

Doug Parks and Dr. Colette Horn elected in Pines

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 17, 2017) Incumbent Doug Parks and Dr. Colette Horn were elected to the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors at its annual meeting, Saturday.

After finishing ninth in a field of 11 last year, Parks received the most votes, 1,912, since Jack Collins received 2,257 in 2013. Horn finished second with 1,647 votes.

Both earned three-year terms on the board. Parks had served for one year as an appointed director, while

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Dr. Colette Horn and Doug Parks speak after learning the election results, Saturday. Both were elected to three-year terms on the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors.

Annual meeting in Ocean Pines does not lack in drama

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 17, 2017) Saturday's annual meeting of the Ocean Pines Association was not without its moments. It saw Doug Parks and Dr. Colette Horn elected to the association board of directors, featured the removal of one man by police, another attempt to remove interim General Manager Brett Hill from that position, and the farewell of longtime director and outgoing Board President Dave Stevens.

Stevens called the meeting to

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Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing, on Monday, gives a guided tour of the new \$2.2 million Berlin police station at the corner of Flower Street and Assateague Road.

First look at new Berlin PD station

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 17, 2017) Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing and architect Tim Crosby of Crosby & Associates led a tour of the new town police station on Monday.

Taking the half-hour walk-through were Mayor Gee Williams, councilmen Thom Gulyas, Zack Tyndall, Dean Burrell and Troy Purnell and town staff.

Unlike the cramped confines of the current station adjacent to Town Hall on William Street, the new space, near the corner of Flower Street and Assateague Road, will include separate spaces for each officer.

Downing highlighted the still in-construction areas that will eventually become rooms for processing, interrogation, evidence, dispatch, record keeping and training. The building will include separate cells for adults and juveniles, as well as a full-service kitchen, training room, gym, and lockers for each officer.

In the current quarters, the room for juveniles is used for multiple purposes, including service as an interview/interrogation room, Downing said.

The building is also features many technical upgrades, including split-level heating and cooling system that Crosby called "min-splits on steroids" with a SEER (Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio) rating that ranges from 28-33. He said normal systems are generally in the 14-16 range.

"It's immensely efficient — it's more efficient than geothermal," Crosby said.

The station will also have a high-tech emergency operations center where planning for hurricanes and other weather-related disasters will take place.

"Instead of having to go all the way to Snow Hill for a weather alert ... or if we have to go ahead and set up for

any kind of evacuation for Ocean City, we'll be able to have our partners come here," Downing said.

He said training for as many as 30 officers could also occur in the space.

"Currently, we have to go to Pikesville for a lot of training because they don't have a place in Worcester County, really, to do a lot of the training," Downing said.

Crosby said the brick exterior design was meant to reflect the flavor of downtown Berlin.

"We think the building fits well on the site and does reflect back on his historic downtown," he said.

The station is engineered to last for 50 years. Downing said police could move in as soon as January or February.

"The guys designed a wonderful building and I think we're going to be really proud of it when it's all said and done," Downing said.



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Architect Tim Crosby talks about the new energy efficient police station in Berlin, and how its exterior was design to reflect the historic downtown.



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Pines resident recovering in Baltimore after accident

Near-fatal car crash last Wednesday at intersection of Route 113, Route 12

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 17, 2017) Ocean Pines resident Kim Poole is continuing to recover at Shock Trauma in Baltimore following a near fatal car crash last Wednesday afternoon at the intersection of Route 113 and Route 12 in Snow Hill.

Maryland State Police said Poole was critically injured after her white Ford Focus was struck by a blue Dodge Durango driven by Brittani Lee Selert, 24, of New Church, Virginia.

Police said Selert was heading south on Route 113 at approximately

2 p.m., when she drove through a stoplight and ran into Poole's vehicle as she was preparing to enter the highway from Route 12.

Poole, who suffered the most severe injuries, was taken by helicopter to Shock Trauma, while her passenger, Gloria Lambert, was taken to Peninsula Regional Medical Center.

Also injured were Selert and her three passengers: Nicole Annetta Parks, a 9-month-old infant and nine-year-old child. All four were taken to Atlantic General Hospital for injuries, according to police.

Poole suffered a ruptured spleen and multiple fractures.

On Monday Maryland State Police officials said charges against Selert are still pending.

Bizarre attempted murder/suicide in Willards, Saturday

Berlin resident shoots man to secure truck, drives off, and turns gun on himself

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(Aug. 17, 2017) Maryland State Police continue to investigate a bizarre incident that occurred Saturday, apparently perpetrated by Evan Gottlieb, 25, of Berlin.

According to police, Blair Ranneberger, 65, of Willards was at home with his wife Saturday night when the couple saw Gottlieb's Volkswagen Jetta pull into their driveway. Gottlieb apparently exited his vehicle and knocked on the Rannebergers' door.

Both of the Rannebergers responded to the knock, when Gottlieb brandished a handgun and demanded the keys to the Ford F150 parked outside. Gottlieb allegedly told the Rannebergers the police were chasing him.

The couple told him the keys were inside the vehicle, according to police, and Gottlieb responded by opening fire, striking Blair Ranneberger four times, according to published reports. He was taken to Peninsula Regional Medical Center, which does not comment on the status of crime victims. State police confirm Ranneberger survived the shooting, as of Wednesday morning.

Gottlieb then pointed the gun at Mrs. Ranneberger, but did not shoot her, and fled in the pickup, police said.

As police answered this call, another call was received a short distance away near Tingle Road in Willards, this time about a submerged vehicle. A tow truck pulled the vehicle from the water, confirmed it was the Rannebergers' truck, and found Gottlieb's body inside.

Gottlieb had suffered a gunshot wound, confirmed to be self-inflicted by the Chief Medical Officer's office in Baltimore, and a handgun was found with him inside the vehicle. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police said the victims and suspect did not know each other, no motive for the incident has been determined and it has been established that no law enforcement agency in the region was looking for Gottlieb.

According to court records, Gottlieb received a speeding ticket in Worcester on Aug. 5, 2017 for traveling at 72 mph in a posted 55 mph zone, but had no other current, pending or past criminal violations on his public record.



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Former Worcester County Commissioner Bobby Cowger, who will take the reins as Pocomoke city manager on Aug. 28, was introduced during the council meeting on Monday.

Bobby Cowger takes reins as new Pocomoke City manager

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 17, 2017) Bobby Cowger, a life-long resident of Pocomoke, has been named city manager, Mayor Bruce Morrison announced during the council meeting on Monday.

Cowger, who has served multiple terms as Worcester County Commissioner and had run the now defunct county Department of Liquor Control, said he sought the position for both professional and personal reasons.

“I was born and raised in Pocomoke,” he said. “I’ve been here all my life.”

Cowger, whose first day on the job is Aug. 28, takes over for former City Manager Ernie Crofoot who left office on July 5.

After graduating from Pocomoke High School in 1976 Cowger worked with his family’s construction business, Cowger Brothers Ready Mix Concrete and Asphalt Paving, for nearly two decades.

“I stayed into that until the mid ’90s and then we sold out to a company across the bay,” he said.

Although the buyers, Aggregate Industries, kept Cowger on board for a bit, he balked when the company asked him asked to relocate from the Eastern Shore.

“I ran their concrete and aggregate

operation on the Eastern Shore for about four year, then they packed up and left,” he said. “They wanted me to go across the bay and work but I wasn’t going to go across the bay and live.”

In addition to personal sentiments, Cowger was reluctant to leave Worcester County after becoming an elected official.

“From 1995-98 I was a county commissioner,” he said. “I got beat one time and then I didn’t run the next time.”

Cowger unseated and then was subsequently unseated by rival commissioner Sonny Bloxom.

“From 1990 to 2010 him and I battled back and forth as county commissioners,” he said. “Sonny and I are still friends...I’ve known him all my life.”

In 2006, Cowger regained his position as commissioner and he served until 2010.

Between his stints as commissioner, Cowger stayed busy on multiple fronts.

“From 2001-2005, I was the director of, at that time ... the LCB (Liquor Control Board),” he said. “In 2005, I decided I wanted to go back into the construction business, which was a bad decision.”

After finishing his second run as county commissioner, Cowger revived a previous role.

“In 2011, I went back with the county
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Feathers ruffled by loud music at Chicken Man

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 17, 2017) Noise complaints surrounding late-night carousing at the Chicken Man Food Store in Snow Hill was the basis for a spirited discussion during a Town Council meeting last Tuesday.

Mark Nixon, a business owner adjacent to Chicken Man’s West Market Street location, said he has spoken previously to town officials about the hours of operation and conduct of patrons.

“Chicken Man stays open until midnight,” he said. “I think my main complaint is he should shut down at 10.”

Nixon went on to explain that a small percentage of Chicken Man’s clientele

listen to music at high decibel levels when they visit the food store.

“During the day it gets a little bit out of hand when I’m sitting in my office and they’re vibrating the windows in the shop,” he said. “One guy rides around in a silver vehicle ... that’s got external speakers and that’s just crazy. He turns them on when he walks in Chicken Man.”

The real issue for Nixon is noise levels after dark.

“My biggest problem is basically from 9 on at night,” he said. “A lot of times I’m in bed at 10 and then at 11 I get woke up.”

Snow Hill Police Chief Tom Davis said, based on previous contact with Nixon, his staff has been responsive to the issue.

“Every shift we have people doing patrol checks there for the specific reasons of noise complaints and letting their vehicles run,” he said. “They’ve made quite a few number of traffic stops ... and written a number of citations and warnings.”

Nixon said the nighttime bursts of bombastic music have been a continual source of frustration.

“You’re sitting there going, ‘are they going to stop and pull away?’” he said. “They’re still there when you call [the police] and all of a sudden two minutes later the car takes off.”

In response to concerns raised previously by Nixon regarding alleged nuisances associated with Chicken Man customers, Sylvester Bratten Sr. said he

spent numerous hours monitoring the traffic flow at the food operation.

“What I noticed was nothing,” he said “But I did notice one thing — somebody sitting in your yard taking pictures.”

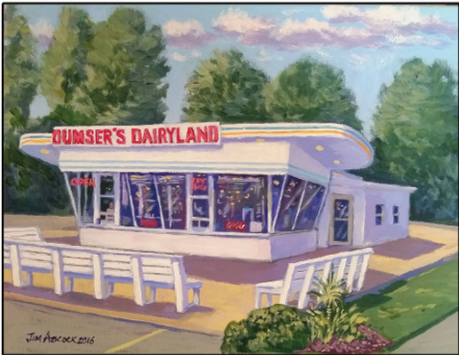
Nixon admitted he has taken time to document the behavior exhibited by a small percentage of patrons.

“About 10 cars go up there with their stereos cranked,” he said. “Most of them get out of the car and turn the stereo up louder, and yeah, I do take pictures of them.”

Bratten argued that Nixon has a personal agenda.

“It’s a nuisance for one person and this one person has been complaining
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NEWLY ELECTED OCEAN PINES ASSOCIATION DIRECTOR DOUG PARKS, LEFT, IS CONGRATULATED BY FRANK DALY AND DIRECTOR CHERYL JACOBS DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING, SATURDAY.

Newly elected candidates focus on work ahead in OPA

■ DOUG PARKS continued
Horn, a practicing psychiatrist, was a political newcomer in Ocean Pines.
Former director Marty Clarke received 1,579 votes to finish third and business owner Nicole Schafer Crosariol earned 1,470 votes.
“I’m thankful that so many people believed in my approach to things,” Parks said. “Right now, rather than celebrate, it’s more along the lines of looking at what we have going that are open issues that we need to address, where do we take some things and get rid of them, meaning we’re going down the wrong path, and the other thing is where do we start anew.”
The priority, Parks said, is getting all the directors on the same page in supporting incoming general manager John Bailey.
“I think that is the first and foremost thing that we have to do collectively,” he said. “I think other things will fall in place based on his leadership and our support of him.”
Parks shrugged off being the top vote getter.
“I think that’s immaterial,” he said. “There was enough people that thought I had at least some great ideas about things and I have to make sure that I deliver for them. The number really isn’t that important.”
After the announcement of the results, Horn said she felt excited and daunted.

“I’ve got some work ahead of me,” she said. “I’m pleased that Mr. Parks was also elected. I think he and I can work well together and I’m looking forward to working with all the other members of the board.”
“We had some differences of opinion on some of the things that happened this year and how they happened, but ... we need to take a fresh start here and reset things,” she added.
A report provided by Elections Committee Chairman Steve Tuttle, 3,491 said ballots were counted. Of that total, 3,485 were counted by Scantron and six were counted manually.
An additional 73 ballots were ruled invalid, including 40 that were marked for more than two candidates.
Five ballots were thrown out because they were left blank, seven were disqualified because they were marked improperly or included comments, four were not counted because they were returned in improper envelopes and one was thrown out because it listed a write-in candidate.
Thirteen other ballots were marked late and not counted.
The new board is expected to call an organizational meeting within the next few weeks to elect officers. The directors present at the meeting on Saturday tentatively set Friday, Aug. 25 as that date.



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order at about 10 a.m., but the clock ticked away until a quorum of homeowners signed in, as the expected heavy turnout failed to materialize on schedule, possibly because of the torrential rains.

About 10 minutes into the meeting, resident Ted Aranow proposed that a motion to remove Hill be added to the agenda.

Director Slobodan Trendic attempted to add a similar motion to the agenda of a regular board meeting last month.

Stevens said Aranow could make a motion from the floor at the appropriate time, but that it could not be officially added to the agenda.

"I would point out that those motions from the floor are in no way binding on the board of directors," Stevens said.

Aranow disagreed and asked to see where, in the bylaws, he was prohibited from adding a motion. Stevens replied that he would show him after the meeting.

"No, not after the meeting. Right now," Aranow said.

Attorney Jeremy Tucker, named parliamentarian during the meeting, sided with Stevens.

"Even if your motion could be made and was added to the agenda, the item would be out of order because the power to remove a general manager rests with the board of directors," Tucker said.

"No it doesn't," Aranow said.

"Under the bylaws it does," Tucker said.

Several members of the audience objected.

"I'm just telling you what the bylaws say," Tucker said. "That power rests with the board of directors."

"This is not a question about the bylaws. If you want to change the bylaws, there's provisions how to do it — and you have to learn what they are," Stevens said sharply.

About a half hour into the meeting, a man came in dripping wet from the pouring rain.

"Hold the phone, folks," he said loudly. "Everybody's getting flooded out and you assholes are worried about french fries at the yacht club. People's homes are getting flooded out, out there. I'm sick of it."

"I tried to deal with it and nobody listens. I'm not taking my turn," he continued. "Let's go. There's people getting flooded."

Ocean Pines Police Lt. Greg Schoepf escorted the man from the building, and in the process a large slide projector was knocked over and thudded loudly against the tile floor.

Stevens, during president's remarks, thanked several people he said were helpful to Ocean Pines.

The meeting likely marked Stevens' last after serving on the board for nine years and during three separate terms.

He thanked Glenn Duffy, who once served as interim general manager, and former Board President Tom Herrick, who resigned from that role last month and recommended Stevens take his place.

Stevens also singled out Hill, adding, "no one in Ocean Pines' 50-year history has over a single year sacrificed personal, family and business life to the extent that Brett Hill has done."

"When he agreed to take the job, he had no idea the search for a new general manager would take so long. I want to thank Brett on behalf of the Ocean Pines Association for the countless, unpaid hours that he has put in, on our behalf," Stevens said.

Since the last annual meeting, Steven said, the board hired a new general manager, John Bailey, and new chief financial officer. Bailey will take over on Sept. 11.

Stevens said the departing board faced serious and unexpected issues at all five of its facilities, including the beach club, yacht club and country club. Because of those issues, the beach club bathrooms were renovated, the interior of the yacht club was overhauled to make it more like the welcoming, community-gathering space it was originally intended to be, and mold, a leaking roof and several other issues were addressed at the country club, he said.

Stevens added two bridges were repaired, playgrounds were renovated or replaced, and several new racquet-sports courts were added. He also said working groups were formed to address information technology, reserves and capital planning.

"I think OPA is on the right track and will continue to get better. And, since this is the last of my nine years on the board, I want to thank everyone who has helped and encouraged me along the way," Stevens said.

Hill, during the annual general manager's report, said membership rates for golf, the beach club, and for nonmembers were restructured under his watch. He said an information technology professional was hired, filling a nearly five-year void, and that several 30-year-old software systems had been updated.

He also touted the hiring of Denise Sawyer and the promotion of Julie Malinowski in the marketing department.

Hill admitted there had been communication issues between the board and the general manager's office.

"We had a very good run for a long time where there was very good communications there, and we've had some struggles now, of late," Hill said. "I hope to bring into this new board a kind of refreshed look at those communications and I the hope that we can support Mr. Bailey ... and come to compromise in solutions for the community, rather than

Ludwig receives Sam Wilkinson Volunteer Award

infighting and disagreements.”

Also during the meeting, Carol Ludwig was presented the Sam Wilkinson Volunteer Award.

Recreation and parks program supervisor Debbie Donahue said Ludwig was a prolific volunteer, serving during Christmas, Easter and Halloween events and singing the National Anthem during many Ocean Pines events. Ludwig is the director of the Delmarva Chorus and ran for the board of directors last year, and she currently serves on the 50th anniversary planning committee.

“This lady is a true asset to our recreation and parks department. I know I can call on her for many things and she will be right there to help — as long as she’s not on vacation, bless her heart,” Donahue said with a laugh. “She’s always willing to help me in any possible way she can and is one of the most pleasant and funny people I have the pleasure to work with.”



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Ocean Pines Police Lt. Greg Schoepf escorts an angry man from the building during the annual meeting, Saturday. The man was apparently upset about flooding and walked in from the heavy rain, soaking wet and demanded to speak.

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Incoming city manager eyes abandoned homes, economy

■ BOBBY COWGER continued [and] that's the year the county took over the LCB," he said. "They were taking it over and were looking for somebody with experience to come in and run that department."

In April 2016, Cowger resigned as director of the Department of Liquor Control after the commissioners rejected his advice to pursue a slower exit strategy from the spirits business to reduce costs to taxpayers.

When Cowger learned of the city manager opening, the hometown connection motivated his candidacy.

"Pocomoke is going through a pretty rough time the last few years," he said. "I said, 'Well, I really think I can step up and do some good and help Pocomoke.'"

Assessing his skill set, Cowger feels he is uniquely qualified to bring improvements to Pocomoke.

"Half of what goes on in the town deals with construction ... or development and I've been in that background since 1976," he said. "There's a lot of politics involved in everything that goes on, so I've certainly got the political background dealing with the county and dealing with Annapolis."

Budget issues are another area Cowger feels qualified to address.

"I'm not an accountant, but I'm definitely a numbers guy," he said. "When I was with the Liquor Control Board, I had a \$15 million budget and 49 employees that I oversaw."

Assessing priorities as he prepares to come on board, Cowger said sprucing up Pocomoke is on the short list.

"The mayor and council are in the process of really trying to start to do a clean-up of Pocomoke," he said. "I've been screaming about that to them since the last time I was a commissioner."

Cowger also noted the excessive number of neglected residential and commercial properties in town.

"There are probably 70 dilapidated or... abandoned houses in Pocomoke," he said. "When you have that, that states drawing drug traffic."

With future development as the long game, Cowger said appearances matter.

"If you ride through and it doesn't give you a very good first impression, why are you going to move your family and your business to an area you don't like," he said.

Examining fiscal considerations, Cowger said Pocomoke could only tighten its budgetary belt so far.

"You've got to generate new revenue," he said. "That's probably my number one priority is sitting down with developers and seeing what can we do to spur growth in Pocomoke."

Fostering mutually beneficial business partnerships is the goal, Cowger said.

"What can the town of Pocomoke do to ... entice you to spend your money and develop here," he said. "We [can] help fast track the permits for them because delays... cost them tons and tons of money."

Although the path is still being charted, Cowger said addressing poor water quality in another primary concern.

"It's going to be a major project but the town has got to step up and do something about that water problem," he said.

As he prepares to take charge of operations in his hometown, Cowger is enthused about the possibilities.

"I don't think there's any question we can get Pocomoke back solid and turned around," he said. "I'm feeling very comfortable and confident about it."

Mayor Dorman to talk to shop owner about noise complaints

■ FEATHERS continued for years," he said. "He didn't want Chicken Man there from the get go."

In fact, Bratten said he has attempted to be proactive in discouraging the behavior.

"I do let the guys know that please don't come up here with that loud music," he said. "So I'm working with you too, chief."

Councilmember LaToya Purnell said she has spoken to ownership at Chicken Man who has made attempts to curtail the contested behaviors.

"I don't know if you've been up there yet, but they did place signs where it's visible to view," she said. "I think they're covering themselves as far as the loud music."

Purnell also confirmed the police have been actively handing out citations for nuisance issues.

"They have given citations because I've heard the complaints about the citations,"

she said. "As far as them closing down [earlier] that's totally up to you Mayor, but we don't have anything else in Snow Hill open. That's the only thing we have as far as a source of food at night."

Purnell said the police have responded appropriately and questioned what level of control store ownership should exercise over customers.

"If 12 is too late ... we should address that, but I think they're doing as much as they can," she said. "They can't walk out there and make people turn their stuff off."

Nixon argued that business owners are responsible for complaints associated with their operations.

"He's responsible for the property and for the clientele that comes on the property, period," he said. "There ain't no questions about it."

Mayor Charlie Dorman said he would discuss the hours of operation with ownership at Chicken Man to see if a reasonable accord could be reached.

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Handful of people show up for Pines' historic vote count

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 17, 2017) An underwhelming crowd of four, including one reporter, joined members of the Ocean Pines Elections Committee and two workers from B. Donald Kimball Inc. on Friday for the first public counting of election ballots in association history.

The tiny contingent of observers contrasted with the dozens of people who gathered in the administration building lobby last year to protest the practice of counting during closed sessions. Some candidates did try to catch a glimpse of the action by peering into the boardroom through its large, glass window.

Apparently, there was not much to see, as John Connell, from B. Donald Kimball, sat at a laptop while another worker fed several thousand ballots into an old Scantron ballot-counting machine.

Members of the elections committee observed, but did not take part in the actual counting, and sipped coffee while chatting with the sparse audience.

Two candidates, Dr. Colette Horn and Nicole Schafer Crosariol, were there for close to the entirety of the roughly two-hour session. Another homeowner, Gary Miller, was there for about a half hour in the small Marlin Room of the community center, which can hold about three dozen people.

Town of Berlin Councilman Thom Gulyas, whose company, ACE Printing & Mailing, handles printing and collection of ballots, was there for about 20 minutes at beginning of the session. Gulyas also separates the ballots from their coded envelopes, which ensures each property is only allowed one ballot.

A handful of ballots were apparently damaged by the post office, and about four dozen were disqualified because they voted for more than two candidates.

Preliminary numbers indicated 7,492 ballots were mailed out and about 3,500 were returned. Roughly 3,485 were run through the Scantron, for a 47 percent voter turnout.

The counting concluded at about 10:45 a.m. and ballots and equipment were taken back to the administration building about five minutes later, presumably to be locked away in a file cabinet until next year.

Elections Committee Chairman Steve Tuttle was given a printout of the results and sealed them in an envelope. They would be announced on the following day, during the annual meeting.

Tuttle, who along with the rest of the committee members were all new this year, said the counting went "pretty well." He was the only one permitted to see the election results on Friday.

Miller resigns, forms adult pool workgroup

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Aug. 17, 2017) Gary Miller, who had been a two-term member of the Ocean Pines Association Aquatics Advisory Committee, announced his resignation from that group during a meeting on Monday.

Miller said his reasons for resigning were twofold.

"During the last board meeting, it was made apparent that I was not appreciated on the committee," he said. "Secondly, which is more important, I am going to be working to form a working committee to raise money and get an outside attorney's recommendation on how to turn the yacht club pool back into adults only. And that would totally be inappropriate for me to do so if I was still on the [aquatics] committee.

"For those reasons, I'm resigning immediately," Miller added.

During a board meeting last month, Director Dave Stevens proposed a motion to remove Miller from two advisory committees: clubs and aquatics.

According to Stevens, the intent was to remove Miller from the clubs committee because of his letters to the editor published in the *Gazette* that were critical of interim General Manager Brett Hill.

"I was asked by the chair of the aquatics committee to remove him

from the aquatics committee as well," Stevens said at the time, although the motion to remove Miller ultimately failed.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Gary Miller speaks during an Ocean Pines Association Aquatics Committee meeting on Monday afternoon, when he resigned from the committee.

Chairwoman Kathy Grimes, on Monday, said it was about the principle.

"It has nothing personal to do with you," she said. "If one person was kicked off of the committee for disruption or whatever the issue was, our committee felt that, on principle, that person should not be allowed to

be on another committee. It had nothing to do with kicking Gary off."

Grimes said she called the other members of the committee, and most or all agreed.

"Regardless, there wasn't anything that I did disruptive to this committee — at all," Miller said. "In fact, I spent a lot of time and effort working with this committee."

"I made it very clear that this was not a 'Gary' issue," Grimes said. "This was a principle issue for anybody out there that is on a committee that gets kicked off of a committee should not be allowed to continue on another committee. That's how this committee felt. It had nothing to do with 'get Gary off the committee.'

"It had nothing to do with you weren't [being] appreciated," Grimes added. "And I'm upset now, Gary, with you because that never came out of anybody's mouth."

Miller, for his part, said that was the feeling he got.

"When Dave Stevens says that he got a call from the aquatics committee chairperson and that person said I shouldn't be on the committee — those were his words," Miller said. "Regardless, if I'm going to be moving to work on trying to get the adult pool back to adults only, it's inappropriate for me to stay on this committee."

When Grimes said no one on the committee was unappreciative of his efforts, Miller responded that no one came to speak on his behalf either. Several members of the club committee did so during the July meeting.

"I think we need to leave it at that," Miller said.

Aquatics Director Colby Phillips said she had only just learned of Miller's resignation. She appeared to tear up before she spoke.

"I'm just upset because the negativity is wearing on me," Phillips said. "We had such a positive group, so to see the negativity now effecting this group is sad."

Phillips added that Miller had done a lot of work on behalf of the aquatics department, much of which was "used like the Bible."

"You're definitely appreciated," she said. "I certainly don't want anyone to leave this room feeling unappreciated or upset because our main focus is obviously what's best for the community of Ocean Pines. I personally think that you did a lot for aquatics, so I thank you for that."

It was also Suzanne Auwarter's last meeting, because of term limits.

"I've been on for six years. I was extended an extra year, so I am officially now off our committee," she said. "It's been a pleasure serving with you through everything that we've gone through."

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PINES PRIDE

Ocean Pines Association Marketing and Public Relations Director Denise Sawyer, left, and Marketing Coordinator Julie Malinowski snap a photo in honor of National #CityHallSelfie Day, Tuesday.



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BERLINERS UNITE

Berlin Councilman Zackery Tyndall and more than a dozen town staff and citizens participate in #CityHallSelfie Day in front of Town Hall on Tuesday.



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AWARD WINNER

Olivia Rorke of Stephen Decatur High School was presented a \$1,000 educational award by Ocean Pines Chapter AK of P.E.O. for her outstanding accomplishments in high school. Pictured, from left, are Sandy Reifsnyder, Darlene Murphy, Rorke, Gloria Eklund and Joann Soult.



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BEST IN SHOW

The Worcester County Arts Council recently announced winners in the juried art competition: "Between Water and Sky." Pictured, from left, are Marina Borovok, Mitzi Ash, Brigitte Bowden, Don Grafer, Dee Brua, Marcy Snyder, Ellen Scott and Kevin Fitzgerald.



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COUNTY RETIREES

The Worcester County Commissioners on June 20 honor those who recently retired from county employment. Pictured with the commissioners, in front, from left, are Public Works Transfer Station Attendant Gloria Shockley (22 years), Emergency Services Communications Clerk II Angela Ainsworth (24 years), Environmental Programs Health Specialist III Susan Hughes (27 years), Public Works Building Maintenance Mechanic III Eddie Wimbrow, Jr. (24 years), Liquor Control Warehouse Operations Manager Charles Littleton (43 years), and Public Works Water and Wastewater Plant Operator III Wally Harris (27 years). Recently retired County Jail Corporal Joan Montana (10 years) and Public Works Maintenance Worker II Willie Cottingham (23 years) were not available to attend the ceremony.



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DONATION

Jamie McNeeley, from the Worcester County Warriors Against Opiate Addiction nonprofit, accepts a check for \$500 from Helen Wiley of the St. Paul's Church Mouse during 2nd Friday in Berlin, last week.

Berlin Bikeways to pedal forward

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Aug. 17, 2017) The Berlin Town Council on Monday approved two aspects of the Berlin Bikeways project: a memorandum of understanding for an easement with the Maryland & Delaware Railroad Company, and a contract for design and engineering work to be done by Davis, Bowen & Friedel Inc.

Planning Director Dave Engelhart credited Mayor Gee Williams for the idea of connecting Berlin Falls park to downtown.

Engelhart said the town applied for a grant through the Maryland Department of Transportation Bikeways program in 2016, and later met with officials from the railroad to discuss a 14-foot-wide easement along the tracks. He said the ideal bikeway was 10 feet of paved surface and two feet of gravel on either side.

"[The railroad] loved the idea," Engelhart said. "Elsewhere in the state where they have abandoned railroad tracks, you have 'rails to trails.' This is the first that would be in the region [with] rails and trails, because the rails

will be remaining."

He said the memorandum would include an access agreement fee for a mixed-use path, walking and biking, at a rate of \$0.10 per paved square foot, along with a reservation fee of \$1,500 broken into three phases. The first phase would likely run from Berlin Falls to Main Street, near the fire company and library.

The access agreement would be an annual expense and could total about \$12,000 upon full build-out, or roughly \$3,000-\$4,000 per phase, while the reservation fee was a one-time expense.

Engelhart said \$30,000 in grant funding, approved in May 2016, would pay for the majority of the \$35,000 contract for surveying, engineering and design services.

He said he anticipated most of the remaining \$5,000 to be paid through in-kind services by the town.

Eventually, Engelhart said the bikeway could run the entire length of town along the railroad, from Route 50 at the north end to Buckingham Lane, spanning a distance of about 1.7 miles.

"I anticipate the path would be shorter than that. It would probably be closer to a mile, maybe 1.4 miles," Engelhart said.

Councilman Dean Burrell asked about the possibility of a bikeway on the east side of Berlin. Williams said he believed the town owned a portion of the railroad there and instructed Engelhart to look into the matter.

Engelhart said additional grant money could be pursued next year for that project, which he said could form a path near the power plant on William Street and eventually cross the highway. He said plans once existed to create a bikeway that traveled all the way to Assateague, and parts of that design could be used.

"We'd have to get across town somewhere and that's the perfect spot, on that old railroad right-of-way, which the town owns from Main Street to William Street," Engelhart said.

Votes to approve both the memorandum and the contract for design work were approved 4-0 with one member, Councilman Elroy Brittingham, absent.

Collision with injury snarls Rt. 113

Southern Worcester County artery clogged as medevac takes man to Shock Trauma

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(Aug. 17, 2017) Commuters in the southern end of the county were hit with a nasty delay on Route 113 Monday evening, as a two-car collision required medevacing one driver to Shock Trauma in Baltimore with non-life-threatening injuries.

State police report a 1990 Chevrolet truck, operated by Kamron Lucas,

30, of Newark, Maryland, was traveling westbound on Cedartown Road when it failed to obey a stop sign at the junction of Cedartown Road and U.S. 113 at around 4 p.m. Monday.

A 2012 Ford F-250 pickup, operated by an unidentified driver and including an undisclosed amount of passengers, was heading northbound on Route 113 at the same time, and struck Lucas' driver's side door.

Lucas' truck was pushed over the southbound lane and came to rest in an adjacent cornfield.

Troopers, who responded to the scene around 4:40 p.m., found Lucas

being treated by Newark EMS and noted that he appeared to be impaired by some substance.

Troopers report they detected the odor of marijuana on Lucas and found suspected marijuana inside his vehicle.

According to police, the driver and passengers in the Ford F-250 were uninjured.

Lucas was transported to the hospital via the state police helicopter, Trooper 4, where he was listed in serious condition on Tuesday.

Charges are still pending, as the case is being investigated.

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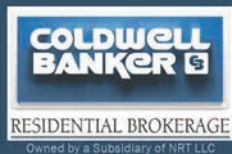
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After months, West Street repairs to wrap

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 17, 2017) The \$426,000 repair of West Street in Berlin was expected to finish this week after several months of work.

Town Administrator Laura Allen said the contractor, Goody Hill, was scheduled to lay roadway fabric designed to reduce cracking and extend the life of the road and then do a final paving.

Construction was budgeted at \$335,900 when it began in March but delays occurred and the project went over budget after the discovery of conflicts with water and sewer lines.

“Waterlines had to be moved and, in the process, we saw some very

poor conditions with sewer lines, sewer laterals and waterlines, so those are being replaced as well,” Public Works/Water Resources Director Jane Kreiter said in May.

Then, work had to pause for about a month to let the initial paving settle before more work could be done. Heavy rains also pushed work back several weeks.

“We’re expecting [the contractor] to lay that roadway fabric on Monday,” Allen said last Thursday. “It should wrap up next week ... that’s the schedule that they’ve been working under.”

That work was delayed on Wednesday because of heavy rains, but Allen said the project could still

wrap this week, “depending on the weather.”

Next, the town will turn its attention to stormwater improvements on William Street, the site of the second phase of a three-phase series of stormwater improvements funded by nearly \$2 million in grant money.

What happens during the third phase, centered on Graham Grice and Nelson streets, depends on how much funding remains.

Last year, the town wrapped phase one, Flower Street, by building a large stormwater retention pond near the multipurpose building, replacing the existing culvert and realigning a large drainage ditch.

Allen said it’s not clear how much

funding will be left after William Street.

“It’s in the hundreds of thousands, but we don’t have a specific number yet,” Allen said. “It’s enough to do some good work, but it’s not enough to do all of the things that we would like to do.”

She said the town would then pursue additional stormwater grant money for planning purposes.

“The last time the town had a study was about 10 years ago, so the next phase of our project is going to be a combination of what we can do on West Street, as well as some planning work on the [stormwater] system to see what the impact of those changes have been,” she said.

Berlin staff, residents meet about Baker St.

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 17, 2017) Five residents attended a public meeting last Thursday about the upcoming repairs to Baker Street in Berlin, according to Town Administrator Laura Allen.

Allen said the meeting went well overall and included specifics on the proposal from engineering firm Davis, Bowen & Friedel Inc. (DBF).

“We got some good questions

about how the property owners are going to be notified, how they’re going to be able to get in and out of their driveways, and I got an email list of the folks that were there and that’s how we’re going to be notifying them, in addition to having the contractor knock on their doors to give them a heads up,” Allen said.

She said some residents had concerns about drainage on Baker Street, which the project will address.

“Portions of [the roadway] aren’t pitched to drain correctly, so what they will be doing as part of this project is fixing that. Drainage should work better as a result, but there is no additional impervious surface that’s

being added,” Allen said.

As for the oyster shell portion of the road, Allen said the town and DBF are doing the best they can. Few, if any, contractors work with the archaic mixture of oyster shell and concrete.

“There are some portions of the cement that are in better shape than others,” Allen said.

“In the areas where we can simply put in a sealant, we’ll do that. The idea is the sealant, over time, will take on the color of the adjacent segment. And then, there are some areas that will need to be cut out.

“From my perspective, there were not a lot of concerns expressed about the cement,” she continued, adding

that whatever contractor is eventually chosen will take a gentle approach to repairing the road, including removing several areas of “slapped down” tar.

DBF finished design work and will handle the bidding process on behalf of the town. Allen said town Wastewater Superintendent Jamey Latchum would help coordinate the project.

“[The residents] said thank you several times, which is really nice,” Allen said. “My assessment is they felt like their questions were answered. I told them we would be moving to go out to bid pretty quickly, we just wanted to be opportunity to show them what we are planning to do, to see if they had any questions.”

Allen said the renovations were estimated to last 60 days and would start at some point after Labor Day. The town budgeted \$200,000 for the project.

‘My assessment is they felt like their questions were answered. I told them we would be moving to go out to bid pretty quickly’
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Henry to join National Wrestling Hall of Fame

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 17, 2017) Former Stephen Decatur athlete and coach Alphonso Henry, 60, is about to join the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.



Alphonso Henry

Henry started wrestling for Decatur as a freshman in 1971 and was captain of the team during his junior and senior years. He was a finalist in the district tournament and a regional qualifier for three consecutive years.

He served as a volunteer, assistant coach, and head coach at Decatur for 20 years, and was an assistant coach at Wicomico High School for three years.

Henry continues to be involved in

the sport, coaching at James M. Bennett High School, where has won numerous championships.

His career includes a stint as a volunteer coach with the Salisbury State Wrestling Club, as well as coaching high school and college-level wrestlers during various summer programs.

Henry will be one of seven inducted into the Wrestling Hall of Fame at a ceremony on Oct. 1. His picture and a biography will be placed on a plaque in the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

"I will be receiving a lifetime achievement award for my time that

I've been coaching and wrestling," Henry said during a phone interview last Thursday.

He said far fewer matches took place when he was wrestling than there are today. During his four-year high school career, he post a 36-14 record.

Back then, only eight wrestlers matched up in the state finals.

"When I came up, it was hard," he said. "At the regionals, I remember we had 36 teams there, and you would pull the top two for that to make it [to states]. These kids today have it easy!"

Henry said the sport started to grow during the 1990s, when many more young athletes became interested in wrestling on teams.

"My biggest achievement, really, is

seeing these kids make it, working hard just to be in the sport and helping them to learn the nature of the sport," he said. "My biggest achievement has been getting to see other kids who are fortunate enough to make it that far to the states and other levels."

He said he was asked to apply for the national honor eight years ago, but felt he wasn't ready.

This summer, he filled out an application for the state hall of fame, which is a precursor for the national honor. From there, his application was forwarded to Stillwater.

Henry remembers the day that letter came in the mail.

"I sat down in a room by myself, looking at the letter to see if I made it or not, and I read it about three or four times before it came to me," he said. "I don't know if I had a cry, scream or shout."

"It means a whole lot. It's a big accomplishment from where I came from," he added.

'I will be receiving a lifetime achievement award for my time that I've been coaching and wrestling.'

Former Stephen Decatur athlete and coach
Alphonso Henry

Pines Public Works working on wastewater problems

(Aug. 17, 2017) Worcester County Public Works Water and Wastewater Division crews are addressing wastewater issues in Ocean Pines caused by high amounts of rain last weekend.

Specifically, crews have spent the past several days correcting problems that occurred when high water flooded homeowners' holding tanks.

Residents who notice that their plumbing drains slowly or hear noises coming from inside the holding tanks serving their properties should contact the WWW Division at 410-641-5251 to report the problems.

WWW crews will continue to address these issues throughout the next few days and appreciate the patience of the homeowners during this time.



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Dr. Byrd tapped for decoy cataloging volume

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 17, 2017) Dr. Cindy Byrd has co-authored a new book cataloging the extensive duck decoy collection at the Shelburne Museum in Vermont.



Dr. Cindy Byrd

Byrd, the executive director at the Julia A. Purnell Museum in Snow Hill, said "Birds of a Feather: Wildfowl Decoys at Shelburne Museum," which will be released next

month, traces its genesis back several years.

Electra Havemeyer Webb founded the Shelburne Museum in 1947. She developed an interest in burgeoning art forms native to America because of the influence of her parents, Henry and Louisine Havemeyer, who amassed an extensive collection of Impressionistic and European and Asian art.

"She was a wealthy lady and her peers were collecting other types of art, and she was really championing American folk art," Byrd said. "She

was kind of ahead of her time in that way."

Initially created as a place to house her family's extensive collection of horse-drawn carriages, over time the Shelburne Museum grew to include 39 historical structures, many relocated from around New York and New England, on a sprawling 45-acre estate.

"Her museum is now well known as a premier museum of America folk art," she said.

The massive decoy collection traces its roots back to 1952, when Joel Barber, a New York-based architect, artist and carver, donated 400 duck decoys to the fledgling museum.

"It became the basis for their decoy collection," she said. "She was collecting all of this folk art and the museum was being created from her collection."

About three years ago Byrd, who at the time worked at the Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art in Salisbury, said her assistance was solicited when curators with the Shelburne Museum sought funding through the National Endowment for the Arts to create an expanded duck decoy display.

"They called me out of the blue, because at that time I was the curator at the largest decoy museum in the country, and asked if I would be interested in working on this project,"

she said. "They didn't have a curator on staff who was specifically a decoy expert, so they wanted a consultant to help."

Since Barber's initial decoy donation in the 1950s, Byrd said the Shelburne Museum has received other collections, including works by masters of the trade including A. Elmer Crowell, Charles "Shang" Wheeler, Albert Laing, and Lemuel T. and Steve Ward.

"They now have a large collection of decoys, not as large as the Ward Museum, but it is a couple thousand decoys," she said.

After securing funding, Byrd said the Shelburne Museum renovated the circa 1830s Dorset House building to provide increased square footage for decoy displays. The first task was to comb through their collection to select the best pieces to exhibit.

"They needed a decoy expert to help them go through their collection and determine what they had and which were their best birds to showcase," she said.

Sorting through and categorizing the massive collection took forethought, Byrd said.

"Were they going to do it by geographical area or by artist or by time period," she said. "Those are all different ways that this could be categorized."

Over several weeks, Byrd helped

identify and catalog each decoy by maker, as well as determining which were the best display pieces.

"It took weeks and I loved doing it," she said. "It was a chance for me to actually see and touch birds that I had only ever seen in pictures."

The diligent efforts yielded two fold results, Byrd said.

"They used that information both to put together the new permanent exhibit in their remodeled building and also to create this catalog of their collection that has just been published," she said.

Byrd, who noted the "Birds of a Feather" exhibit opened earlier this summer, hopes the related book release will serve as a useful tool for decoy enthusiasts.

"There are many decoys collectors and carvers who would love to see it and have a reference book for their shelf at home," she said. "They can refer back to it in terms of carving styles or comparing a bird they find to one in the book to determine its maker."

Duck decoys, which were originally appreciated mainly for function, in time, came to be cherished for form, Byrd said.

"People are now appreciating their aesthetic qualities more than they were in the past," she said. "They were always art, they were also useful, but they were always art."

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Berlin Briefs

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Aug. 17, 2017) The Berlin Mayor and Council discussed the following items during a public meeting at Town Hall on Monday:

Meeting room use policy

The council approved a new policy for its public meeting spaces.

Nonprofit groups can reserve the council chamber and other meeting rooms in Town Hall for \$10 per four-hour block of time. The first six meetings, each year, are free for nonprofits.

All other groups would pay \$25 per four-hour block. Rules for using town equipment and changing the layout of the rooms were included in the policy.

Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen said the policy was essentially a revamped version of the one used by the Worcester County libraries. It will go into effect on Nov. 1.

Decatur Park bathrooms

A motion to approve a Community Parks and Playgrounds grant application for permanent restrooms in Stephen Decatur Park received unanimous consent.

The grant application will be for fiscal year 2019, for \$120,000. The estimated cost of the restrooms is \$133,450. Bohlen said the additional 10 percent cost could be made up using in-kind services provided by the town.

Parking on Jefferson Street

Berlin Police Arnold Downing said the town had received several complaints about parking and accessibility on Jefferson Street. He recommended placing "no parking" signs on the west side of the street.

Downing said residents on Jefferson were consulted and had no issues with the policy change. He said all residents in the

affected area had on-site parking.

The new policy was approved unanimously and will go into effect in 30 days.

Rainouts

Bohlen said alternating weekends of rain throughout the summer had resulted in the cancellation of every screening of the Movies in the Park series, co-sponsored by the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee and the Berlin Parks Commission.

She said organizers will attempt to continue with make-up dates, likely pushing the screening series into September.

Events planning

Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said the clock is ticking on filing paperwork for 2018 events. Under the town's new event policy, all events occurring in the following year must be submitted between July 1 and Sept. 1.

"If you want to submit an event, your paperwork is due Sept 1. We had a slew of people come in today to turn in their paperwork in, which is great, and we are keeping a list of everybody who wants to hold an event in 2018," Wells said.

On a related note, Cam Bunting of Bunting Realty Inc. said there is a rumor the council is trying to limit the total num-

ber of events held each year.

Mayor Gee Williams said that is not true. The town set a limit of six events that include the sale and public consumption of alcohol, but no policy exists that limits the total number of events.

"We're trying to be reasonable, but we haven't set a number," Williams said. "Thank you for the rumor — the rumors aren't true. All I'm saying is if you read it on social media, be dubious."

After hours

Wells said a business after hours event sponsored by the Berlin Chamber of Commerce would be held at Bruder Hill today, Thursday, starting at 6 p.m.

Stormwater successes

Councilman Dean Burrell said heavy rains over the weekend showed off how much town stormwater improvements have reduced flooding, especially in the area of Flower Street.

"That was a wonderful thing to see — taxpayer dollars have been spent, I think, tremendously well," he said.

Burrell, who represents District 4, added that Showell Street is in dire need of repairs.

"Showell Street is deteriorating by the day," he said. "If we could do something with Showell Street I think that would really mean a lot in my neighborhood."

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DNR works to trap foxes on Ocean Pines Golf Course

(Aug. 17, 2017) The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is working to trap and safely remove foxes that frequent the Ocean Pines Golf Club.

To relocate the existing foxes, DNR has set up traps along the course near holes one, two and three, as well as 14 and 15. DNR is urging residents to keep

their pets on a leash in the surrounding area to ensure pets are not snared.

If a pet is trapped, DNR will safely release the pet without harming it.

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

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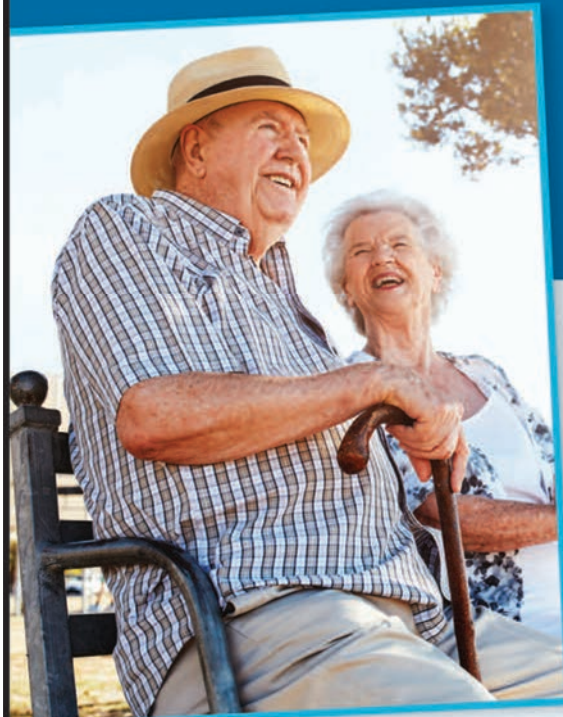

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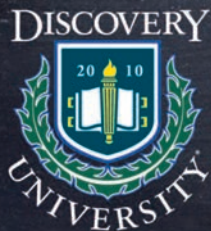
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Opinion

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

Let's change the subject

The inclination to veer away from angry circumstances and volatile topics is strong this week and therefore lands us in Berlin, where, if all is far from perfect, its officials and residents at least continue to strive for a rare level of community harmony and attractiveness.

And what could be more harmonious than an excellent bike path or two connecting various parts of town. The establishment of plans for one to run from the Berlin Falls park to downtown and the consideration of another for the east side of town are not what anyone would call culturally or industrially pivotal projects.

Yet, they represent the town's continuing commitment to do the little things where and when it can to make life more enjoyable for everyone.

Even though these are small steps, they join any number of other improvements that also wouldn't register on Richter scale of wondrous developments to form an increasingly attractive package that has been built layer by layer.

More significantly, however, the town's sustained pursuit of community enrichment illustrates what can be accomplished when officials and residents work together, when civil servants actually are civil, and when individual opinions count but aren't more important than the goal.



“Who knew we bought waterfront property?”

Letters

Thank you to the voters

Editor,

I am writing to express my appreciation to the OP community for the support I received from you during my campaign, and for electing me to your Board of Directors.

I am grateful for the words of advice and counsel I received during the campaign from homeowners and from association members who provided insights from their direct experience of HOA governance.

I am grateful for the many phone calls and emails from homeowners who respectfully challenged me to state and justify my positions on issues they care about, and asked me to articulate my reasons for seeking a director position.

I am humbled by the confidence you placed in me by electing me to help lead and govern our association. I pledge to do my best to help steer our association in a positive direction, and to support the good work of the association employees.

Colette Horn
Director, OPA

Thanks to volunteers

Editor,

The Berlin Heritage Foundation's Peach Festival Committee extends heartfelt thanks to all those who made our ninth annual festival a great success.

We are grateful to all those who donated funds, prizes or in-kind services, volunteered, performed, demonstrated and sold crafts and art, shared edu-

cational information, provided delicious food and beverages, judged pies, dared to join in a pie-eating contest or sport a peach tattoo. We also thank the more than 3,000 people who attended.

Our downtown merchants made Peach Day so much fun. Special thanks go to our major sponsors – Taylor Bank, Williams, Moore, Shockley & Harrison, LLP, Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council and Main Street Berlin – as well as to Mayor Gee Williams, the Council and all the departments working for the Town of Berlin who helped to make this another great community event.

What a festive day in Berlin.

The Peach Festival
Committee

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More than \$5,000 raised during event

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(Aug. 17, 2017) Organizers estimate more than 500 people attended the inaugural Believe in Tomorrow Block Party in Berlin last Saturday and at least \$5,000 was raised for the organization. “People came and went all night long,” said Wayne Littleton, coordinator for the Believe in Tomorrow Children’s Respite Housing Program. “If the weather wasn’t so bad all day, I think it would have been packed.”

It rained earlier in the day, but the sky cleared in time for the Block Party activities. A guest bartending event at Sisters on Main Street evolved into a Believe in Tomorrow Block Party.

“Donna [Sompher, owner of Sisters] deserves a ton of credit and my gratitude,” Littleton said. “We were giving away free T-shirts and at one point all you could see was a sea of orange.”

The inaugural festival featured free activities including live music and street performers, carnival games and performances by Cascading Carlos, taking place on Main, Pitt and Commerce streets.

“I think it turned out awesome,” said Megan Cosman, owner of Patty Jeans Boutique on Main Street, one of the businesses that participated in the event. “[It was great] to see all the volunteers, kids and community supporting a great event and cause. There were a lot of kids and it was eye-opening for some youth in the area to learn about Believe in Tomorrow and how the organization helps critical ill children.”

Twenty-five students from Stephen Decatur High School as well as 15 from Stephen Decatur Middle School were among the more than 60 volunteers



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Several of the more than 60 volunteers gather for a photo during the inaugural Believe in Tomorrow Block Party in Berlin last Saturday.

who helped out during the event, which took place from 6-9 p.m.

“The kids had fun and it was nice seeing families coming together for a good cause,” said Laurie Chetelat, a teacher and advisor for the Connections Club at Stephen Decatur High School. “It was nice to see kids from our community who were recently diagnosed [in attendance.] I am looking forward to the event next year and to see it grow in the community.”

Littleton said the 2018 Berlin Block Party is scheduled for the last weekend in August. He hopes to add activities for pets, games and include additional live animals.

“The kids were great and had a blast,” Littleton said. “It was everything I envisioned and I hope the town was happy. It was a fun night.”

The Believe in Tomorrow facility on 66th Street in Ocean City is open year-round to provide a free

getaway to the beach for critically ill children and their families whenever they may need to escape the stresses of their child’s illness.

Each of the four condos feature kid-friendly décor and paintings with at least two bedrooms, a full bathroom, a fully-stocked kitchen, living and dining room areas.

Last year, Believe in Tomorrow acquired another house on 65th Street, which is just a few steps away from the back balcony of the 66th Street property and renovations are ongoing.

Families can also vacation at the Believe in Tomorrow House in Fenwick Island and House by the Bay on 28th Street.

Fundraisers such as the Berlin Block Party help raise money to provide essential week-long excursions for critically ill children and their families.

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Expanded ‘Chamber Music by the Sea’ series

World-class musicians to grace two homes, pair of churches and one class

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 17, 2017) The Chamber Music by the Sea concert series returns to the area Aug. 29 to Sept. 3, with performances scheduled in Berlin, Snow Hill and South Point.

Soloist Elena Urioste (violin), the artistic director of the series, will be joined by cellist Brook Speltz, violinist Melissa White, violist Milena Pajarován de Stadt and pianist Tom Poster.

Urioste went to school with three of the players and met Poster while performing for BBC Radio 3 in London.

A Philadelphia native, she started playing violin with she was 5, attended the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and did graduate studies at Juilliard in New York City.

Her parents own a second home in the area, where they plan to retire.

“We first came here because my high school boyfriend had a place down here,” Urioste said. “Our families are very close, so his parents brought my parents down a couple of times and they absolutely fell in love with the area. One day they went to an open house and made a very big impulse purchase.”

The chamber music series was expanded from its debut last year, when it was called “Chamber Music in Berlin” and consisted of one concert at Buckingham Presbyterian Church and one house concert in the Isle of Wight.

Initially, Urioste had envisioned a concert series held in barns.

“I had just been to a chamber music festival with this unbelievable, magical barn in the middle of the mountains that was very intricately, acoustically engineered,” she said. “That was my first idea, and I drove around peeking in people’s barns, being a weirdo. Obviously, that didn’t pan out.”

Churches were her second choice, she said, because most include a natural stage area, and most have a built-in audience with their congregation.

“If there is a poster on the church bulletin board, people are more likely to come there than to a barn in a field,” she said with a laugh.

Urioste said she was shocked by the reception the inaugural series received.

“I expected about 40 people to show up to the concert at Buckingham, and I think the total was more like 125,” she said. “I think we filled the whole sanctuary, and this year we’re hoping to do that, plus the whole side room.”

“This year [the series] is expanded

to two church concerts, two house concerts, and a day of educational activities that will ... culminate in a bunch of local, young musicians playing with us at the Friday night concert [at Buckingham],” Urioste added.

Urioste will host a five-hour master class for seven student musicians at Zenna Wellness Studio on 10 South Main Street in Berlin, starting at 11 a.m. on Aug. 31. She said anyone is welcome to observe.

House concerts are scheduled for Aug. 29 and 30 in Snow Hill and South Point, respectively. The series will return to Buckingham on Sept. 1 and travel to the All Hallow’s Church in Snow Hill on Sept. 3. All performances start at 7 p.m.

Urioste explained the thinking behind holding a pair of concerts in people’s homes.

“The definition of chamber music is music originally written to be performed in one’s chambers,” she said. “This idea of a living room concert is really cool because you get to hear all of the intricacies of the music in this intimate setting. It’s a really special thing for both the musicians and the audience, and there are just some really spectacular homes around here.”

She said the program, for the most part, would be uplifting and celebratory.

“There are a few works that are more on the stormy, ominous, darker

side, so I’m excited about that contrast,” Urioste said. “Tom, the pianist, is also a composer and arranger, so he has very graciously arranged a few popular American songs for this combination of instruments. So, we’ll have ‘Moon River’ and some Nat King Cole, and some more little surprises.”

Tickets for both church concerts, \$20 for adults and \$10 for children, are available at all Taylor Bank locations and the Bank of Ocean City, Berlin and Ocean Pines branches, as well as at the door.

For tickets for the house concerts, \$125, contact Melissa Reid at 443-365-0014, Hope Palmer at 443-944-5780, or Jon Andes at 410-641-9061.

All proceeds benefit scholarships given through the Worcester County Education Foundation (WCEF).

Chamber Music by the Sea is sponsored by WCEF and by Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

“We are really excited to be able to have this festival to support, because we feel like it is important to build culture as much as we can here in this area,” Reid said. “While it is a beautiful place to be, it is always important to make sure that people that live in this area have access to all kinds of wonderful, cultural opportunities — and this is a big one.”

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Pocomoke's free concert series to return this Thurs.

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 17, 2017) Pocomoke's Concert in the Park continues today with classic and modern rockers Front Page News taking a second shot at the event.

Lead guitarist Gary Collier said the band was booked to play in Cypress Park last year, but Mother Nature threw up a roadblock.

"We were actually scheduled, and it rained and it poured," he said. "As much as we hated to do it we had to cancel."

Karah Burton Lacey, Pocomoke economic development coordinator, said the town is hopeful Front Page News will make headlines this time around.

"We're hopeful the weather will cooperate this year," she said. "We've already gotten such a positive response from the community about booking Front Page News."

The four-piece rock unit consists of Collier on lead guitar, Mark Ridgway on bass, Aaron Taylor on vocals and Leroy Brewington on drums.

Collier said the band was formed in the summer of 2009 with Brewington taking over rhythm duties in 2011.

"We had played in different bands with each other, but never as a group," he said. "The singer and I had a band several years ago."

Collier said it's often challenging to find likeminded individuals with which to perform.

"It's a tough fit to find people who like the same music [and] who are serious about the music," he said. "We still practice every single week even when we're playing every weekend."

Collier said Pocomoke's free concert series is an ideal event for families to gather and get their groove on.

"It's a great opportunity for people who, normally in the wintertime, can't always take your kids where we play," he said.

Over the years, Collier said the band has developed a simple formula for determining which songs warrant inclusion into their onstage repertoire.

"If the people don't dance to it, we don't play it," he said. "We'll learn a song and if we play it two or three times and it doesn't make them dance ... we take it off the set list."

Still, Collier said the band tries to be receptive to random requests from the audience.

"As long as all of us have been playing, we've probably forgotten more songs than what we actually play," he said. "Occasionally, somebody will holler something out and we've all played it. Sometimes we can pull it off. It may not be 100 percent, but people are tickled to death if you can play something they requested."

Lacey said tonight's concert runs from 6:30-8 p.m.

"We encourage people to bring a lawn chair and pack a cooler if you like," she said. "We also have bleacher seating, and refreshments will be available for purchase."

For more information on events in Pocomoke, visit www.downtown-pocomoke.com.



SEA SERIES

Acclaimed violinist Elena Urioste will perform during the Chamber Music by the Sea concert series, Aug. 29 to Sept. 3 in Berlin, Ocean Pines and South Point. Urioste is also the artistic director of the series.

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Crafts & Treasures returns to SH, Saturday

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 17, 2017) Sidewalk vendors are being sought for the second installment of the Crafts & Treasures event this Saturday in Snow Hill.

Last month the town launched the event, scheduled every third Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and is offering outdoor retail space at no cost along Washington Street.

Snow Hill Economic Development consultant Michael Day said while the kickoff event last month only attracted a handful of vendors, there are indicators that would increase in the future.

“We’ve had quite a bit of calls,” he said. “So we’re picking up some steam.”

Despite the minimal turnout last month, Day said numerous merchants reported a net benefit.

“They were out on Washington

Street ... which makes people stop to see what’s going on and maybe come in and spend some money at some of the other shops,” he said.

Day said the effort to market Crafts & Treasures, as well as Arts on the River First Friday, includes a new partner.

“Betsy Truitt at the Mirror Salon has taken over the Facebook and social media aspect and she’s doing a super job,” he said. “Especially the Facebook page ... I’ve seen a lot of shares.”

Truitt, who has been creating event postings for the weekend events on the “What’s Happening in Snow Hill” Facebook page, said the social media push has brought extra attention — and extra bodies.

“It’s been insane from our side to see how many people are actually interested in it,” she said. “It’s been working amazingly.”

Judging by the turnout for this month’s First Friday, Day said Truitt’s social media efforts appear to be paying off.

“This past First Friday was probably one of the biggest ones we’ve had in a long, long time,” he said. “We had a lot of people walking around [and] even the merchants were tickled with it.”

Truitt said that vendors could post directly to the event listings on the What’s Happening in Snow Hill page.

“All the vendors that are coming, I encourage them to go ahead to post,” she said. “Just ... to let people know ... this is what all you’re going to see that day.”

Day said the large throng of vendors for First Friday filled Washington Street and spilled over onto Green and Pearl streets.

“A lot of them said they did really

well,” he said.

Looking ahead, Day said next month’s third Saturday Crafts & Treasures event would provide an ideal opportunity for cross-promotion.

“In fact, the third Saturday in September is tied in with our Ride to Sturgis bike week,” he said. “We’re hoping that will help bring the bikers into town.”

With innumerable summer travelers passing through Snow Hill for beach destinations north and south, Truitt said there needs to be a reason to stop.

“We need something to draw them in,” she said. “They need something to physically see that there’s somebody on a street corner selling something beautiful.”

To register for Crafts and Treasures, call 443-735-0957 or email day@snowhillmd.com.



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POSTER WINNER

Ocean City Elks Lodge representative Larry Batis presents Worcester Prep fourth grader Lilly Doran a second-place ribbon for her poster entry in the O.C. Elks Lodge Drug Awareness Poster Contest. Head of Lower School Celeste Bunting is also pictured.



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SCHOLARSHIPS

Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines – Ocean City awarded 12 scholarships to Stephen Decatur High School students on May 24. Noah Sperry received the \$2,000 Ray Pugh Memorial Scholarship, Lidia Kappemeier was presented the \$1,000 David Lloyd Memorial Scholarship, Whitney Van Kirk earned the \$500 Al Levine Memorial Scholarship and Logan Gordy was given a \$500 scholarship dedicated to Marcus Page, a currently active long-time member of the Kiwanis Club. There were nine additional \$1,000 scholarships awarded to: Holly Adelhardt, Nicholas Thompson, Asil Omar, Erica Hall, Tyler Keiser, Noah Shockley, Raymond Schockley, Hailey Brown and Megan Corcoran. The recipients are pictured with the Kiwanis Club presenters, President Barbara Peletier and Vice President Dick Clagett.



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TOP READERS

Each year, Worcester Prep students in fourth and fifth grades read books nominated by Maryland’s annual Black-Eyed Susan Book Award contest. Students who read all 10 of the selected fiction books during the school year were rewarded for their efforts. Pictured are students who read these books: Lydia Schwartz, Will Wells, Emma Crivella, Isabella Sapna, Yasmina El Sabbagh, Jackson Fernley, Gavin Riddle, Ryan Mann, Danielle Carr, Arnav Sehgal, Carson Rayne, Moorea Phillips, Rania Khan and Sydney Tingle.

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www.bjsonthewater.com
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Aug. 23: The Girlfriends, 6-9 p.m.
Aug. 24: Bettenroo, 8 p.m.

BIG EASY ON 60

5909 Coastal Highway
Ocean City
410-524-2305
www.thebigeasyon60.com
Aug. 20: Bryan Russo, 5-8 p.m.

BOURBON STREET ON THE BEACH

116th Street, behind Fountain Head Towers Condominium
Ocean City
443-664-2896
www.bourbonstreetonthebeach.com
Aug. 18: Tommy Edward Band, 8-11 p.m.
Aug. 19: David T. Duo, 8-11 p.m.
Aug. 20: Billie Carlin Band, 6-9 p.m.
Aug. 21: Just Jay, 6-9 p.m.
Aug. 22: Charlie Z, 6-9 p.m.
Aug. 23: Michael Smith, 6-9 p.m.; Open Mic, 9-11 p.m.
Aug. 24: Chris Button, 7-10 p.m.

CAPTAIN'S TABLE

15th St. & Baltimore Ave.
Ocean City
410-289-7192
www.captainstableoc.com
Every Thursday-Tuesday: Phil Perdue, 5:30 p.m.

CASINO AT OCEAN DOWNS

10218 Racetrack Road
Berlin
410-641-0600
www.oceandowns.com
Aug. 18: Kevin Poole, 5:30-9:30 p.m.
Aug. 19: Matt Lafferty Trio, 4:30-8:30 p.m.; Monkee Paw Trio, 9:30 p.m to 1:30 a.m.

COCONUTS BEACH BAR AND GRILL

In the Castle in the Sand Hotel
37th Street oceanfront
Ocean City
410-289-6846
www.castleinthesand.com
Aug. 18: Darin Engh, noon to 4 p.m.; Joe Smooth & John Remy, 5-9 p.m.
Aug. 19: Kevin Poole & Joe Mama, noon to 4 p.m.; Funk Shue, 5-9 p.m.
Aug. 20: The Vigilantes Duo, noon to 3 p.m.; Lauren Glick Band, 4-8 p.m.
Aug. 21: Nate Clendenen, noon to 3 p.m.; Bob Wilkinson & Joe Smooth & Pete, 4-8 p.m.
Aug. 22: Aaron Howell Duo, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; The Swell Fellas, 3-7 p.m.
Aug. 23: Lauren Glick Duo, noon to 3 p.m.; Chris Button & Joe Mama, 4-8 p.m.
Aug. 24: Kevin Poole Solo, noon to 3 p.m.; Chris Diller, 4-8 p.m.

COWBOY COAST COUNTRY SALOON AND STEAKHOUSE

17th Street and Coastal Highway
Ocean City
410-289-6331
www.cowboycoastoc.com

Aug. 18: Adam Yarger, 6:30 p.m.; DJ BK, 9 p.m.
Aug. 19: DJ BK, 9 p.m.
Aug. 23: Live Band Beat the Clock Karaoke, Kaotic, 8 p.m. to midnight; DJ Jerry B, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Aug. 24: Ticketed event: Aaron Lewis, doors open at 5 p.m.; DJ Dutch Adam & DJ Bigler, 9 p.m.; Free Bull Riding

DUFFY'S TAVERN

130th Street in the Montego Bay Shopping Center
410-250-1449
www.duffysoc.com
Aug. 18: Bob Hughes, 5-9 p.m.
Aug. 22: Sean Griffin, 8 p.m. to mid-night

DUNES MANOR

28th Street, Oceanfront
Ocean City
410-289-1100
www.dunesmanor.com
Aug. 19: Danny Dolans, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL

12841 S. Harbor Road
West Ocean City
410-213-1846
www.ocharborside.com
Aug. 18: DJ Billy T, 4 p.m.
Aug. 19: Side Project/Chris Button, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m.
Aug. 20: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m.
Aug. 21: Blake Haley, 4-7 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 7 p.m.
Aug. 22: Funk Shue, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Aug. 23: Karaoke w/DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Aug. 24: Opposite Directions, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

HARVEST MOON TAVERN

208 W. Green St.
Snow Hill
410-632-9890
harvestmoontavern@gmail.com
Aug. 18: The Stims, 7-10 p.m.

M.R. DUCKS

311 Talbot St.
Ocean City
410-289-9125
www.mrducksbar.com
Aug. 19: The Klassix, 5 p.m.
Aug. 20: Over Time, 4 p.m.
Aug. 23: Batman, 5 p.m.
Aug. 24: Steve Ports Duo, 5 p.m.

MARINA DECK

306 Dorchester St.
Ocean City
410-289-4411
www.marinadeckrestaurant.com
Aug. 24: Karaoke w/J-Lo, 9-11 p.m.

MARYLAND WINE BAR

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Berlin
410-603-6278
www.themdwinebar.com
Aug. 18: TBA, 8-10 p.m.

MUMFORD'S LANDING OCEAN PINES

1 Mumford's Landing Road

Ocean Pines
410-641-7501
www.oceanpines.org
Aug. 18: Prime Time Band, 6 p.m.; First Class, 8 p.m.
Aug. 19: Full Circle, 6 p.m.; Smooth & Remy, 8 p.m.
Aug. 22: Bryan Clark, 6 p.m.

OCEAN CITY FISH COMPANY

12817 Harbor Drive
West Ocean City
410-213-2525
www.ocfishcompany.com
Aug. 18: DJ Wax, 5-8 p.m.
Aug. 19: Beauty for Ashes, 3-6 p.m.
Aug. 20: TBA, 3-6 p.m.
Aug. 24: Lauren Glick, 5-8 p.m.

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In the Horizons Restaurant
In the Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel
101st Street and the ocean
Ocean City
410-524-3535
www.clarionoc.com
Every Thursday-Saturday: DJ Dusty, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Aug. 18-19: Passion, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Aug. 23: Bryan Clark, 7-10 p.m.
Aug. 24-26: Passion, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Lenny's Deck Bar:
Aug. 18-20: On The Edge, 5-10 p.m
Aug. 21-22: Passion, 5-10 p.m
Aug. 23: Passion, 4-9 p.m
Aug. 24-27: Power Play, 5-10 p.m

OCEAN PINES BEACH CLUB

49th Street
Ocean City
410-641-7501
www.oceanpines.org
Aug. 18: TBA, 3-7 p.m.
Aug. 19: First Class, 4-7 p.m.
Aug. 20: First Class, 3-7 p.m.
Aug. 24: TBA, 6-10 p.m.

PICKLES

706 Philadelphia Ave.
Ocean City
410-289-4891
www.picklesoc.com
Aug. 18: Beats By Jeremy, 10 p.m.
Aug. 19: Sean Loomis, 10 p.m.
Aug. 21: Karaoke w/Jeremy, 10 p.m.
Aug. 22: International Beats By Dutch, 10 p.m.
Aug. 24: Beats by Wax

PURPLE MOOSE SALOON

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Aug. 18-19: CK the DJ/VJ, 2 p.m.; Surreal, 10 p.m.
Aug. 20: CK the DJ/VJ, 2 p.m.; Ready Set Go, 10 p.m.
Aug. 21: Ready Set Go, 10 p.m.
Aug. 22-23: VJ Mazi, 9 p.m.
Aug. 24: Night Train - Guns and Roses tribute band, 10 p.m.

ROPEWALK

82nd Street and the bay
Ocean City
410-524-1009
www.ropewalkoc.com
Aug 18: Sean Loomis, 4-8 p.m.

Aug. 19-20: Bob Brotto, 4-8 p.m.
Aug. 21: Pat O'Brennan, 4-8 p.m.
Aug. 22: Monkee Paw, 4-8 p.m.
Aug. 23: Nate Clendenen, 4-8 p.m.
Aug. 24: Pat O'Brennan, 4-8 p.m.

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In the Quality Inn & Suites Beach-front
3301 Atlantic Ave.
Ocean City
410-289-1234
www.qibeachfront.com
Aug. 19: Keri Anthony

SEACRETS

49th Street and the bay
Ocean City
410-524-4900
www.seacrets.com
Aug. 18: DJ Bobby'O, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; Innasense, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; DJ Mike T, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Gypsy Wisdom, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Bobby'O, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Aug. 19: Cruz-in de Bay, noon to 6 p.m.; DJ Tuff, noon to 2 a.m.; Under the Covers, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Innasense, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; The Zoo, 10 pm. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Bobby'O, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Aug. 20: DJ Bobby'O, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Ticketed event: Pepper & Tribal Seeds Nice Dreams Summer Tour, 5:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Aug. 21: DJ Bobby'O, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Solar Eclipse Party, 1-5 p.m.; Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Bobby'O, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Aug. 22: DJ Bobby'O, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Opposite Directions, 5-9 p.m.; Nowhere Slow, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Bobby'O, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Aug. 23: DJ Bobby'O, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Full Circle Duo, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Bobby'O, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Aug. 24: DJ Bobby'O, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Rew Smith, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; S.T.O.R.M., 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Go Go Gadget, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.

SHENANIGAN'S IRISH PUB AND GRILLE

309 N. Atlantic Ave.
Ocean City
410-289-7181
www.ocshenanigans.com
Aug. 18-19: Dublin 5, 9 p.m.
Aug. 23: Shawn Owen Duo, 9 p.m.

SKYE RAW BAR & GRILLE

66th Street, bayside
Ocean City
410-723-6762
www.skyebaroc.com
Aug. 18: Fat Cat Fish, 4-8 p.m.
Aug. 19: Aaron Howell, 4-8 p.m.
Aug. 20: Bryen O'Boyle from Mr. Greengenes, 4-8 p.m.
Aug. 24: Sean Spiffy Styles, 4-8 p.m.

WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17
Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines
410-208-3922
www.whiskersbar.com
Aug. 18: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey



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Children in Berlin have been painting designs, inspirational messages and pictures on rocks and hiding them around town for people to find.

Rocks roll into Berlin and Ocean Pines, with messages

By Morgan Pilz
Intern

(Aug. 17, 2017) Children in Berlin and Ocean Pines are painting inspirational messages, colorful pictures and designs on rocks and hiding them around their towns for others to discover.

Those who find rocks are encouraged to post a picture of them on the Berlin Rocks and OP Rockss Facebook pages. They can then hide the rocks somewhere else or keep them.

The first rock painting group can be traced back to Renton, Washington, in 2011. There are now more than 500 rock-painting groups across the nation.

Berlin youth joined the movement in April.

"I came up with the idea after a spring trip to Florida and finding [painted] rocks there," Berlin Rocks Creator Stacy Ernst said. "Their group is called Palm Harbor Rocks."

The Berlin group has painted more than 80 rocks, which could still be out there waiting to be found.

At the same time, children in Ocean Pines started to take part in the game about three weeks ago.

"Stephanie Koval and her daughter, Olivia, started painting rocks for fun on a rainy day," Ocean Pines resident Aubrey Sizemore said. "She spoke to her sister [Shari Sudano] and she said her community does the hide and seek rocks. Stephanie asked myself and my two sons [Zane and Jonah] if we wanted to do it. We immediately agreed."

The OP Rockss Club has painted over 150 rocks. Some of them have been taken as far as New York.

Painted Rocks of Maryland, created Feb. 21, collects, paints and hides rocks all over the state.

"I read an article out of Ohio about people painting rocks," PRMD Facebook page administrator Becky Birmingham said. "So I started the page in hopes of getting a few friends together to paint some rocks and drop them in our neighborhood and bring a few smiles. I had no idea just how big it would become."

PRMD currently has over 5,500 painted rock members.

"Thousands of rocks have been

painted and dropped hoping to bring a smile to a stranger," Birmingham said. "We have had rocks dropped as far away as Russia and Bulgaria. People are dropping PRMD rocks in every state. Someone posted a painted rock found in Alaska."

The rocks these groups paint on can be found at stores such as Home Depot, Lowes and Walmart. Common hiding spots are trees, benches, wooded areas, flower pots, pathways, playgrounds and local parks and businesses.

"A few stores have permitted us to put them inside on a shelf," Ernst said.

"We just want to make people happy and get them excited to find one of the rocks," Sizemore added.

Everyone is welcome to paint new rocks and hide them for others to find. Visitors to the area are also encouraged to take part in the activities, and start a painted rock group in their own community.

"[People] should look for them because, well, that's the game," Sizemore said. "We put them in plain sight so you stumble across them. And people should make their own so the game gets bigger and bigger."

"It's important because finding a rock can brighten someone's day," Ernst added. "It's also extra special since our area is so touristy. Some finders take them to rehide in their home town."

One of the objectives of the game is to see how far the rocks can go, if they stay in Maryland or travel to a different state. The main goal, however, is to bring a smile to someone's face.

"It's inexpensive and can be enjoyed by the whole family," Birmingham said.

All three groups welcome and encourage people of all ages and artistic talent to join, but warn about hiding rocks where people cut grass as a safety precaution.

Anyone interested in painting rocks in Berlin or Ocean Pines can contact either group through their Facebook page. Visit Berlin Rocks or contact Ernst at 410-279-6072, or OP Rockss on Facebook. To find the Painted Rocks of Maryland, visit PRMD on Facebook.

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THE MAGIC SHOW

BY ERIC BERLIN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

ACROSS

1 Bit of a Bollywood soundtrack

5 Hawaiian giveaway

8 Home of van Gogh's "The Starry Night," informally

12 Walgreens competitor

19 Greek warrior of myth

20 Person from Calgary or Edmonton

22 Source of material for a baseball bat

23 Magic trick performed at 78-Down

25 Company accountant's responsibility

26 Concern for wheat farmers

27 Nickname for an Oxford university

29 Puzzle-loving group

30 Sugar found in beer

34 Mouselike rodents

36 Sometimes-stinky pair

39 Adds to

43 Agcy. that cares what airs

46 Mauna ____

47 Magic trick performed at 119-Across and 104-Down

49 Burden for Jack and Jill

50 Female org. since the 1850s

52 Lee of Marvel Comics

53 Pals around (with)

54 Coca-Cola brand

55 ____ duck (Chinese entree)

57 "Carmina Burana" composer Carl

59 Grant-making org.

60 Like most doors

61 Followed closely, as a set of rules

63 Best source

65 Feudal vassal

67 Magic trick performed at 123- and 124-Across

71 Word repeated before "everywhere"

72 Online "Very funny!"

73 Basic gymnastics flips

76 Comic Aziz of "Master of None"

79 "Is that true about me?"

81 Movies with big budgets and no audience

83 At the proper moment

84 Simple percussion instrument

85 Greenish-blue hues

87 Musical based on Fellini's "8 1/2"

89 Ready to take part

90 Escape maker

91 Magic trick performed at 55-Across

94 Blue, on some maps: Abbr.

95 Onetime White House nickname

96 Apt anagram of IS A CHARM

97 Eight-line poems

99 Hullabaloo

100 Four-string instrument

102 Kind of jar

105 Crisp fabric

109 Tequila source

113 "Whenever you want"

115 Magic trick performed at 15-, 16- and 17-Down

119 Skinny sort

120 Hydrogen has one

121 Architect Saarinen

122 Swiss and others

123 First name in jazz

124 Bad: Prefix

125 Prohibitionists

DOWN

1 Go gaga

2 Not quite closed

3 Bunch of friends

4 Truisms

5 ____-di-dah

6 QB Manning

7 Arabic for "son of"

8 Advertising icon who wears a single earring

9 Missouri River native

10 Hurt badly

11 Latin years

12 Output of N.W.A or DMX

13 "This ____ test"

14 Herbs related to mints

15 English lengths

16 Baseball's Hank

17 Physicist Bohr

18 Crème ____ crème

21 They can be inflated or shattered

24 Lesley of "60 Minutes"

28 Manipulative type

31 Lane in Metropolis

32 12:50

33 Schindler of "Schindler's List"

35 Officers below capt.

36 Relief carving

37 Shout of pain

38 Talkative birds

40 "Yuk!"

41 Relative of pop?

42 Place from which to withdraw deposits

43 Long tooth

44 Give as an example

45 Wearing, with "in"

48 Prefix with structure

49 Décor of many dens

51 Onetime honor for cable TV shows

54 Mozart title character

56 Part of P.E.I.

58 Some dental work

60 Titter

62 South American monkey

64 Old war zone, briefly

66 Tangled up

68 Ill-defined situation

69 Offspring

70 Front

74 Director of 1957's "12 Angry Men"

75 Looks like

76 Name on some boxes of film

77 Neophyte, informally

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85 Reproves

86 Dweller in a virtual "City"

88 Great Lakes city

91 Greek X

92 J.Crew competitor

93 New York archbishop Timothy

96 Furs from rabbits

98 Got a move on, with "it"

99 "I would ____ surprised"

101 Stand-up comic Williams

102 Like the Spanish nouns "gato" (cat) and "perro" (dog): Abbr.

103 Literary collection: Abbr.

104 Vaccine holder

106 Run away

107 Tumbled

108 Stuntman Kniefel

110 The New World: Abbr.

111 Be inconsistent

112 Book of Mormon book

114 Fannie or Ginnie follower

116 Suffix with dull

117 Small dog

118 Entrances

Cuisine

Don't skirt the issue; let them eat steak

I'm sitting in a small Latin restaurant in Hudson Valley, New York. At least that is how I feel as I read the menu at Our Harvest while grabbing a beer.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

It never ceases to amaze me how food can transport us back in time as it launches our memories that are triggered by certain dishes.

It was 10 years ago when I had my first yuca frita, but as I look at this simple small plate of grilled skirt steak and mashed avocado, I immediately reminisce on a challenging part of my career. It was early 2008, and I was at the Culinary Institute of America for the final round of testing for ProChef Certification. One of the competencies was Latin American Cuisine, and I decided to head out the night before the exam and find a Latin restaurant to pick up a few ideas; to get in the right mindset.

Not able to remember the name of the place, I dug around online and found nothing, so perhaps the place has closed since that memorable evening. All I know is that, while what I had tonight did not have the yuca frita, everything else was a most-refreshing reminder.

I'm reliving the skirt steak, grilled over a roaring fire and served in its juices with a soft, warm-mashed avocado, all drizzled with Chimichurri. But the best part of the dish is what it brings to me, again in the form of those amazing yuca frita, or yuca fries.

Yuca is a root vegetable that is readily available, and one that I recommend you play around with. Having little flavor of its own, it absorbs whatever it is cooked in. To make a yuca fry, you start by peeling the yuca, halving it lengthwise, and then cutting out the tiny core that runs down the middle of the vegetable.

The trick is to blanch the yuca in liberally salted water until it is tender but not falling apart. Draining them on paper towels will help them to steam-out a little, adding to the fluffiness of the interior of the fry in the finished product.

When you're ready to go, simply fry the yuca until golden brown and sprinkle some Brazilian love on top. For this, I make a mixture of salt, pepper, sugar and a dash of cinnamon.

I hope that this dish takes you back



to a time when you may have had something for the first time, whether it be chimichurri, skirt steak, yuca or Latin food in general. I love how food has the power to do that, and I can't wait to see what happens to me next week.

Grilled Skirt, Mashed Avocado with yuca frita, Chimichurri

serves 6

- 1 pound Skirt steak, trimmed of fat and sinew
- 2 cups Serious Mojo Marinade (recipe follows)
- 3 Soft avocados
- Yuca Frita (recipe follows)
- Salt & Pepper, as needed
- Sugar & Cinnamon, as needed
- 1/2 cup Chimichurri

1. Time this with your fried yuca so that it all comes out about the same time
2. Marinate the skirt steak in the marinade overnight if possible
3. When ready to grill, remove the skirt from the marinade and make sure most of it is off the steak
4. Grill very quickly on a high heat to a good medium rare and pull off to rest while you finish the dish
5. When the yuca is in the final stage of frying (reference recipe

below), deep fry at 375F until it is golden brown and fluffy inside

6. Drain on paper towels and sprinkle with a combination of salt, pepper, sugar and cinnamon (you will have to play with the ratio to get it where you want it)

7. Carefully halve the avocados at the last minute – to prevent any browning – and mash lightly in the middle of each plate

8. Top with the steak

9. Serve with your chimichurri sauce, any steak drippings that you may have collected, the yuca frita and a garnish of your choice

Serious Mojo Marinade

makes about 3 cups

- 1 cup Olive oil, any grade
- 1/2 cup Sherry vinegar
- Juice of 1 orange
- Juice of 2 limes
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 1/2 bunch Cilantro
- 1/2 bunch basil
- 1/2 White onion, not sweet
- 8 garlic cloves, peeled
- 3 ea. Jalapeno, seeded
- Salt & Pepper, to taste

1. Combine all ingredients, except the last two, in a powerful blender
2. Puree and then add the salt and pepper to taste
3. Keep refrigerated until ready

to use

Fried Yuca

Enough for six dinners

- 2 Yuca roots
- 2 Tbsp. Kosher salt, for the water
- 1/2 tsp. Cinnamon
- 2 Tbsp. Kosher Salt
- 1 tsp. Ground black pepper
- 1 tsp. Sugar

1. Peel the yuca roots and cut in half lengthwise
2. In the center of the yuca will be a core, so take a paring knife and carefully remove
3. Cut the yuca into four-inch chunks and from there cut into something resembling French fries
4. Bring a pot of water to a boil with the first 2 tbsp. of salt
5. Add the yuca and cook until tender, but not falling apart
6. Remove to paper towels and allow to cool
7. Proceed according to the main recipe
8. Sprinkle your yuca frita with the spice blend and you will have a wonderful addition to your Latin steak

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

Calendar

THU, AUG. 17

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

BEACH SINGLES
Clarion Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 4 to 7 p.m. Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour. Arlene or Kate, 302-436-9577 or 410-524-0649, <http://www.beachsingles.org>

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NAACP MONTHLY MEETING
Berlin Multipurpose Room, 130 Flower St., Berlin, MD, 6 p.m. At 7 p.m., Charles Weaver, Worcester County Historical Society President and Eastern Shore Baseball Association member, will discuss a Snow Hill memorial to honor William Julius “Judy” Johnson’s contributions to baseball. All are invited to attend. 443-944-6701

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

SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS
Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 7 to 9 p.m. Free concert featuring “Eclipse” (Journey Tribute band). Admission to the park is free, while beverages, including beer, are available for purchase. It is recom-

mended that attendees bring their own seating. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

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INDOOR CHURCH PICNIC RESERVATION DEADLINE
Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, Ocean Pines, MD, All Day Indoor Church Picnic to be held Aug. 25. Doors open at 4:45 p.m. Includes dinner and two shows with Radio Airwaves Productions, “Case of The Goofy Groom” and “Ugly Duckling.” Cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 8 years and younger. For reservations call Larry at 443-831-1791 by Aug. 18.

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FISH DINNER
Bowen-Trinity United Methodist Church, 8426 Newark Road, Newark, MD, 5 to 7 p.m. Platters cost \$10 and include flounder filet, mac and cheese, green beans, corn bread, beverage and dessert.

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YUMI HOGAN CLOSERS ART SHOW
Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., Ocean City, MD, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Meet Yumi Hogan, Maryland’s First Lady and wife of Gov. Larry Hogan, as she closes out her solo art show. Her artwork will be available for purchase through Aug. 26. Proceeds art being donated to art therapy programs devoted to helping children with pediatric cancer. 410-524-9433, <http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org>

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Jolly Roger Amusement Park, 2901 Philadel-

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SAT, AUG. 19

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ESA SUMMER SURF SERIES
Ocean City Beach at 46th Street, Ocean at 46th Street, Ocean City, MD, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Events provide amateur athletes with an avenue to international and Olympic competition. Jeff Phillips, 410-430-9149

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

CHICKEN BBQ
St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, MD, 11 a.m. Cost is \$8 for 1/2 BBQ chicken and roll. Sponsored by the Men’s Ministry.

RECREATIONAL SAFE BOATING COURSE
Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, 12320 Ocean Gateway, Ocean City, MD, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary will teach this state mandated, one-day course. The class and certificate are required for boat operators born after July 1, 1972. Learn about safely navigating and piloting local waters, basic nautical knots, trailering a boat, safety equipment and maintenance. Cost is \$15 and includes all course materials. Register: Barry Cohen, CGAUXOC@gmail.com, 410-935-4807

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

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WINGS AND WHEELS EXPO
Ocean City Municipal Airport, 12724 Airport Road, West Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Private aircraft, custom cars and antique military vehicles will be on display. Food, beverages and a variety of craft available for purchase. Admission costs \$5 for adults and free to those 11 and younger. Proceeds benefit the Huey Memorial. Steven Habeger, ocaawingswheels@gmail.com, 443-880-2413, <http://oceancityaviationassn.org>

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FRIED CHICKEN CARRYOUT
Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department, 10709 Bishopville Road, Bishopville, MD, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost for a half chicken (4 pieces) is \$8 and for a full chicken (8 pieces) is \$14. Bake table also available. Call 443-235-2926 for premade carryouts. Proceeds go toward paying for the departments new firetruck.

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SUNDAES IN THE PARK
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 7 to 9 p.m. Bring picnic baskets and beach chairs for ice cream sundaes and live entertainment by Southern Charm. For a small fee, make your own ice cream sundae creation. Children’s entertainment also presented. The night will end with a fireworks display at 9 p.m. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

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MON, AUG. 21

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

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ST. MARTIN’S CHURCH MUSEUM TOURS
Historic St. Martin’s Church Museum, 11413 Old Worcester Highway, Showell, MD, 1 to 3 p.m. Visit Historic St. Martin’s Church Museum built in 1756, 20 years prior to the signing of the Declaration of In-dependence. Guided Docent Tours every Monday through September. Complimen-tary parking and admission. 410-251-2849

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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

BEACH YOGA FUNDRAISER
16th Street and Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, MD, 6 to 7 p.m. The cost to participate is a \$20 donation benefiting Habitat for Humanity. Pre-registration is available at www.coastalrealtors.org. Following the ses-sion, particpnts are invited to join the group for Happy Hour at Surfin’ Betty’s, lo-cated at 16th Street and the Boardwalk. Lauren Bunting, lwbunting@comcast.net, 410-422-9899

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

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BEACH FIREWORKS
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TUE, AUG. 22

SNOW HILL ROTARY CLUB MEETING
All Hallows Church Parish House, 109 W. Market Street, Snow Hill, MD, 7:30 a.m. Guest speaker Cathy Anderson, district rep-resentative on navigating Rotary Central. martypusey@gmail.com, 410-632-2527

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

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CRAB NIGHT
Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 5 to 7 p.m. Crabs and shrimp need to be ordered between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. Plat-ters and other for available without pre-order. Cash bar. Located behind St. Luke’s Church. 410-524-7994

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BINGO
Pocomoke Elks Lodge 1624, 1944 Worces-ter 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

OC BEACH DANCE PARTY
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