as to fill the scrolls of Alexandria.

Granted, I do not care to keep bats as pets, but as of today I have yet to be overly pestered or bothered by one. The trick, you see, is to take advantage of their lack of sight and their astounding sonar skills.

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Do this at your own risk. I assume no liability if you throw like a New York Yankee and break a window.

Teach your kids how to not catch one of these with their eyes. I suggest safety glasses, although I've never worn them. There, you are warned.

As the tiny projectiles fly up and down, eventually the bats will ping off of them with their impressive sonar system. They will mistake them for bugs and begin going after them. This is not foolproof; there have been a few evenings when we cannot get a single bat to come out. But more often than not, we find about 6 bats dive-bombing the rocks (and in essence, us) to the squeals, screams and laughs of the children. Fear and humor; hardly a better suited set of bedfellows.

Getting outside seems to be one of the greatest challenges for kids these days. The electronic distractions that we have allowed to consume the day make it tricky to get the children interested in things that fascinated us when we were kids. But I have found that simple exercises such as bat-call-

ing work wonders.

Summer is a beautiful time of year in which we get to understand how things grow, the source of our food if you are like us and at least grow a few things, and of course there is no school; well, for the kids there is no school. Taking advantage of this, we can get the kids involved in the tasks of gardening and the wonderment of natural foods.

In our garden we have two tomato plants that are doing a fair job at producing some fruit, and after a trip to Paul Carlotta's Berlin Organics on 611, I was inspired to create a simple, summer snack that was enjoyed by not only me but our 9-year old as well. Had he not helped with the planting in our own garden, I hardly think he would have even sampled the goods.

Get outside and dig a hole; summon the bats. Grow some basil and tomatoes. Do whatever makes you happy. And make sure that you share it with a child, yours or not. It's the best way for them to learn.

### Peach Salsa

makes about 3 cups  
3 fresh peaches, diced  
1 red bell pepper, diced  
1 serrano, diced  
1/4 fresh white onion, diced  
1 fresh, very ripe tomato, diced  
1/4 cup cilantro, minced  
salt and pepper to taste  
lemon juice, to taste

Combine all of the ingredients and season to taste.

Allow to sit under refrigeration for at least two hours.

Taste again, and adjust the flavor. Serve cold or at room temperature.

Serve with freshly fried tortilla chips, on seafood, pork or chicken dishes from the grill.

### Fresh Fried Tortilla Chips

makes 60 chips  
10 soft corn tortillas  
oil for frying  
seasoning blend of your choosing

Stack tortillas in a neat pile, and cut into 6 equal wedges yielding you 60 soft chips.

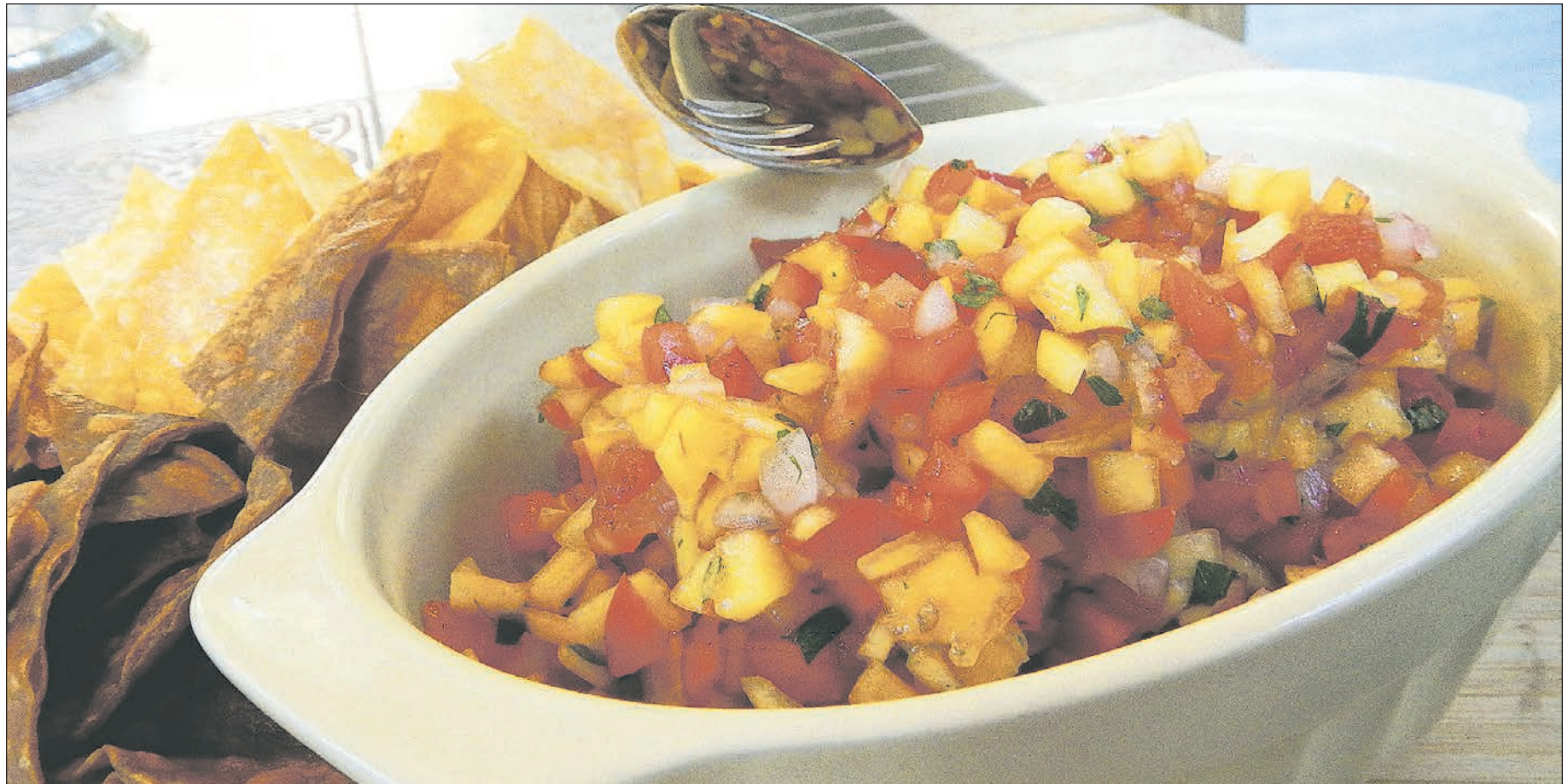
Heat oil to 350, being incredibly careful not to overheat if you are using a pan on the stovetop. I recommend a fryer.

When the oil has reached temperature, add the chips in batches and cook until golden brown. If you use whole wheat like I did for some of mine, don't be too upset if they come out dark. That's the nature of the beast.

When the bubbles have mostly subsided and the chips are crispy, remove to a stack of paper towels and season immediately.

Allow to cool and serve.

— Paul G. Suplee is an Assistant Professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College. Find his ePortfolio at [www.heartofakitchen.com](http://www.heartofakitchen.com).





# Calendar

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## THU., JUL. 14

**NONPROFITS COUNT: THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPACT OF NONPROFITS**  
Hooked Restaurant, 8003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 8 to 10 a.m. A presentation of new research on non-profit employment, philanthropy and the size and scope of the nonprofit sector. Jeffrey Griffin of the Governor’s Office on Service and Volunteerism will share information on the Governor’s initiatives that strengthen volunteerism in Maryland. Followed by networking opportunity. Registration costs \$12. <https://marylandnonprofits.z2systems.com/np/clients/marylandnonprofits/event.jsp?event=2207> )

**LIVING WELL: CANCER THRIVING & SURVIVING**  
Atlantic Health Center, 9714 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. An evidence-based, once a week workshop for those in treatment for cancer, individuals in recovery and caregivers to attend together. Register: Gail Mansell, [gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org), 410-641-9725

**COASTAL HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 11 a.m. Free and open to anyone who has lost a loved one, not just Coastal Hospice families. 410-251-8163

**OCEAN BOWL BASH**  
Ocean Bowl Skate Park, Third Street and St. Louis Avenue, Ocean City, MD, 3 to 6 p.m. Skateboard competitions, music, food and contests. Free skate after 6 p.m. until close. Daniel Reed, [dreed@oceancitymd.gov](mailto:dreed@oceancitymd.gov), 410-289-BOWL

**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

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

**SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHT**  
Sunset Park, S. Division Street and the bay, Ocean City, MD, 7 to 9 p.m. Free concert by “Island Fusion” (steel drums), while watching the sunset over the Isle of Wight Bay. Admission to the park is free, while beverages, including beer, are available for purchase. It is recommended that attendees bring their own seating. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://www.ococean.com>

## FRI., JUL. 15

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO**  
Columbus Hall (behind St. Luke’s Church), 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments for sale, 410-524-7994

**MOVIE ON THE BEACH**  
Ocean City, Beach at 27th Street, Ocean City, MD, 8:30 p.m. Free movie on the beach for the entire family, featuring “Inside Out.” Take a beach chair or blanket. Weather permitting. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

## SAT, JUL. 16

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

**HEALTH AND FUN FAIR**  
Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, MD, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. A free, fun event including kids’ activities and health screenings and information for all family members. Lab draws for cholesterol and glucose require a 12 hour fast. Food available for sale, kids bounce house, face painting and more. Dawn, 410-641-9268

**OCEAN GAMES/SWIM OC**  
On the Beach at Caroline Street, Ocean City, MD, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Featuring three main competitions: “Swim Ocean City,” a WOWSA-sanctioned ocean race; “East Coast SUP CUP,” a unique ocean paddle board event; and “Ultimate Flight Frisbee,” a competitive beach frisbee tournament. Ocean Games’ mission is to raise funds for the Johns Hopkins Brain and Stroke Rehabilitation Program. Jenny Lind

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
VFW, Post 8296, 104 66th St., Ocean City, MD, 8 to 11 a.m. A \$6 donation for all-you-can-eat pancakes or 2-2-2, two eggs, two pancakes and two bacon slices. 410-524-8196

**TERNS LANDING COMMUNITY YARD SALE**  
Ocean Parkway and Alton Point in South Ocean Pines, MD, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The entrance to the community is at Ocean Parkway and Alton Point in South Ocean Pines. Rain date if July 17.

**OP BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATE CONVERSATION AND Q&A**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 9 to 11 a.m. All 12 candidates have been invited and asked to bring printed material of introduction and their positions on various issues.

Candidates will be allowed to ask each other questions and questions will be taken from the floor. All residents of Ocean Pines, eligible to vote in the election, are encouraged to come. Steve Tuttle, 610-368-9919

**‘COFFEE, TEA & CABARET HARMONY’ PERFORMANCE**  
Ocean Pines Community Center, Gym, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 7 p.m. Featuring the Delmarva Chorus. Free homemade desserts and beverages. Door prizes, auction items and 50/50 raffle. Donation is \$10. Tickets: Debbie, 703-300-1288

**OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT**  
William Henry Park, 127 Flower St., Berlin, MD, 8:30 p.m. Featuring “Finding Nemo.” Take a chair or blanket and snacks (no alcohol). Mary Bohlen, [mbohlen@berlinmd.gov](mailto:mbohlen@berlinmd.gov), 410-641-4314, <http://www.berlinmd.gov>

## SUN, JUL. 17

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

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS**  
Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Group is a 12-step program for anyone struggling with a compulsive eating problem. No initial meeting charge. Meeting contribution is \$1 weekly. Bett, 410-202-9078

**‘THE ISLAND BOYS’ IN CONCERT**  
Friendship United Methodist Church, 10537 Friendship Road, Berlin, MD, 6 p.m. No tickets required, but a love offering will be taken. 410-641-2578

**GOSPEL CONCERT**  
St. Matthews By-The-Sea UMC, 1000 Coastal Highway, Fenwick Island, DE, 7 p.m. Featuring “2nd Wind.” Free and open to the public. A love offering will be taken for the artists. Info: Rita Williams, 302-436-1562 or St. Matthews Church office, 302-537-1402

**SUNDAES IN THE PARK AND FIREWORKS**  
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 7 to 9 p.m. For a small fee, enjoy your own ice cream sundae creation. Free live entertainment by Philbilly (modern country) and entertainment for the kids. The evening concludes with a fireworks display at 9 p.m. Picnic baskets, chairs and blankets welcome. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

**OC BEACH LIGHTS**  
N. Division Street and Beach, Ocean City, MD, 9:30 p.m. Lasers, lights, fireworks, music, special effect and more.

Show times: 9:30 p.m., 10 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Free event. 800-626-2326, <http://ocbeachlights.com>

## MON., JUL. 18

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

**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 ADELINE CHORUS**  
Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 7 to 9 p.m. The Delmarva Chorus, Sweet Adeline’s, meets each Monday. Women interested in learning the craft of a cappella singing welcome. 410-641-6876

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS**  
Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 7 to 8 p.m. Group is a 12-step program for anyone struggling with a compulsive eating problem. No initial meeting charge. Meeting contribution is \$1 weekly. Bett, 410-202-9078

**MOVIE ON THE BEACH**  
Ocean City, Beach at 27th Street, Ocean City, MD, 8:30 p.m. Free movie on the beach for the entire family, featuring “Frozen.” Take a beach chair or blanket. Weather permitting. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

**BEACH FIREWORKS**  
On the Beach at N. Division Street, Ocean City, MD, 10 p.m. Free fireworks display every Monday and Tuesday from July 11 to Aug. 30. Fireworks will be visible along the boardwalk. 800-626-2326, <http://www.ocbeachlights.com>

## TUE., JUL. 19

**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, Ocean Pines, MD, 1 to 4 p.m. The Uni-



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versity of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service is offering master gardeners to help with gardening questions. Take your bagged samples by to find solutions to your plant problems. 410-208-4014

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CRAB NIGHT**  
Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 5 to 7 p.m. Crabs and shrimp ordered between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. Platters and other food available. Cash bar. Every Tuesday through Aug. 30. 410-524-7994

**TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING**  
Worcester County Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Berlin group 331. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. jeanduck47@gmail.com

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
Bayside Chapel, 38288 London Ave., Selbyville, DE, 6 to 8 p.m. The theme, “Submerged,” is all about how we can “Dive Deeper into God’s Word.” Games, music, crafts and more. Register: 302-436-7585, <http://www.baysidechapel.com>

**FAMILY BEACH OLYMPICS**  
Ocean City, Beach at 27th Street, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Events include sand castle contests, tug-of-war, relay races and more. All activities are free. Parents are asked to stay with their children. 410-250-0125

**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

**FULL MOON YOGA**  
Assateague Island National Seashore, Berlin, MD, 8:30 p.m. Suitable for all levels including beginners and children, 8 and older. Take a beach towel and meet at the shade pavilion in the south end of North Beach parking lot of Assateague Island National Seashore. Yoga is free but park entrance fees are in effect. outreachAIA@gmail.com, 443-614-3547

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## WED, JUL. 20

**JUNIOR TENNIS OPEN REGISTRATION DEADLINE**  
Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex, 11443 Manklin Creek Road, Ocean Pines, MD, All Day This non-sanctioned competition will take place on July 23 at the Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex, 11443 Manklin Creek Road,

Ocean Pines. Offered to current and future high school students. Match format for singles will be eight-game pro sets. Registered players will play at least two matches. Entry fee is \$20 and includes an event T-shirt. Registration forms may be obtained at the Ocean Pines Community Center, the Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex or online at OceanPines.org. The deadline is July 20. Rain date for the event is July 24. Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052, <http://www.OceanPines.org>

**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>

**FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
28th Street Pit n’ Pub, 2706 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 9 to 11 a.m. Featuring free pancake breakfast, 50/50 raffle, prizes and children’s activities. Donations will be accepted at the door. Proceeds benefit the Believe In Tomorrow’s House By The Sea. <http://www.BelieveInTomorrow.org>

**HYPERTENSION CLINIC**  
Walgreens, 32979 Coastal Highway, Bethany Beach, DE, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268

**STORYTIME IN THE PARK**  
Fenwick Island Town Park, next to the Fenwick Island Town Hall, 800 Coastal Highway, Fenwick Island, DE, 10 a.m. Rick Mikula, the “Butterfly Man,” will make an appearance and presentation. Mikula is considered the grandfather of butterfly farming. Children of all ages are welcome. Attendees will also harvest any ripe or ready produce in the Fenwick Island Town Park vegetable garden and have a chance to taste it. Lois Twilley, 410-251-2120

**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

**DIAKONIA 7TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER**  
Ocean City Golf Course - Seaside Course, 11401 Country Club Drive, Berlin, MD, 11:30 a.m. Registration includes golf cart, Captain’s Choice Scramble, tee gift, complimentary refreshments. Mulligans available. Catered lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. Hors d’oeuvres and cash bar during the final scoring segment 5:30 p.m. Awards presentation, raffle and 50-50 prize winners. Hole-in-one car donated by Sher-

wood of Salisbury. Sign up with a team of four or as an individual. Cost is \$100 per player. To register to play, or be an event team or tee-flag-hole sponsor, contact, Sandy Sribnick, [ssribnick@ren.com](mailto:ssribnick@ren.com), 301-922-4127

**HYPERTENSION CLINIC**  
Walgreens, 37088 W. Fenwick Boulevard, Selbyville, DE, 1 to 3 p.m. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268

**DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB**  
Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., Ocean City, MD, 5:30 to 9 p.m. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the ‘50s, ‘60s and Carolina Beach music. Meets every Wednesday. All are welcome. [dance@delmarvahanddancing.com](mailto:dance@delmarvahanddancing.com), 302-200-3262, <http://delmarvahanddancing.com>

**DELAWARE SPCA BENEFIT**  
3rd Wave Brewing Co., 501 Bistate Blvd., Delmar, DE, 6 to 9 p.m. Family friendly music by OC’s Tig Tignor. Well behaved, leashed dogs welcome. Ten percent of register ring donated to the SPCA. Also, collecting trash bags, cleaning supplies, dog and cat food and kitty litter. Sponsored by the Bearded Men’s Society of Ocean City and 3rd Wave Brewing.

**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. [kbates@taylorbank.com](mailto:kbates@taylorbank.com), 410-641-1700

**BINGO**  
Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 138th Street and Sinepuxent Avenue, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Every Wednesday. Located at the rear of the Fenwick Inn. Doors open at 5 p.m., games start 6:30 p.m. Food is available. Open to the public. No one allowed in the hall under 18 years of age during bingo. 410-250-2645

**CANDLELIGHT LABYRINTH WALK**  
St. Paul’s by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, DeWees Hall,, 302 Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, MD, 7 to 9 p.m. A replica of the 12th century original Labyrinth is available for walking with candlelight and sacred music anytime between 7-9 p.m., every Wednesday, through Sept. 28. Wheelchair accessible. Just off the Boardwalk at 3rd Street. Free parking behind the hall. Info: church office, 410-289-3453 or Penny, 443-880-7608

**THE KRAMERS IN CONCERT**  
St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 7 p.m. Admission is free. A love offering will be received. 410-524-7474, <http://www.TheKramersMusic.com>

**CONCERT ON THE BEACH**  
Caroline Street Stage, On the Beach at Caroline Street, Ocean City, MD, 8 to 9:30 p.m. Free, live entertainment by Bob Loughheed & the Memphis Mafia

(tribute to Elvis). Take a blanket or chair. 800-626-2326 or 410-250-0125

**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 “Frozen.” Take a beach chair or blanket. In the event of inclement weather, the movie will be shown inside the hotel. Ocean City Recreation & Parks, 410-250-0125, <http://www.oceancitymd.gov>

## ONGOING EVENTS

**KIWANIS ANNUAL DUCK RACE**  
Tickets for the Kiwanis Club Annual Duck Race are now on sale. Win up to \$1,000. Cost is \$5 per duck entry or 3 duck entries for \$10. Race takes place on Aug. 26 at Frontier Town Lazy River. Winner do not have to be present to win. Proceeds benefit the club’s youth programs. Call 301-788-1517, purchase at the Ocean Pines Farmers Market any Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the White Horse Park or from a member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City.

**SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE**  
Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, Sundays, 8:30 a.m. Outdoor casual worship service on the church’s front lawn. Take a lawn chair or blanket. In case of inclement weather, the service will be moved indoors. Rev. Connie, 410-641-5194, [wesconnie55@gmail.com](mailto:wesconnie55@gmail.com)

**FREE SUMMER PROGRAMS**  
Boardwalk Tram Station, just north of the Life-Saving Station Museum at the south end of the Ocean City Boardwalk, July 5 through Aug. 27, 10-10:30 a.m. Programs are held daily with a different subject every day. Sandy, 410-289-4991, [sandy@ocmuseum.org](mailto:sandy@ocmuseum.org), [www.ocmuseum.org](http://www.ocmuseum.org)

**YOGA ON THE BEACH**  
Assateague Island National Seashore, Berlin, MD. Held Saturdays, June through September at 8 a.m. and Tuesdays, June through August at 8 a.m. Suitable for all levels including beginners and children, 8 and older. Take a beach towel and meet at the shade pavilion in the south end of North Beach parking lot of Assateague Island National Seashore. Yoga is free but park entrance fees are in effect. 443-614-3547, outreachAIA@gmail.com

**OCEAN PINES PLATFORM TENNIS CLINICS**  
Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex, 11443 Manklin Creek Road, Ocean Pines, every Saturday, noon to 1 p.m. Attend a free Platform tennis clinic followed by one week free trial and a second free clinic the following Saturday. Info: Jim Freeman, 215-704-4592.

**NAACP MEETINGS**  
NAACP meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month. All are welcome. Info: 443-944-6701.



**CALL**  
**410-723-6397**  
**BY MONDAY**  
**5 P.M.**



# MARKETPLACE

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### HELP WANTED

**Harrison's Harbor Watch**  
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Attn: Human Resources Dept.  
10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842  
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### HELP WANTED

**CONDO INSPECTORS NEEDED. 410-723-0988**  
Ocean Resort Golf Club is now accepting applications for **P/T Golf Shop and Cart Attendant positions**. Flexible hours. Computer knowledge is necessary for Golf Shop position. Golfing privileges included. Applicants must apply in person at **Ocean Resorts Golf Club, 10655 Cathell Rd., Berlin, MD**. Telephone inquiries will not be accepted.



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### HELP WANTED

**PT, YR Housekeeping/Inspecting Position.**  
Hours vary. Email resume to [oh@defenderresorts.com](mailto:oh@defenderresorts.com). Call **410-520-0003**.

**OC Hair & Nail Studio - Gold Coast Mall** is currently interviewing **Experienced Nail Techs & Hair Stylists for Full- or Part-time**. Please call for interview **410-524-7606**.

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**HOUSEKEEPER**  
Part time. Day shift. Experience in health care ideal. Interested applicants can apply in person, by fax (410-641-0328) or online at [www.mahchealth.com](http://www.mahchealth.com)

### HELP WANTED

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Save **\$2,630**


STOCK # SUB859

**2016 FORESTERS**

Starting at

**\$22,500**


STOCK # SUB861


**2008 SMART CONVERTIBLE!**  
**\$6,990** Stock# S2230

**2008 HONDA CIVIC LX**  
**\$8,450** Stock# S2265

**2006 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN**  
**\$8,450** Stock# S2288

**2011 CHEVY CRUZE LT**  
**\$8,995** Stock# S2186

**2012 DODGE CALIBER SE**  
**\$10,250** Stock# S2153

**2010 TOYOTA COROLLA S**  
**\$11,250** Stock# S2242

**2013 SUBARU IMPREZA**  
**\$11,995** Stock# S2227

**2013 DODGE DART LIMITED**  
**\$12,400** Stock# S2198

**2011 CHEVY CAMARO LS**  
**\$12,995** Stock# S2290

**2014 JEEP COMPASS LIMITED**  
**\$15,400** Stock# S2216

**2015 TOYOTA COROLLA LE**  
**\$15,500** Stock# S2220

**2013 HYUNDAI SONATA LIMITED**  
**\$17,895**

**2012 HONDA CRV LX**  
**\$17,995** Stock# S2243

**2015 HONDA ACCORD LX**  
**\$19,400** Stock# S2205

**2015 SUBARU IMPEZA PREM**  
**\$19,800** Stock# S2285

**2013 SUBARU CROSSTREK LTD**  
**\$21,500** Stock# S2214

**2011 TOYOTA TACOMA 4X4**  
**\$26,200** Stock# S2206

**2011 JEEP RUBICON**  
**\$29,100** Stock# S2241

**2011 TOYOTA 4RUNNER 4X4**  
**\$27,450** Stock# S2276

**2013 RAM 1500 CREW CAB 4X4**  
**\$28,918** Stock# S2189

**2014 CHEVY SILVERADO 4X4**  
**Save Thousands!** Stock# S2282

**2014 RAM 1500 MEGA CAB 4X4, BIG HORN EDITION**  
**\$29,400** Stock# S2225

**2014 RAM 1500 MEGA CAB 4X4**  
**\$29,477** Stock# S2244

**2014 RAM BIG HORN 4X4**  
**\$30,425** Stock# S2274