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DOWN AND DIRTY

Kenny Corkell and his jeep, Gorilla, makes it a three-peat during the annual Jeep Jam mud pit event in Berlin, last Saturday. Corkell conquered the pit during each of the last two years. He didn't quite make it all the way through this year, but still managed to make it further than any of the other competitors.

Park cleanup price tag prohibitive

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 31, 2017) The cost to return the lagoons at Berlin Falls park to a healthy standard could be more than \$6.7 million, according to a study by EA Engineering, Science and Technology Inc., and the cost to rehabilitate the property's main building could be more than \$2.3 million, based on a study by Davis, Bowen & Friedel Inc.

The good news? A third study by

volunteer scientist group Thriving Earth Exchange found that samples it took showed no presence of harmful pathogenic bacteria on the property.

Project Coordinator David Deutsch and Town Administrator Laura Allen discussed the results of the studies at a Town Council meeting on Monday.

Deutsch said the results of a fourth study on passive park use, by Conservation Community Consulting LLC, would be discussed during the Sept. 11 council meeting. He added the Berlin Parks Commission would be briefed on the studies on Sept. 5.

"We've reached a point in preparing for the development of [the] park where we've received a certain package of data based on studies that [the council has] authorized," Deutsch said. "The notion tonight is to present these reports publicly, hopefully, to get some feedback from [the] mayor and council to give us some direction."

He said the main building had not

been used for more than a dozen years.

"The building is significantly deteriorated, so the question, given the range of potential uses on the property is, what's the condition? What would it cost to rehabilitate this building?" Deutsch said.

He said Davis, Bowen & Friedel sent a structural engineer to examine the building. The engineer produced a "detailed analysis of the condition of the walls, of the roof, of the flooring."

Deutsch said \$2.3 million "gets you a building that, basically, gets repaired ... but it doesn't give you a building that's ready for active use because there's no mechanical, electrical, heating, plumbing systems in place."

As a follow-up, he said the town requested an estimate on full or partial demolition of the structure.

"The ground is valuable for potential future activities, even if you de-

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Doug Parks voted president, Jacobs VP of OPA Board

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 31, 2017) Doug Parks was elected president of the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors last Friday during the first official assembly of the new board.

Cheryl Jacobs was elected vice president, Colette Horn was voted in as secretary and parliamentarian, and Pat Supik was returned as treasurer.

Voting by the board members was conducted by paper ballot, with the votes counted by Michelle Bennett, the association executive secretary.

"I thank my board
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Doug Parks



Cheryl Jacobs



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Workers from EA Engineering, Science and Technology, Inc. take samples on one of the lagoons at Berlin Falls park.



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Major bust at open air drug market

By Katie Tabeling
Staff Writer

(Aug. 31, 2017) Worcester County law enforcement officials are hopeful last week's bust of eight people operating an "open air drug market" in Selbyville, Delaware will hinder heroin trafficking across the border, in Maryland.

"I sincerely hope it does make an impact. It's in our vested interest to make the public aware [of] where our drug problem is stemming from," Sheriff's Office spokesman Lt. Ed Schreier said. "But, we're not going to arrest our way out of a heroin problem. There's a lot more work to be done."

A three-month-long investigation of the Polly Branch Road drug activity led to the arrest of eight people and the seizure of \$51,529 in suspected drug proceeds and 5,596 bags of heroin. Detectives also seized 11.29 grams of marijuana, 3.62 grams of cocaine, 10 suboxone strips and a loaded 9mm handgun.

Polly Branch Road in Selbyville is drug market known by many agencies in Delaware and Maryland, including the Worcester County Criminal Enforcement Team (WCET), which involves police from several county jurisdictions deputized to operate anywhere in Worcester.

During the last year, Ocean City Police officers and county deputies assigned to WCET watched people buy and sell drugs on the back road. Several times, they followed cars registered in Worcester County back over the border and made arrests.

"We've known about this for months, but the nature of law enforcement is that we want to make sure the guys we arrest have been found guilty by a judge and jury," Schreier said. "That requires gathering information and evidence. We can't disclose our investigation techniques."

Agencies including the Delaware State Police Sussex Drug Unit and the DEA led raids on two southern Delaware homes – one within sight of a special education school – on Aug. 22.

Police raided a home in the 30000 block of Frankford School Road in Frankford, which is maintained by 32-year-old Jeremiah Handy and 30-year-old Ashley Drummond. The house is yards away from George

byville, police saw Jayquan Bland, 17, of Laurel selling drugs in a hand-to-hand exchange. Police said he tried to hide a plastic bag that contained 216 bags of heroin when they arrived.

Officers also arrested resident Janie Handy, 28, and seized \$2,938, seven bags of cocaine, eight suboxone strips, and 4.29 grams of marijuana.

Handy was charged with possession with intent to deliver cocaine, maintaining a drug property, possession of suboxone, endangering the welfare of a child and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bland was charged with possession with intent to deliver heroin, tampering with physical evidence, possession of drug paraphernalia, and drug dealing and conspiracy.

Police also spotted a Nissan Altima parked nearby. Detectives talked to the driver, Delane Jacobs, 30, of Selbyville, and smelled marijuana, according to a Delaware State Police press release.

When police searched the vehicle, they found 0.44 grams of powder cocaine, \$612 in suspected drug proceeds and two suboxone strips. Jacobs was charged with possession of cocaine, possession of suboxone and two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia.

A 9-year-old child was present during the execution of the Selbyville search warrant, and the state Division of Family Services was notified, according to press statements.

Janine Handy and Jacobs were taken to Sussex Correctional Institution (SCI); Handy failed to post \$10,500 cash bail and Jacobs is in default of \$1,501 secured bail.

Jeremiah Handy and Drummond were arraigned at Justice of the Peace Court and committed Sussex Correctional Institution; Jeremiah Handy in default of \$126,000 cash bond and Drummond is in default of \$130,000

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Sheriff's Office spokesman
Lt. Ed Schreier

Washington Carver Academy.

During the search, police found 5,380 bags of heroin, 7 grams of marijuana, a loaded Taurus 9mm semi-auto handgun and \$22,979 in suspected drug proceeds, police said.

Detectives also seized \$25,000 in assets from Handy and Drummond's bank account, according to press statements. The pair was charged with possession with intent to deliver heroin, possession of heroin, possession of an illegal firearm, money laundering, and endangering the welfare of a child.

A 12-year-old, found at the scene, was turned over to her maternal grandmother, police said. The state Division of Family Services was also notified.

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Blighted buildings target of Snow Hill restoration project

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 31, 2017) Snow Hill is inching closer to rooting out dozens of vacated and neglected structures as it begins instituting a building registration ordinance approved in 2016.

During its work session on Tuesday the council debated the path forward after mailing the first round of violation notices to four vacated residences on Aug. 3.

Last July the council approved the Vacant and Blighted Building Registration ordinance in an effort to enhance Snow Hill neighborhoods through improved aesthetics and increased property values.

Town Manager Kelly Pruitt said more than 50 vacated properties have been identified and are being evaluated by Code Enforcement Officer Jon Hill.

"This is all about getting rid of properties that diminish the town and the property values of houses they sit beside," Pruitt said. "It affects the whole neighborhood."

The ordinance amended the town code by adding a chapter instituting annual registration and maintenance inspections to review the security of vacant properties.

Properties not registered within 30 days of notification will be fined \$100, which if unpaid within 90 days will become a lien which would be collected, much like real estate taxes.

"If the homeowner doesn't pay the bill we would receive the property and we would own it," she said. "Then it's a matter of what are we going to do with them."

During Tuesday's work session, the first four properties targeted were reviewed. These include: 206 Purnell Street, 300 Purnell Street, 228 East Martin Street and 412 Covington Street.

Pruitt explained that in the eventuality those property owners are unresponsive or unreachable Hill wanted to confirm the councils preferred course of action.

"For the town to take ownership and demolish the cost is \$5,000-\$7,000 per property," she said. "I just want to

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BOAT DOCKING

Teenage water rodeo competitor Hayden Wilson guides "Buck Wild" through the Pocomoke River's challenging current to earn a third-place finish in the small teams division during the annual Boat Docking Challenge, last Saturday.

Widgeon sentenced for felony theft

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 31, 2017) Mark Widgeon, the former Showell Volunteer Fire Department treasurer, will serve five years in jail and pay \$150,000 in restitution after entering a guilty plea to a felony theft scheme in circuit court on Monday.

Judge Broughton Earnest sentenced Widgeon to the maximum of 15 years in the department of corrections with all but five suspended. Widgeon will be on supervised probation for five years after being released.

Lynn Nixon, Worcester County assistant state's attorney, told Earnest the financial improprieties started in September 2009 and continued until 2013, only coming out when Widgeon was sentenced to a year in jail following a fifth drunk driving conviction.

Over a several year period, Nixon said Widgeon had used bank debit cards to withdraw over \$100,000 in cash from fire department bank accounts. Included in Widgeon's spending spree were vehicle repairs, airplane tickets, clothes, gifts and jewelry, as well as lodging and bar tabs from mul-

tiples states.

"He paid for medical expenses and alcohol counseling," she said. "He paid for dating services on the internet."

Nixon said investigators uncovered evidence that Widgeon sent a wire transfer using funds from a fire department bank account to purchase a truck for more than \$19,000 from a vehicle dealer in Texas.

In an attempt to cover his tracks, Nixon said Widgeon changed the address associated with a fire department bank account to his home mailing address.

"I can only characterize it ... as just pure greed," she said. "Living beyond his means and lifestyle ... based on tax dollars and community support."

The long-term theft scheme came to a grinding halt in October 2013 when Widgeon was given a year in jail for his fifth DUI offense.

"At that point he would no longer be treasurer and the books were turned over, or what was left of the books," she said. "He did a relatively good job trying to cover up the tracks he left behind."

Harry Hammond Jr., a three-

decade veteran with the fire department, took over as treasurer in January 2014.

"I was truly appalled by what I found," he said. "It breaks my heart for something like this to happen to our fire department."

Hammond said the financial picture he discovered was bleak, with huge amounts of cash unaccounted for dating back to the beginning of Widgeon's time as treasurer, in 2001, and numerous creditors refusing to extend the fire department credit because of unpaid bills.

"As he took more money the fire department became financially unstable," he said. "It almost caused the doors to be shut for good for the Showell Volunteer Fire Department."

Warren Sinclair, a four-decade veteran with the fire department who was assistant treasurer under Widgeon, said he was stymied in his attempts to lend support.

"He would tell you he never needed anything because I would ask," he said.

Sinclair said he was prepared to quit the fire department unless Widgeon

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colleagues for their trust in me. I pledge to do my best and I'm going to ask for your help as well," Parks said. "I can't do this by myself and I would encourage everybody to share your opinions [and] your thoughts on things, and let's keep that open dialogue going, because that will be our key to success."

Parks was the only nominee for president and was elected unanimously, 7-0. He served for one year as an appointed director and was the leading vote getter in the election last month, when Horn was also elected.

Director Tom Herrick, who nominated Parks, also nominated Supik for vice president and read from a prepared statement as he did so.

"I believe that we need to move forward in a positive manner as a team, and no participants from this past year's debacle should serve as a senior officer on the board," Herrick said. "Ms. Supik has conducted herself in a professional manner. She stayed neutral and nonpartisan throughout her first term. She's earned this position by her actions."

"The association membership wants the divisiveness to stop and this is the best way to get that accomplished," he added.

Jacobs received four votes and Supik received three.

Herrick, during a special board meeting in July, accused Jacobs of participating in a conspiracy to affect the election by encouraging association employees to solicit complaints against interim General Manager Brett Hill. At the time, he called her actions reprehensible.

Jacobs vehemently denied those allegations and said employees had contacted her because she is an attorney and they knew she could be trusted.

There were no other nominations for secretary and the vote was unanimous.

Supik was the only nominee for treasurer and received five "yes" votes, one "no" and one abstention. She served in that role during the

previous board session.

The directors unanimously selected John Viola and Gene Ringsdorf to continue as assistant treasurers, and Bennett to continue as recording secretary and timekeeper.

Jacobs was nominated parliamentarian, but declined. Hill nominated Joe Reynolds and former Director Jeff Knepper, but both also declined.

The directors opted to keep their current legal counsel, Lerch, Early & Brewer, and auditor, SC&H Group Inc., for now. Director Slobodan Trendic said he would ask the board to revisit both during the first regular board meeting.

'I can't do this by myself and I would encourage everybody to share your opinions ... let's keep that open dialogue going, because that will be our key to success.'

Doug Parks
OPA Board President

Trendic added that a bid entered by SC&H Group, Inc. was 50 percent higher than other bids, but that was not disclosed when the board voted in February.

An orientation meeting was scheduled for Friday, Sept. 22 at 8:30 a.m. Supik said she wanted that meeting to include the adoption of a conflict of interest policy, signed by all the directors.

The directors also agreed to a regular meeting schedule for the upcoming session: Sept. 29 at 10 a.m., Oct. 27 at 10 a.m., Nov. 30 at 7 p.m., Feb. 24 at 10 a.m., March 29 at 7 p.m., April 28 at 10 a.m., May 24 at 7 p.m., June 23 at 10 a.m., July 27 at 10 a.m.

Budget meetings are scheduled Jan. 8-11 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A regular board meeting will be held during that period, following discussion on the budget.

All meetings were scheduled in the Assateague Room of the community center on 235 Ocean Parkway.



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Williams to propose advisory committee for Berlin Falls

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cide not to retain the building," Deutsch said. "Those prices should be coming in shortly – as soon as they come in we'll report to you."

Deutsch said Davis, Bowen & Friedel were also asked to provide an estimate of installing new systems inside the building, but cautioned that until the town decides on potential uses, "it's hard to have a lot of certainty about the cost of an HVAC system or a plumbing or an electrical system."

Allen said the EA Engineering and Thriving Earth Exchange studies were done to determine whether a microbiological hazard was present in the sediment. She said initial tests of the water, before the purchase of the property, showed E. coli was present.

"The scientists determined there was no microbiological hazard, so there's no impetus or health and safety need to remediate the ponds. To me this is good news, because the EA report indicated if the town were to remediate all three of the ponds the price tag would be about \$7 million," Allen said.

She said EA was asked to provide a separate estimate to remediate the southern-most pond, closest to the park entrance.

"You might remember the preferred conceptual plan that the council had in place had that first pond filled in with an eye towards having an amphitheater or some sort of entertainment venue being constructed there," Allen said. "EA's estimate is about \$2.5 million to fill in that first pond, but do it in a way that would make it possible to construct on top, so we're not just talking about throwing in some soil."

Allen said the reports were not recommendations, but rather part of the process of gathering information.

Mayor Gee Williams said he was pleased there was no microbiological hazard present and called the property a "truly remarkable and beautiful location." He said initial use of the park was intended for passive use, adding, "The water is to be admired,"

but not necessarily interacted with.

As for eventual development, Williams said the town was still "at the beginning of the beginning" and he planned to propose an advisory committee of both elected officials and private citizens, possibly during the next few weeks.

"Yes, it's ambitious and I know there are some people who think ... very small. This town did not get where it is by accepting what everybody else says is possible," Williams said.

He called the park a "generational project ... that will evolve with the community and the interest of the community."

"Youngsters in our community today will be playing a role and making decisions about future uses of this park," Williams said. "As exciting as this project, I believe, is, we're not going to set any artificial deadlines just because we want to see something happen right away."

Councilman Dean Burrell said he was thrilled with news of an advisory committee.

"We have preliminary numbers that can help drive these decisions of what and how that facility is going to be used, and when it's going to be," he said. "And I'm glad the mayor is going to take the initiative to develop this [committee] because what we want to do is in response to the people of Berlin."

"We don't want this to be my vision or Gee's vision or Troy's [Purnell] vision – we want this park to be a vision of Berlin," Burrell continued. "The more people that come and share their aspirations and just what they think will give us that much better information to make decisions that will be long lasting and we hope, for the Town of Berlin, life lasting."

He asked for those called on to participate on the committee to put aside their own aspirations and "come with ideas and suggestions that will not necessarily benefit you as an individual, but Berlin as a whole."

To view the studies, visit www.berlinmd.gov/6072-2.

Missing woman found dead

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(Aug. 31, 2017) Last Wednesday morning around 11 a.m., Jacqueline Yvonne Richards, 77, was reported missing from a residence in West Ocean City, and by 4:21 p.m. her body had been located in Ocean Pines.

Deputies and investigators initiated a search in response to the complaint, scouring the north end of the county for signs of the elderly woman.

Around 4:30 p.m. that same day, Worcester Bureau of Investigation personnel learned a deceased female was found in the pond at the 14.3-acre

Bainbridge Park in Ocean Pines.

OPPD responded to the scene and found Richards' vehicle in the parking lot.

After removing the body from the water, Richards' identity was confirmed.

According to police, there were not signs of trauma or foul play.

Richards was transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Baltimore for autopsy.

The investigation is ongoing, and people with pertinent information are invited to call the Worcester County's Sheriff's Office at 410-632-1111.

Thousands of bags of heroin seized at Delaware drug raid

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secured bond.

Bland was taken to Stevenson House Detention Center after failing to post \$12,250 cash bail.

The following people were also charged:

- Phillip Michael Smith, 29, of Frankford, was charged with drug dealing. He was arraigned at Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to SCI in default of \$50,000 cash bond.
- David M. Mitchell Jr., 25, of Selbyville, was charged with drug dealing and second-degree conspiracy. He was arraigned at Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to SCI in default of \$22,253 secured bond.
- Tycere Bryant, 17, of Selbyville, was charged with drug dealing. He was arraigned at Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to the Stevenson House Detention Center in default of \$20,000 secured bond.
- In addition to the eight arrests, police said they are still searching for six other suspects:
- Frederick M. Lynch, 23, of Georgetown, charged with drug dealing.
- Deshawn C. Handy, 34, of Selbyville, charged with two counts of drug dealing.
- Edward L. Collick, 28, of Greenwood, charged with drug dealing.
- Cornell V. Gray, 33, of Greenwood, charged with drug dealing.
- Timothy E. Sample, 28, of Milville, charged with drug dealing and conspiracy.
- Jhajuanye Q. Johnson, 23, of Selbyville, charged with drug dealing and conspiracy.

Those with information on any of the suspects are encouraged to contact Delaware State Police Sgt. M. Dawson at 302-752-3815. Tips can also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, or visiting www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

County offices closed for Labor Day

(Aug. 31, 2017) Worcester County Government offices, including all five branch libraries, the Central Landfill in Newark, Homeowner Convenience Centers, and Recreation and Parks, will be closed Monday, Sept. 4, for the Labor Day holiday. WCG offices will resume standard operating hours on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

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Judge: theft from nonprofit ‘effects ... whole community’

■ WIDGEON continued

was held accountable for his actions.

“I’m not going to be part of an organization that doesn’t have anything done when someone steals from us,” he said. “Whatever he gets is not good enough for me.”

Widgeon’s attorney, Cullen Burke, said he advised his client to refrain from apologizing while criminal charges were pending to avoid self-incrimination.

“Mark has wanted to apologize [and] he shed tears in my office,” he said. “He’s been prepared to fall on his sword the entire time.”

Burke also implored Earnest to consider the turmoil Widgeon went through while explaining his actions to his employer, wife and family.

“Any sentence we can fashion here ... can’t be any worse than having to tell your kids I did something bad,” he said.

Burke also said as a member of a tight-knit community, the court of public opinion has already punished Widgeon.

“You live in a small town,” he said. “When you go sideways everybody knows it.”

Speaking prior to sentencing, Widgeon became misty eyed as he characterized himself as a “lost person.”

“It’s almost a blur now,” he said. “When I look back it’s trying to have things I couldn’t and be someone I couldn’t be.”

In considering sentencing, Earnest said while Widgeon does not present a physical danger to the community, there is a clear and present danger of another sort.

“The organization that provided the keys to the coffers was a nonprofit,” he said. “The harm is more diffuse because it effects the whole community.”

Based on the wealth of examples indicating the wide array of spending undertaken by Widgeon, Earnest said he had to side with the state’s argument.

“It’s one thing to take money for food to eat,” he said. “I’m inclined to agree with the state this was greed.”

Among the numerous aggravating and mitigating circumstances Earnest cited were the length of time involved in the theft scheme.

“One of the ironies ... a man who apparently had an alcohol problem of a serious nature and he steals money to pay for his alcohol treatment,” he said. “If that’s not ironic I don’t know what is.”

Widgeon, who handed over a check for \$57,000 in court towards \$150,000 in restitution, has until Nov. 30 to pay the remaining \$93,000 balance.

Widgeon was also ordered to write a letter of apology to the Showell Volunteer Fire Department.

He can apply for a reconsideration of sentencing after restitution is paid in full. Burke indicated to the court his client would file a motion to modify the sentence within 90 days.

Snow Hill eyeing 50 buildings for possible demolition, resale

■ BLIGHTED continued

know that you are comfortable with us ultimately demolishing these properties at our cost and taking ownership of them.”

The Martin Street property is owned by Snow Hill-based JFD Rentals and managed by Theresa Featham. In light of the violation Featham has scheduled a meeting with town officials next week to discuss, in total, three properties owned by her employer.

The remaining owners issued notices have thus far failed to contact the town, with Pruitt noting two of the properties have previous tax liens from Worcester County.

Mayor Charlie Dorman, while admitting there are few guarantees with real estate transactions, had minimal reservations with moving forward to eventually demolish properties not complying with housing violation notices.

“If we can sell it we don’t know,” he said. “The markets out there if lots are cleared.”

Further discussion ensued with councilmembers Alison Cook and LaToya Purnell expressing support for the end goal, but also concerns over recouping costs.

“We have to do something,” Cook said.

Appreciating the fiscal concerns, Dorman suggested taking a closer look.

“Why don’t we hold off until everybody gets a chance to look at them,” he said. “We can all agree they need to come down.”

The council agreed to revisit the topic at an upcoming meeting after researching the properties further.

There is no fee for property owners to register within 30 days of receiving notification from town officials regarding structures deemed to be abandoned.

The registration form has to include: the property address, name and contact information for all associated owners, a property plan and an assigned local agent if owners reside more than 50 miles outside of Snow Hill.

Jon Hill, who took the reins as code enforcement officer in Snow Hill this January, said, in an earlier interview, he is starting to address the issue.

“We’ve got to work to improve property values by either improving or demolishing these structures,” he said. “We have a lot of absentee landlords where properties just sit and it’s impossible in some cases to get in touch with the owners.”



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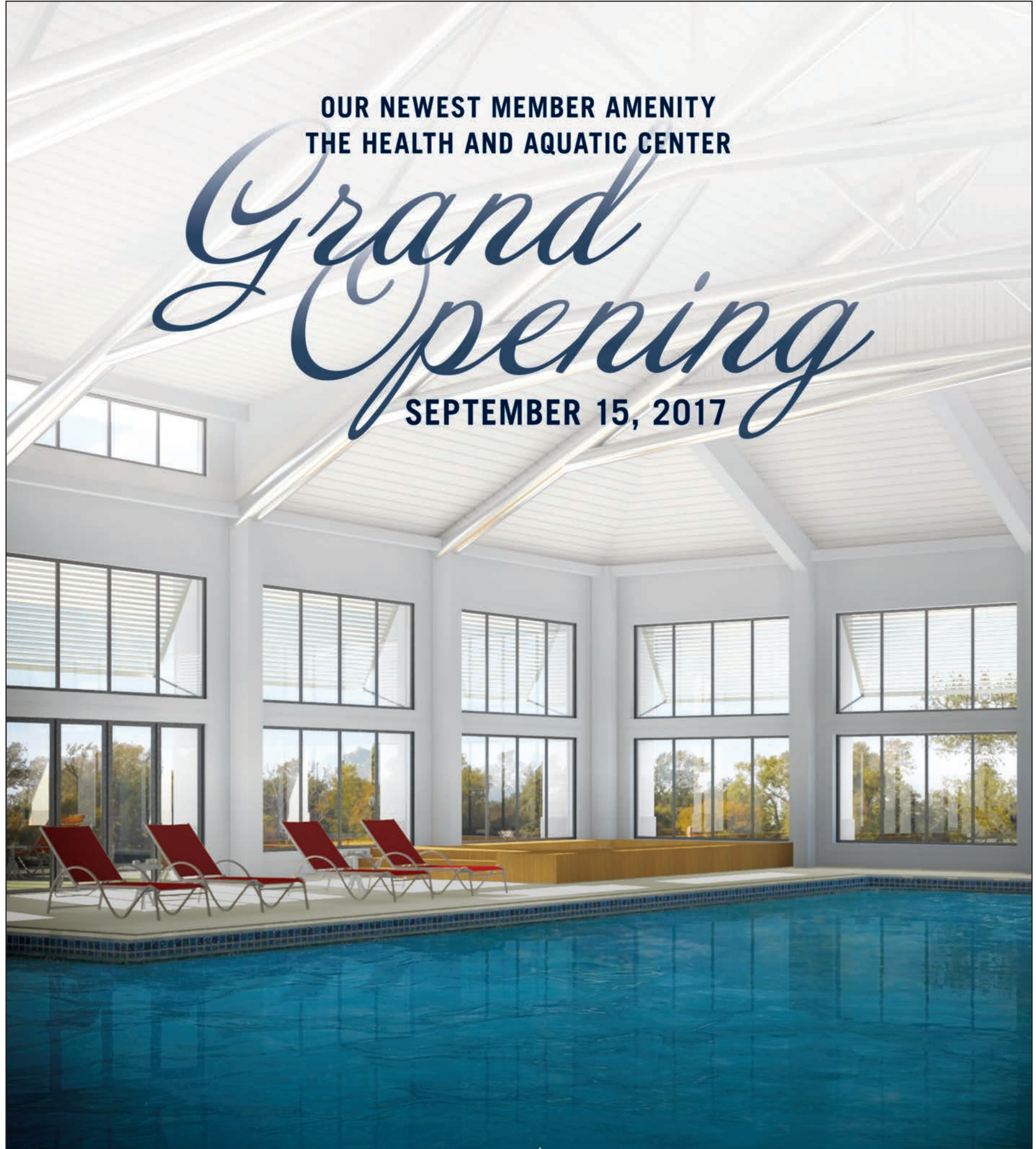


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Appeal to decide Pocomoke Shore Spirits pushed back

By **Brian Gilliland**
Associate Editor

(Aug. 31, 2017) An appeal of the decision to award a liquor license allowing the sale of beer, wine and spirits at the former county Shore Spirits in Pocomoke City was been delayed from today, Aug. 31, until at least late November according to court records.

The Board of License Commissioners, the local branch of the state agency charged with, among other responsibilities, awarding liquor licenses to applicants, ruled in June that there were insufficient grounds to deny the application of Kalpesh Patel over the objections of residents and surrounding business owners.

Included in Patel's \$1.175 million bid for the store and its contents was a contingency requiring the county's support for a beer, wine and liquor license. Previously, the shop could only sell wine and liquor.

However, the enabling legislation for this type of license didn't take effect until July 1, essentially giving Patel early access to a license other vendors couldn't even apply for yet.

All three license commissioners — Marty Pusey, Billy Esham and Charles Nichols — blamed the state law enabling the county exit from the liquor business for the trouble.

County government, until 2014, had exclusive rights over wholesale access to alcohol in Worcester. When the sitting board of Worcester County Commissioners decided in December 2015 to exit and shutter the Department of Liquor Control, two deadlines were approved: ending wholesale operations by Sept. 2016, and retail operations by July 1 to coincide with the end of the fiscal year.

Two other businesses in the same strip mall as the Shore Spirits store have beer and wine licenses, but no liquor. One of the two, Newtown Market, was purchased after Shore Spirits had opened in 2012, and also well before the county's exit from the liquor business was underway.

The owner, Janik Patel, had also unsuccessfully bid on the former county store, and was considering adding hard liquor to her inventory, but was unable to do so until the law took effect.

The Newtown Market owner, represented by attorney Hugh Cropper, told the license commissioners in June the business would be hurt by undue competition by the now-privatized store, and was joined by several others who saw no need for another liquor store in the first place, like Pocomoke City mayor Bruce Morrison.

However, competition alone is not enough to confirm or deny an application, and the request for the former Shore Spirits shop was approved.

The Newtown Market owner appealed that request, which is now scheduled to be heard at the end of November in Circuit Court.

This appeal has resulted in further delay of the county's exit from the liquor control business. In fact, the county went so far as to not produce an operating budget for the department as part of negotiations this year, and was forced to prepare one.

County Treasurer Phil Thompson was directed to produce a budget for the department, which passed a public hearing on Aug. 15. The budget was set at about \$1 million.

The county always expected to lose money on the closure, estimating losses between \$1 and \$2 million, while the former head of the department, Bobby Cowger, said that number could easily double. Final numbers for where the department stood at the end of fiscal 2017 have not yet been made available by the county.

Cowger resigned in protest for how the closure was being handled at the time.

Bids on the two county stores, especially the Pocomoke City store, beat expectations, but couldn't account for litigation or missed deadlines.

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Berlin could be model for flooding solutions

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 31, 2017) Flooding, an issue in Ocean Pines since its establishment five decades ago, has once again become a hot topic because of recent heavy rains.

Several homeowners broached the subject during the public comments section of the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors meeting last Friday.

The directors, understanding that public discussion was possible, had invited Berlin Town Administrator Laura Allen to give a presentation on stormwater. Ocean Pines' neighbor to the southwest has leveraged almost \$2 million in state and federal grants during the last several years to improve flooding in the town.

"Sensitive to the events, with regard to the amount of rain we had and the inquiries we received from a number of members ... we felt it important as a board to reach out to other resources in the area," Board President Doug Parks said. "We're not assuming to claim we have an answer, but the intent of this is to have a dialogue and at least keep the information going while it's fresh in our minds."

Allen said the complaints she heard during the meeting were similar to those she heard in Berlin.

After decades of complaints there,

the town became serious about stormwater in 2005, she said. That led to a three-phase study by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers over a three-year period.

In 2012, Berlin ordered a feasibility study through the University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center, and a stormwater utility was established as a result in 2013.

Allen said residents pay \$50 per year to the utility, while commercial properties are charged based on the amount of impervious surface, or paved areas that eliminate rainwater infiltration.

"What the town did ... before this was established was reduce the property tax rate, in part so that when this was implemented the net impact to the individual property owners was pretty much neutral," Allen said.

She said the stormwater utility collects about \$170,000 each year. Some of that goes to maintenance, but importantly, according to Allen, that money was used as matching funds in various grant applications.

During the last five years, the town received \$900,000 through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant program, \$800,000 from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and \$120,000 from FEMA.

Along with conducting a letter-

writing campaign, Allen said town employees went door-to-door in flood zones to ask residents for pho-

demonstrate to those granting agencies the impact," she said. "Here's the property damage we're experiencing,



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Berlin Town Administrator Laura Allen discusses stormwater issues – and solutions – during an Ocean Pines Association Board meeting, last Friday. The Town of Berlin created a stormwater utility in 2013 and since then has received nearly \$2 million in federal and state grant money for stormwater improvements.

tos of the flood damage they incurred and receipts proving how much they spent on repairs.

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Allen briefs Pines Board on how town tackled stormwater

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get that \$2 million. It wasn't just us and the utility ... it was us working with the community and the community being willing to talk about a very painful experience," Allen continued. "That made that a successful application process."

Engineering studies determined four major areas of concern, and those funds were used to expand culverts and create stormwater retention ponds, among other improvements.

"For us it's about creating additional capacity ... so it provides a filtration and a place for the water to go, rather than into somebody's garage or under somebody's home," Allen said.

During the Aug. 14 Town Council meeting in Berlin, Councilman Dean Burrell marveled at the result stormwater improvements on Flower Street had, despite recent heavy rains.

He said the water in his neighborhood never stopped moving, which meant it never had a chance to pool up and cause flood damage. Instead, it flowed through the culverts and into a wetland.

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

Allen said the town planned to finish phase three of its stormwater improvements using what grant money remained, and then pause for a period of evaluation. The previous studies, she said, are more than a decade old.

"For the most part, people were pretty supportive [of the improvements]," Allen said. "I think it was a combination of ... the property tax adjustment, but also a very well-planned community outreach program that we did in partnership with the University of Maryland, Maryland Coastal Bays and Assateague

Coastal Trust.

"While we're dealing with flooding, we're also trying to address the water-quality issues, and in our community the environmental aspects of the work that we do are extremely important," she continued. "Part of the reason why people were willing to pay the fee was because they saw it as an investment in their environment and they were willing to spend a little more money to make sure that the water was a little bit better when it hit the bays."

Darl Kolar from EA Engineering, Science and Technology Inc. was also present during the meeting. The firm and Kolar advised the town through much of the stormwater improvements.

Homeowner John Roeder, who gave board members a handout on stormwater earlier during the meeting, praised the presentation. He cautioned, however, the level of funding Ocean Pines used to address flooding was about \$30,000 last year.

"This lady has given us a fantastic story today — a success, a proven record and a methodology," he said. "She has told us exactly what we need to do. What I would ask you to do, is as you develop your budget [understand] we are not going to be able to move forward on \$30,000. It needs to be, probably, \$1 million."

Board Vice President Cheryl Jacobs cautioned grant money might not be as readily available to Ocean Pines as it was to Berlin.

"That's exactly why we asked Mrs. Allen to come here today and share Berlin's story with us, to give us, possibly, a blueprint for what we might be able to go," Jacobs said. "You have to understand, however, they are a municipality and we're a homeowner's association. So that can factor into what we have available to us."

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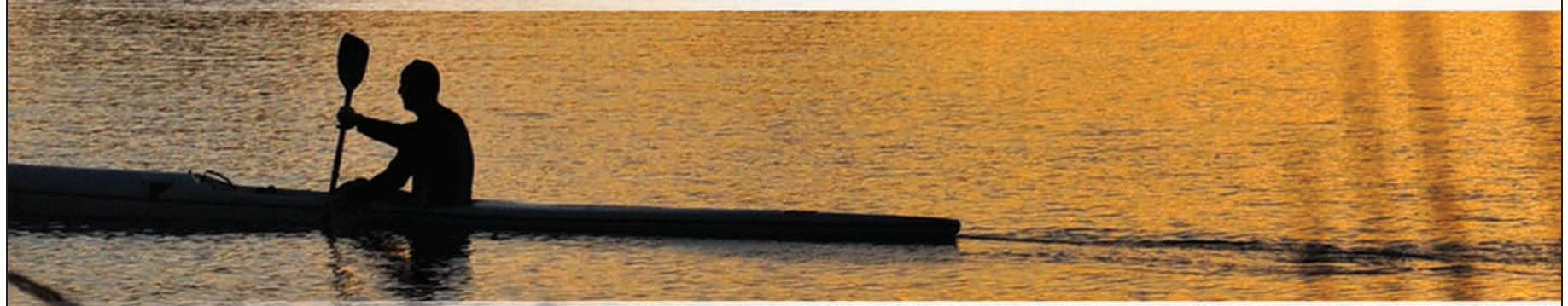
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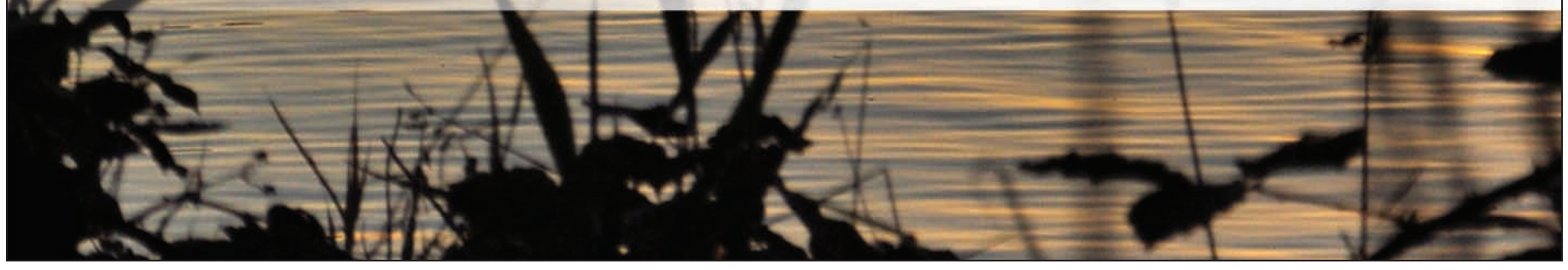
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Former Councilwoman Hall suspected of stealing steaks

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Aug. 31, 2017) Lisa Hall, former Berlin councilwoman and mayoral candidate, appears to be a suspect in the theft of \$3,000 worth of meat from several local grocery stores.

An incident report from the Ocean City Police Department lists Hall as the suspect and the Acme on the 9500 block of Coastal Highway as one of the locations where the alleged incident occurred.

The report includes a stolen property list valued at \$3,000 with "Whole Ribeye's" written in a section for notes.

Ocean City Police Spokeswoman Lindsay Richard said last Wednesday she could not confirm the suspect's name because no charges have been filed, although she did provide a summary of the incident.

According to the summary, police were sent to the Acme at about 1:38 p.m. on Aug. 19 to investigate. Employees at the Acme said a woman placed a meat order and did not pay for it. The person apparently placed a large order one day prior and did not pay for that either.

Police said they discovered the suspect placed another large order at another store and failed to pay. The total value of all the orders was estimated to be \$3,000.

"At this time, the investigation is still open and charges have not been filed, however, are likely pending," Richard said.

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OC Police Spokeswoman
Lindsay Richard

Hall opened the Berlin Butcher Shop in 2016, but that appears to have closed as of last week.

A notice of termination of commercial lease was posted on Aug. 23 on the shop front door by law firm Williams,

Moore, Shockley & Harrison. The notice said Hall breached the lease by failing to pay rent in June, July and August and the owner of the building changed the locks.

A "for sale" sign had also been placed in front of Hall's home, in Berlin.

In July 2016, prior to opening the shop, Hall vowed to leave town if she did not win the mayoral election.

She lost to incumbent Gee Williams, 588 to 137, last October.

Hall did not return calls for comment.


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Shhh ... Snow Hill
mayor asks store
to keep it down

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 31, 2017) An apparent accord has been reached over complaints about late night noise emanating from the Chicken Man Food Store in Snow Hill.

Mark Nixon, a business owner adjacent to Chicken Man's West Market Street location, voiced his displeasure during a council meeting on Aug. 8 over the food store's hours of operation and the propensity for patrons to sometimes play loud music.

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

During a crowded council work session on Tuesday, Mayor Charlie Dorman said Town Manager Kelly Pruitt joined him for a more than 30-minute meeting with the proprietors of Chicken Man to address the concerns raised by Nixon over noise levels at late hours.

"My problem is the loud noise has got to stop at a reasonable time," Dorman said. "I don't care if he's open all night long as long as the noise stops at 10."

Dorman said the ownership at Chicken Man agreed to counsel its patrons to curtail volume levels during the wee hours.

"I talked to Mark Nixon and he agreed to back away and let it work out," he said.

Dorman also discussed the topic with Snow Hill Police Chief Tom Davis, who decided to adjust the patrol frequency at the food store.

"The [police] are going to stop by once a shift ... they're not going to sit there and harass [people]," he said. "They're going to let him do his own policy and we'll see how it works out."

Dorman said the food store is planning on installing larger signs advising clients about noise concerns.

"We want them to stay open, but we need that noise to stop after 10," he said. "Last weekend it was quiet ... I didn't hear a thing."

If requests to abide by the agreement cause strife with customers, Dorman told employees at the food store, during a recent impromptu visit, to reach out for assistance.

"If you have a problem with somebody that's there that won't turn their radio down, you can't be a police officer," he said. "Just call 911 and they'll come out and help you."

With an apparent compromise reached, Dorman is hopeful the issue has been resolved to all parties' satisfaction.

"I can't tell a private person what time to conduct their business," he said. "As long as he's quiet."

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JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams, right, and Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells, center, thank a group of volunteers on Monday who staff both the town Welcome Center and Ambassador Stand. The county recently honored the volunteers during annual Volunteer Spirit of Worcester County Awards ceremony.

Town, county honor Berlin volunteers

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 31, 2017) "Volunteering keeps me going. I've had MS for 24 years and if it wasn't for the volunteering, I would not want to get up and go," Lori Giampa said during a Berlin Town Council meeting on Monday night. "But it does. It makes me go."

Giampa was one of several Berlin Welcome Center volunteers honored during the annual Volunteer Spirit of Worcester County ceremony last Thursday. Also recognized were Janet Benner, Cassandra Brown, Betty Tustin, Kim Fraser, Mary Raley, Carolyn Connelly and Bill Burke.

The Town of Berlin honored those volunteers on Monday. Along with staffing the Welcome Center, many also lend their time to the ambassador stand on Main Street.

"We had nominated our Welcome Center volunteers because they just don't get enough credit sometimes," Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said. "Thank you for doing everything that you do. I really appreciate it."

Wells joked the volunteers meet "all kinds of different people" and regularly field some pretty strange questions.

"Do you have a bathroom? What makes Berlin so cool? How did it get

the name Berlin? Is this free? What's good to eat? What's good here? What should I see here? What should I not miss? Did you get to meet Julia Roberts?" Wells said.

Mayor Gee Williams said the volunteers help put the town "in a rare league."

"When people come here they have a very enjoyable ... experience, and it's because of these ladies and Bill that that happens," he said. "They don't just give them information — they give them a good memory."

"You're giving [folks] an experience that they will treasure, remember and, hopefully, repeat," Williams added.



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SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER

Jesse's Paddle on July 15 set records for funding support for the Jesse Klump Memorial Fund. An estimated 150 people participated. Del. Mary Beth Carozza, left, visited with Kim Klump during Jesse's Paddle in Snow Hill, which raised \$26,500 for the Jesse Klump scholarship and suicide prevention program.



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GUEST SPEAKER

Worcester County Veterans Memorial Volunteer Linda Shanahan, a USAF veteran of 28 years, addressed the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines – Ocean City during its weekly meeting on June 21 in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Kiwanis presented her with \$400 for a brick paver to say "Kiwanis Honors Our Veterans" and for the Veterans Memorial Children's Education Program. Pictured, from left, are Kiwanian Carolyn Dryzga, Shanahan, Kiwanis President Barbara Peletier and Kiwanian Jim Spicknall.



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COLLEGE BOOT CAMP

Worcester Preparatory School's Director of College Counseling Tony D'Antonio collaborates with Class of 2018 seniors to complete college essays during seventh annual College Application Boot Camp, held Aug. 7-10. Pictured, in front, are Sydney Boright and Josh Bredbenner, and in back, Marissa Grosso, D'Antonio and Sammy Wolpin.



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GO TEAM!

The O'Hare Team, a Real Estate team at the Ocean Pines Branch of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices PenFed Realty, recently kicked off the new Monthly Film Series presented by the Art League of Ocean City with a screening of the film "Rehearsal," written and directed by team member Dan O'Hare, and featured in the 2017 Ocean City Film Festival. The O'Hare Team turned the screening into a benefit for Athletes Serving Athletes, an organization that partners athletes with disabled individuals in order to complete races together. The O'Hare Team raised \$2,000 for Athletes Serving Athletes.



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COMPUTER WIZ

Worcester Preparatory School offered a variety of children's summer camps in July. This year's camp themes included 3D Computers, Movies, Games Galore, DIY UPcycling, Crafts, Escape Room, STEAM ahead with LEGO Robotics, NASA Robotics, Cooking Around the World and Magic School Bus. Chris Todorov creates a 3D self-image during WPS 3D Computer Camp.



SPACE CAMP

Worcester Preparatory School provided an assortment of children's summer camps throughout July. Vanesska Hall pretends to be an astronaut at NASA Wallops Island during WPS NASA Robotics Camp.

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Berlin's CodeRED still going strong

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Aug. 31, 2017) The Town of Berlin made frequent use of its CodeRED emergency notification system in the last several weeks, although some residents apparently found the service a little too invasive.

Put into effect in 2014, the notification system can send texts or emails and deliver phone messages during emergencies, both small and large.

On Aug. 19, CodeRED alerted residents of a gas leak on William Street that closed two streets for several hours.

The State Highway Administration closed the intersection of Burley Street and South Main Street for about four hours on Aug. 21, and for about eight hours on Aug. 22. In each case, alerts were sent.

Another alert was sent out on Aug. 21 when a tree limb knocked out power lines for about 700 customers. The outage reportedly lasted 40 minutes to an hour.

"I worry a little bit about whether we're sending [alerts] out too many times," Town Administrator Laura Allen said. "We've had a couple of outages, one in particular affecting quite a few people ... and so folks are getting quite a few CodeRED announcements."

Allen said some residents recently

opted out of the service, apparently because of the high volume of alerts sent during a relatively short span of time. Most, however, seem happy

**'It's intended to be
a useful service
and I do think it helps
get the word out
to community members.'**
Town Administrator
Laura Allen

with its frequency.

She said the town could tailor the alerts to be more localized. A recent outage at the Bay Terrace Garden Apartments was sent only to residents there who signed up for the service.

"It's intended to be a useful service and I do think it helps get the word out to community members," Allen said.

Typically, alerts are not sent out to "close the loop" when an emergency or other situation has passed, although Allen said the town would probably start posting all clear messages on the town website

(www.berlinmd.gov) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/berlinmaryland).

For more information or to sign up for CodeRED in Berlin, visit www.berlinmd.gov/departments/emergency-notification-2.

For Ocean Pines residents, there is a similar service called "PinesAlerts."

Marketing and Public Relations Director Denise Sawyer emailed the following statement on the service last Thursday.

"The Ocean Pines Association is increasing the public's awareness of emergencies through the use of its new 'PinesAlerts' notification system, which is being powered by the Delmarva Broadcasting Company. The notifications would include alerts for events such as road/traffic closures, power outages, severe weather, and other public safety events.

"The Ocean Pines Police Department will also utilize the 'PinesAlerts' text message-based system to warn residents of major crime alerts. The alert system is now in place for anyone to sign up and begin receiving text message alerts from the association.

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‘Dutch’ threats of director continue

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Aug. 31, 2017) Roelof “Dutch” Oostveen, a man who grew up under Nazi occupation in the Netherlands, threatened a newly elected member of the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors last Friday and repeatedly referred to the woman, Dr. Collette Horn, as Gestapo.

Oostveen was first to the microphone during the public comments portion of the meeting.

“I’ve been humiliated by a board member who [he] told people not to vote for,” he said. “And she sent the police to my house. We got a Gestapo

system here?”

“This lady owes me [an apology],” he continued. “I have nothing done wrong to her. [She] sent the police to my house? Is that what Ocean Pines is – that we live in a Gestapo system?”

“She owes me [an apology] and if she don’t, she gonna regret it,” Oostveen said.

Board Vice President Cheryl Jacobs called the remarks “a threat” as Oostveen sat down. No other board member responded.

Oostveen reportedly confronted Horn at a local restaurant during the campaign. Horn, during a candidate forum on July 22, said she was

threatened by a man, but did not name him.

Oostveen then took credit for the incident during a public meeting on July 28, when he got to up speak twice. After he spoke for the second time, Horn stood behind him and waited for him to finish, then gave her own account of the incident.

“I am intimidated and rattled by Mr. Dutch continuing to attack me, but I will not be silenced,” Horn said at the time. “And I will do all that I can, if elected, to better this community.”

Oostveen, in a letter published in the Gazette on Aug. 10, said the initial confrontation was overblown.

After school programs in Snow Hill

(Aug. 31, 2017) Worcester County Recreation & Parks will once again host a variety of after school programs from 3:30-5:30 p.m. this fall at the Worcester County Recreation Center in Snow Hill.

Transportation will be available for students attending Snow Hill Middle and Elementary schools.

After School Tennis will take place on Mondays from Sept. 18 – Oct. 30 for grades K-8. This program is for children who have shown an interest in tennis and want to learn the skills

of the game. The registration deadline is Sept. 14.

After School Artist is a new program for the creative at heart. Participants will learn the basics of watercolor painting, the differences between contrasting and complementary colors, how to mix paints, brush strokes and basic painting techniques. Open to grades 4-8, this program will run on Wednesdays from Sept. 20 – Oct. 25. The registration deadline is Sept. 4.

After School Field Hockey will take

place on Thursdays from Sept. 14 – Oct. 19 and is for children in grades K-8 who have shown an interest in field hockey or who wants to try a new sport. The registration deadline is Sept. 4.

Program costs are \$30 per child, and \$25 for each additional child. A \$5 fee is applied to all late registrations. Payments should be made out to Worcester County. To register, contact the WCRP at 410-632-2144. Visit www.WorcesterRecAndParks.org for more information.

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Slight delay in William St. stormwater work

Construction likely to start Sept. 6 or 7; part of road will be closed several wks.

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 31, 2017) Stormwater improvements on William Street in Berlin hit a small snag and will pause for a few days, as town officials gather information for the state.

Town Administrator Laura Allen said officials from the State Highway Administration asked for some additional information on the project before signing off, causing the delay.

“We’re still working through some of those issues, so we’re not actually going to start the project until after school starts, probably Sept. 6 or 7,” Allen said.

Eventually, the work will include

expansion of the existing culvert and construction of a small offline wetland, or stormwater retention pond. The project will require William Street between Cedar Avenue and Powellton Avenue to be closed to through traffic for several weeks.

Partial road closures occurred on William Street two weeks ago because of planned water and sewer repairs. When crews hit an unmarked gas main, however, work had to be stopped and about 10 people were evacuated for several hours.

No injuries occurred, but Allen said those repairs would resume closer to the start of the stormwater improvements.

“It makes no sense to do that and the [stormwater] part substantially later,” she said.

As for foot traffic on William Street, a busy thoroughfare, Allen

said the town would establish a pathway along the fence of the power plant to bypass portions of the sidewalk that will have to be closed.

“We’re going to create a little pedestrian walkway so that folks can still have the access that they’re looking for when they walk around town,” she said. “The contractor will be putting that down. Before we get construction going, we’ll have that in

place.” Allen said the town is working with Maryland Coastal Bays on a grant to pay for part the project, given through the Environmental Protection Agency and believed to be about \$10,000. The town has used nearly \$2 million in state and federal grant money to fund its stormwater projects during the last several years.

Berlin Briefs

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 31, 2017) The Berlin Mayor and Council discussed the following items during a meeting at Town Hall on Monday:

Energy assistance

Finance Director Natalie Saleh said SHORE UP! has funds to help residents throughout the Eastern Shore pay for electric bills. Money is also available for things such as fixing air conditioners and windows.

Saleh said applications were available at Town Hall and online at www.shoreup.org/eastern-shore-md-services-programs/Energy-Assistance-and-Family-Support-Programs.

Councilman Dean Burrell said residents could also call the Snow Hill office at 410-632-3624, or the Salisbury office at 410-749-1142. Ask for the Maryland Energy Assistance Program.

Bikeways update

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said the latest revision to the grant agreement for the Berlin Bikeways project arrived on Monday. He said the staff would evaluate it and report back.

The town is planning to build a

walking and biking path along the railroad tracks, connecting Berlin Falls park and the downtown area.

Engelhart said he also looked into a bikeway that would run to the east side of town.

“We do, in fact, own a 20-foot strip between Main Street and William Street, all the way through, along the fencing of the electric plant,” he said. “There could be some obstacles to using that ... but it’s a place to start to look.”

Main Street award

Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said the town is a semi-finalist in the Great American Main Street Award.

“It’s basically the highest award that our downtown could win. It’s run by the National Main Street Center and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and, hopefully, we’ll win,” Wells said. “I’m not going to find out for several months, but it’s really nice to be in the top 10.”

Special events

The council unanimously approved a pair of events: the return of the annual Reindeer Run, Dec. 2, and the inaugural Bark for Life, Nov. 5.

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Reindeer Run, a 5K and one-mile walk and run, will begin at the Atlantic Hotel on Main Street and end at Burtle Oak Brewing Company on Old Ocean City Boulevard. The event will benefit nonprofit group Worcester County Warriors Against Opiate Addiction.

Bark for Life is scheduled to occur at Stephen Decatur Park and will include vendor and information tables related to pets. Proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society.

Phone systems

The council also unanimously approved new phone systems for the new Berlin Police Department near the corner of Flower Street and Asateague Road.

Four bids were received and the winning offer went to Chesapeake Telephone Systems, for \$29,518 and an annual fee of \$255. The bid included a five-year warranty on parts.

Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing said the town would own its telephone system. Currently, it leases equipment from Comcast.

Jeep Jam

Chris Cropper from CC Customs, an organizer of Jeep Week in Berlin, said the event, last weekend at Berlin Falls park was very successful.

He said Saturday was the busiest day in Jeep Week history, drawing more than 1,000 jeeps and more than 5,000 spectators.

"It was pretty impressive to see the amount of people that we brought to the town for Saturday," he said. "Just for future impact, I'd like to be able to try to do something else with Berlin, whether it's Jeep Jam or future events at that facility."

Shamrock Realty to host drive for hurricane victims

(Aug. 31, 2017) Shamrock Realty Group will be holding a children's clothing drive for the victims of Hurricane Harvey at its offices located at 11049 Racetrack Road, Ocean Pines, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sept. 1-17.

Agents in the Ocean Pines office have been greatly affected by the images of the flooding and destruction in Houston and the Gulf Coast. They feel that the children in these areas are the most affected by the total loss of all of their possessions. Public officials are saying that the children are arriving in shelters wet and need basic items of clothing.

Those who do not have any children's clothing to give, consider making a donation of a package of socks or underwear.

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Opinion

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Help for hurricane victims

As is the custom in these parts when tragedy strikes elsewhere, northern Worcester County residents are preparing to do what they can to help the victims of Hurricane Harvey.

Following this tradition is one of the few times when it is perfectly acceptable to say, “That’s how we’ve always done it.” One reason for our propensity for charitable giving following weather-related disasters is that, as coastal residents ourselves, we know we might one day be on the receiving end of a similar calamity.

Giving, however, can be confusing because the rise of so many fund drives and appeals in the aftermath of these tragedies make it difficult to discern where our contributions are actually going.

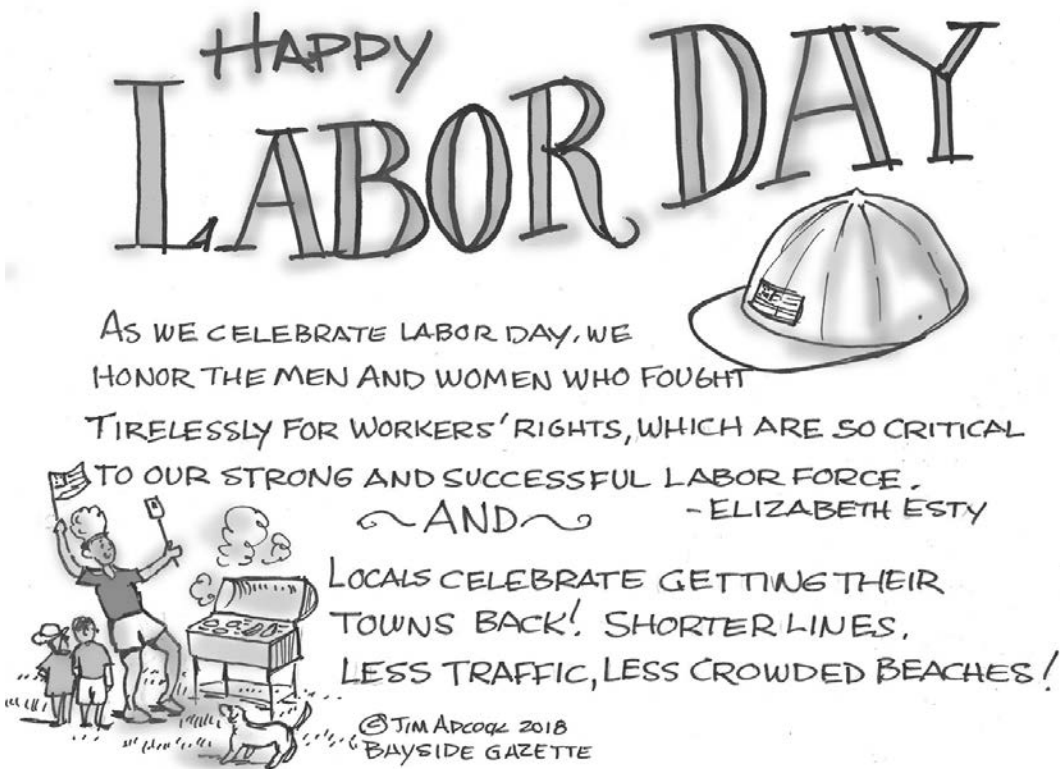
To that end, Charity Navigator at www.charitynavigator.org can help. It rates thousands of charities, and has established a Hurricane Harvey section that lists multiple legitimate ways to give.

Among them, obviously, are the American Red Cross, the United Way, the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund, the Salvation Army, Catholic Charities, as well as Houston-area charities, including the Houston Food Bank and the Houston SPCA.

Locally, Shamrock Realty of Ocean Pines has launched a clothing drive (see ad on page 31) and other businesses and organizations will follow with their own campaigns.

As this happens, the Bayside Gazette and Ocean City Today will provide free advertising space and layout services for all legitimate efforts to help.

Call either office and we’ll go to work for the victims of Hurricane Harvey.



Brown Box brings ‘Hamlet’ to county

Performances set for Snow Hill, Berlin, OC, Pines and Pocomoke

(Aug. 31, 2017) Brown Box Theatre Project returns for a seventh year of Free Outdoor Shakespeare with its largest and most ambitious production yet.

The troupe’s much-anticipated presentation of “Hamlet” will enjoy a four-week tour to 17 outdoor venues throughout Delmarva Aug. 31 to Sept. 23.

Brown Box’s annual tradition will continue the company’s mission of delivering professional, impactful theatre directly to communities in an ongoing effort to reinvent the way theatre is created and consumed. In keeping with this model, “Hamlet” will transform public spaces throughout Delmarva into vibrant cultural and tourist destinations, marking a significant victory for accessible arts programming and creative spaces in the area.

Artistic Director Kyler Taustin was troubled by a lack of cultural opportunities while growing up on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and has since committed his career to building up the artistic landscape of his hometown

and beyond.

“Theatre shouldn’t exist in a bubble,” Taustin said. “Geography and cost should not exclude people from cultural opportunities.”

The company seeks to use performance as a way to reach new communities, share diverse stories, and spark conversation.

“Hamlet,” Shakespeare’s pivotal work, delves deep into the recesses of human consciousness in a raw and unforgiving examination of a treacherous political landscape and one prince’s struggle with the weighty consequences of action, inaction, pain, numbness and the ever-terrifying unknown. Murder, treason, intrigue and betrayal culminate to form this harrowing and timeless theatrical masterpiece.

All “Hamlet” performances are free, outdoors, and open to all audiences. Funding for this event is provided in part by the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council, Delaware Division of the Arts, Salisbury Wicomico Arts Council, Talbot County Arts Council and Somerset County Arts Council - organizations dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.

Brown Box Theatre Project’s mission is to bring high-quality theatre to communities that otherwise lack access to the performing arts. The constant goal in all its programming is to bring down barriers that separate potential audiences from live theatre and to introduce the performing arts to the widest audience possible.

In Worcester County, “Hamlet” will be performed:

Friday, Sept. 1 - Sturgis Park, 100 River Street, Snow Hill

Saturday, Sept. 2 - Corner of Main Street and Pitts Street, Berlin,

Wednesday, Sept. 6 - Cypress Park, Pocomoke City

Friday, Sept. 8 - Northside Park, 125th Street, Ocean City

Sunday, Sept. 10 - Sunset Park, S Philadelphia Avenue, Ocean City

Wednesday, Sept. 13 - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines

All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted, and are free to attend and open to all audiences. No reservations required.

“Hamlet” will be performed outdoors and seating is on the lawn. Feel free to bring a blanket or lawn chair. For rain locations and more information, visit www.brownboxtheatre.org.

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First Friday goes highbrow for Shakespeare

Town first to host Brown Box Theatre performances of ‘Hamlet’ to span shore

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 31, 2017) September’s Snow Hill Arts on the River First Friday event will provide an evening rich with cultural experiences including wine, artisan cheese and theater from 5-8 p.m.

Thespians from Brown Box Theatre will descend upon Sturgis Park for a free performance of William Shakespeare’s “Hamlet” at 7:30 p.m. Bring your own lawn chairs or blanket.

Prior to the performance, theater aficionados can stop by the Lower Shore Land Trust, 100 River Street, for a tasting of gourmet cheeses, meats, and pickles from Berlin-based Gilbert’s Provisions.

Proprietor Toby Gilbert said those in attendance could look forward to a varied taste bud experience.

“I’m going to be sampling a couple different types of cheeses, charcuterie and some fermented foods [such as] kimchi, sauerkraut and sour pickles,” he said.

In addition to expanding palates beforehand, Gilbert said gourmet lovers could purchase choice food-stuffs to enjoy during the perform-

ance of Hamlet in Sturgis Park. “I’m going to bring some bread and pre-packed stuff that’s ready to go,” he said.

Since opening in Berlin last year, in addition to producing gourmet foods, Gilbert has stocked the shop with gourmet provisions such as domestically produced charcuterie.

“I have a list of artisanal cheeses from abroad and domestic,” he said. “I sell more bacon than pretty much anything.”

The burgeoning operation has focused Gilbert’s culinary productions to items that can be marketed sooner than later.

“I do the quicker stuff because a lot of it takes a year [to produce] and I’ve only been here about a year and a month,” he said.

Gilbert described his market as a high-end convenience store.

“We have everything you need for a nice meat or cheese board for a party or a get together,” he said. “It’s not sandwich meats [and] it’s not roast turkey.”

Bishop’s Stock Fine Art, Craft & Wine, on 202 West Green Street, in addition to unveiling its featured

artists for September, will offer tastings of white, rose’ and red wines from Greece.

Enjoy vino from the cradle of civilization during an opening reception for artists Christie Taylor and Fred Sprock.

Taylor, co-founder and managing partner of the Hodges Taylor Gallery in Charlotte, North Carolina, works

with oil and acrylics to create broad atmospheric interpretations of marsh landscapes.

Sprock, who has instructed at the Upstairs Gallery in Tryon, North Carolina, is an oil painter focused on landscapes and still life.

The Jim Adcock Studio in the John Blair House, on 106 East Green Street, has new prints of his 2017 work, “Birch’s Produce Stand,” available for purchase, and will be selling raffle tickets for the original 16” x 20” framed painting. All raffle proceeds benefit the Lower Shore Land Trust. Additionally, Adcock will also have reduced prices on numerous paintings during the event.

Mark the end of summer with an idyllic evening floating on the water

by visiting the Pocomoke River Company, 2 River Street, which will be open with canoes and kayaks available for rent. All vessels must be back to the dock by dark.

Kids can start the new school year with a makeover at the Mirror Salon, on 216 North Washington Street. Students from K-12 receive half off walk-in haircuts during First Friday from 5-8 p.m.

Make the seasonal shift a happier occasion at Sassy Girl Boutique, on 114 West Green Street, during its end-of-summer sale with half off summer bags, scarves and wallets.

Help retain the aromas of the season at the Flower Shop, on 218 North Washington Street, which will be offering 20 percent discounts on summer-scented colonial candles.

The Corner Shoppe, 100 West Green Street, will launch its back-to-school fall special. Patrons who purchase specified merchandise can receive a free DVD or Blue-Ray. For more details, inquire in the store.

If updating home décor is a priority, visit A Diamond on Pearl, on 111 Pearl Street, featuring handmade wood furniture and owner Jack Helgeson’s New Buoy Creations. Ideal for displaying inside or outdoors, Helgeson utilizes functional buoys from the Eastern Shore to craft original conversation pieces.

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Proprietor Toby Gilbert

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‘Digital Academy’ offered at Pocomoke High

School helps six seniors graduate by using program tailored to needs, interests

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(Aug. 31, 2017) School officials said six Pocomoke seniors would not have graduated from high school last spring had it not been for the Digital Academy program, which allows students to work at their own pace to complete their required coursework through the computer program, GradPoint.

The program was created for students who are in danger of not finishing enough credits to earn their high school diplomas from instruction in a traditional classroom setting. “All students were successful through this program,” Dr. Annette Wallace, Pocomoke High School Principal, said. “There are evening and school-day components [and] teachers help during their planning periods.” GradPoint personalizes instruction based on each student’s needs and interests. It can be accessed all

day, at home, and helps a broad range of learners. A facilitator helps each high schooler map out what they need to do and where to concentrate in order to graduate. Some students complete the coursework of one class before moving on, while others work on portions of each subject. Seniors who are missing credits, have gaps in skills or need help with time management, goal setting,

building motivation or flexibility, can all catch up on required courses through the Digital Academy program, Jennifer Rayne, Pocomoke High School Assistant Principal, said. The Digital Academy complements a number of other programs offered at Pocomoke High School including Project 100 and AP Pathways, in addition to career and technical pathways, Wallace said.

Arts on the River First Friday held in downtown Snow Hill

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Motivate your youngster for upcoming academic pursuits with a reward from Toy Town Antiques & More, 207 North Washington Street, which is offering 15 percent off all purchases and will remain open until 9 p.m. Those in need of gifts for younger children can visit Jerry’s Wood Craft, on 112 West Green Street, which, in addition to numerous wooden toys, features a full line of play items from Melissa & Doug. Savor the flavors of summer at the Olde Town Candy Company, on 102 West Green Street, which now feature salt-water taffy in premade one-pound boxes. Beginning its second year catering to caffeine fanatics, the Daily Brew Coffeehouse, 213 Snow Hill Road, will be open until 8 p.m. In addition to java and espresso, DBC also has frozen drinks and homemade baked

goods. Peruse racks of fashion bargains while being serenaded at ReTag’d Upscale Resale, on 108 Pearl Street, who will have an in-store performance by Nick Haglich. The Harvest Moon Tavern, on 208 West Green Street, will feature the acoustic rhythms and vocal harmonies of Opposite Directions from 7- 10 p.m. As usual, reservations are strongly suggested. The Blue Dog Café, on 300 North Washington Street, will have a patriotic celebration with a performance by WWIIunes and Todd Crosby, along with co-owner Gary Weber, performing from 7-10 p.m. Reservations are strongly suggested. First Friday in Snow Hill sponsors include Arts on the River, Snow Hill’s Arts & Entertainment District, the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council and the Town of Snow Hill.



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Church group to hold vigil for Charlottesville victims

(Aug. 31, 2017) The CURE, or Clergy United for Reconciliation and Equality, invite locals to "Take Back the Light" following the recent events in Charlottesville, Virginia.

The CURE have adopted as part of its mission, "As leaders of (some) faith communities in Ocean City, Maryland, we affirm the beauty and dignity of every human being who, being created in the image and likeness of God, deserve to be respected and honored as such. Therefore, we stand against all that attacks, fragments, or diminishes such dignity, claiming that under no circumstance will any form of discrimination be accepted or justified."

CURE officials said they were compelled to speak out and denounce "the ungodly beliefs and demonic violence that were brought out during the Unite the Right protests in Charlottesville" on Aug. 11-12.

"Among the racist groups represented were the Ku Klux Klan, and new-Nazi and Alt-Right sympathizers. Their goal was only to intimidate others with their numbers, rhetoric, and thuggish violence," officials said in a statement. "We denounce racism as contrary to the dignity of every human being. We denounce bigotry as contrary to the recognition that we are created in the image and likeness

of God. We denounce prejudice, which is contrary to the fact that all persons deserve respect and honor. We reject violence in the service of hatred as it attacks human dignity."

Prayers and condolences were extended to the families of Heather Heyer, Lt. H. Jay Cullen, and Trooper-Pilot Berke M.M. Bates.

"As we recognize the image and likeness of God even in those who participated in the bigoted protest, engaged in violence against their brothers and sisters, and those who defended them, we call them away from their bigotry and hatred, challenge them to reconciliation with their neighbors, appropriate penance, and finally amendment of life," officials said.

Members of Jewish, Presbyterian, Methodist, Catholic, Lutheran and Episcopal congregations are invited to attend an evening of reflection and reconciliation called "Take Back the Light" at Temple Bat Yam, 11036 Worcester Highway, in Berlin, on Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 7 p.m.

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We feel many children in these areas are the most affected by the total loss of all of their possessions. Public officials are reporting the kids are arriving in shelters wet and need basic items of clothing.

It is hot and humid in Houston and here in Ocean Pines we are heading into the Fall. It's the perfect time to go through the kids' closets and donate the Summer clothes you know they will outgrow by next Summer.

Kids in Houston will be starting school when the clean-up is completed and will need clothing they can wear to school. If you do not have any children's clothing, consider making a donation of new clothing.

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DONATION

BJ's Wholesale Club, in partnership with the Ocean Pines Association, donated \$530 to the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines as a part of its spring 2017 membership offer. BJ's donated \$5 of each membership fee paid as a part of the promotion to the foundation in addition to offering special benefits for new and renewing club members. Denise Sawyer, director of marketing and public relations for the Ocean Pines Association, left, presented a check to Marie Gilmore, president of the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation, on July 11.



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GIFT PRINT

Rotary District Gov. Rich Graves, left, is presented a framed print in recognition of his visit to the Ocean City-Berlin Rotary Club on July 19. Joining him, from left, are Ocean City-Berlin Rotary Club President Margaret Mudron, Assistant Governor (Area 60) Marie Calafiura and District Governor-Nominee Bill Ferguson. The Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club meetings are held each Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Captain's Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott, 15th Street and the Boardwalk.



TOP PRIZE

Quilters by the Sea member, Debbie Lounge, of Ocean Pines, won first prize in the Appliqué Division for her quilt, "Ladies of the Sea," at the Ocean Waves Quilt Show in Lewes, Delaware, last month.

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The Coastal Association of Realtors (CAR) welcomed 14 members during New Member Orientation on Aug. 3. Pictured, from left, are Temeka Mumford of Keller Williams Realty in Salisbury; Amy Crawford of SVN Miller Commercial Real Estate in Salisbury; Jeffrey Evans of Coldwell Banker Residential in Salisbury; Sarah Johnson of Bunting Realty in Berlin; Jennifer Smith of Vantage Resort Realty in Ocean City; Christy Gordon of EXIT Realty at the Beach in Ocean Pines; Julie Bonneville of Coldwell Banker Residential in Salisbury; Paul Vinroot of Keller Williams Realty in Salisbury; Marc Bouloucon of Keller Williams Realty in Lewes; Daniel Hill of Keller Williams Realty in Ocean City; Allan Scarborough of Whitehead Real Estate Executives in Salisbury; Ashley Tapia of EXIT Shore Realty in Salisbury; Nancy Bolt of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices PenFed Realty in West Ocean City; and Donna Silverman of Re/Max Advantage Realty in Ocean City.

Purnell Museum to sell items from Dr. Robert LaMar exhibit

‘Community Medicine’ will remain on display in Snow Hill through end of October

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 31, 2017) The opportunity to purchase items from a museum exhibit is not an everyday occurrence, which is why it may be surprising the Julia A. Purnell Museum is currently entertaining offers for medical equipment and furniture belonging to Dr. Robert LaMar, Snow Hill’s town doctor for roughly 60 years, beginning in the 1940s.

The museum opened its “Community Medicine: The Art and Science of Healing” exhibit in April, in honor of the longtime community figure.

At that time Dr. Cynthia Byrd, Purnell Museum executive director, spoke about the ongoing connection between LaMar and numerous residents of Snow Hill.

“He was here so long there were multiple generations of families that he delivered,” she said. “Also, there were people where he was there when they were born and he was there when they died.”

LaMar, who practiced medicine in Snow Hill into the 1990s, died in 2005 and was survived by his wife,

Freda, who died in 2014.

In addition to items from LaMar’s tenure, Byrd said the museum exhibit includes equipment and furniture that were bequeathed from his predecessor, Dr. John Riley.

The collection runs a wide gamut, as LaMar worked during an era before the predominance of medical specialists, Byrd said.

“He was the last general family doctor who was certified to deliver babies at Peninsula Regional Medical Center,” she said. “That was back when a general practitioner was general. He had to do everything.”

Byrd said interested parties could visit the museum to view items in the exhibit, which will remain on display until the end of October.

“It kind of gives this huge overview of everything the doctors were doing at the time,” she said. “All reasonable offers will be considered.”

The Julia A. Purnell Museum, on 208 West Market Street, is open year-round from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays through Saturdays, and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays. The cost for adult admission is \$3 and children can attend for no cost. Yearly memberships are available at \$15 for individuals and \$25 for families.

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a.m.
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p.m.; Aaron Howell Duo, 9:30 p.m.
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Sept. 3: Opposite Directions, 2-6
p.m.
Sept. 4: Blake Haley, 4-7 p.m.; DJ
Billy T, 7 p.m.
Sept. 5: Funk Shue, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Sept. 6: Karaoke w/DJ Jeremy, 9
p.m. to 1 a.m.
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Paris, 10 pm. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Bob-
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p.m.; Rew Smith, 1-5 p.m.; Jim Long
Band, 5-9 p.m.; Jah Works, 9 p.m. to
1 a.m.; Fireworks, 9:30 p.m.; Under
the Covers, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Sept. 4: DJ Bobby’O, 11 a.m. to 5
p.m.; Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.; Nowhere
Slow, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Sept. 5: Nowhere Slow, 9 p.m. to 1
a.m.
Sept. 6: Element K, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
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Cuisine

Discovering the best in liverwurst mousse

This column originally ran in an Aug. 21, 2014 edition of the Gazette

When the sun rises on the last day of travel, we recognize as we open our eyes that we have to say goodbye to our impermanent abodes; the escape intended to inspire and refresh. The destination typically meant to bring forth a



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

new vision on old ways, and hopefully to rekindle the flame-within that pushes us through this business.

There are very few places that I have visited that I couldn't wait to get out of. I try as hard as I can to find something unique, interesting or ubiquitous in a city's culinary landscape. I could write volumes on the Muffaletta of New Orleans, Hawaii's Poke, the BBQ in Kansas City, Savannah or Abilene, the lobster rolls of New England, the scorched conch in Nassau, the blood sausage in Heidelberg, Sauerbraten in Landstuhl, the street foods of Baja, California and the fried bologna sandwiches of Cleveland. I can remember them all as though I was eating them yesterday. Don't even get me started about the bull fights, complete with grape soda, bacon-wrapped hot dogs and, of course, cerveza.

I have always been fascinated by the history of food and why a region will have a specialty while those next door do not. And sometimes food specialization makes sense. Just look at the Midwest; meat, meat and more meat. Once the railroad hubs were in place in Chicago, they soon found themselves in Kansas City and other major metropolitan areas to ensure safe and speedy passage of domestic animals to the rest of the country.

As I returned from Kansas City recently, I bought a pound of liverwurst. Being in a meaty city will do that to a guy. Not having any interest in eating plain liverwurst, I set out to recreate a simply stunning appetizer that I supped upon at Manifesto Speakeasy. This is the quintessential late-night bar snack. Of course, my kids call it cat food, but let's not get technical.

There is nothing like good old-fashioned organ meats to bring one back from the fray. And since charcuterie is an important part of cooking, I can hardly say no to trying something that I have sworn off since childhood. So, I broke out the food processor, dug into a little research until I found a 1973 article with some



of the ingredients that would be needed and tweaked the rest, basing it loosely on a seafood mousse that I make on occasion.

The result is a marriage of pickled vegetables and creamy pig liver mousse that I would not have thought possible. Served with rye crackers, it was truly hats off to the chef, with the acid in the onions cleansing the palate as it was assaulted by the rich mousse. The crunch of the crackers was the perfect contrast to the dish and everything came together as one cohesive bite.

Now I just need to see if this cat food freezes well, since I won't eat two pounds of it soon enough. Either way, I know that my evening at Manifesto with Moscow Mules and 25-year old Scotch will be relived in my mind, and writings, for a very long time to come.

Liverwurst Mousse

- 2 sheets gelatin
- 1/2 c. cab-glaze (recipe follows)
- 1 lb. liverwurst
- 6 oz. cream cheese
- 1/4 c. mayo
- 2 tsp. Worcestershire
- 1 tsp. Texas Pete's
- Fresh butter, for spreading
- 1. Place sheets of gelatin in cold

water for about 10 minutes, or until they bloom. They will become little rubber windows. If you're like me, you won't be able to stop playing with them. When bloomed, drain.

2. Heat cab-glaze slowly and add drained gelatin until melted and well-mixed.

3. Put liverwurst, cream cheese, mayo, cab-glaze, Worcestershire and Texas Pete's in a food processor.

4. Process the garbage out of mixture, scraping often, until it is creamy, adjusting flavor as you go.

5. Spread in a non-stick pan, pressing the top to give an even surface.

6. Chill for at least three hours.

7. Remove and cut with mold cutters.

8. Serve with lightly tossed greens, toast points, soft butter for spreading under the mousse and a sour-cherry compote.

Cabernet-Glaze

- Makes 1 quart
- 3/4 bottle dry red wine (cabernet, malbec, etc.)
- 1 whole shallot
- 2 sticks celery
- 3 cloves fresh garlic
- 1 carrot, peeled and cut into chunks
- 3 sprigs fresh thyme

1 1" piece of rosemary
1 gallon high quality beef stock

1. Pour a glass of wine for yourself and then place the rest in a saucepan.

2. Add the shallot, celery, garlic, carrot, thyme and rosemary and bring to a low boil.

3. Turn to a simmer and reduce to approximately 2 cups.

4. Add the beef stock (please don't use the carton-type at the store. There are countless recipes online; just make a good old-fashioned beef stock for this.

5. Reduce the entire mess slowly down to a quart. It will be thick, unctuous (a word that demands to be written at every mention of this sauce) and gluey.

6. Cool and store in refrigerator If you plan on using it within the week or bag it in smaller quantities and freeze, pulling it out as needed. I've seen the silicone mold and ice cube tray trick, but for me I like splitting it into Ziploc bags, freeing them of air and then freezing them flat and stacked. They will last for months this way.

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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ACROSS

1 Way around London, with "the"

5 E.R. V.I.P.s

8 Haunted house sound

13 Backflow preventer in a drain

18 Brief, as a visit

20 Sub

21 Oscar role for Vivien Leigh

22 Astonishing March Madness success, e.g.

24 He denied Christ three times

25 Device with a Retina display

26 The opposition

27 "Madame X" painter John Singer ____

29 23-Across, literally?

33 Cozy

35 Actor ____ Buchholz of "The Magnificent Seven"

36 Epitome of simplicity

37 Sour

39 Spicy fare?

41 "Where America's Day Begins"

43 Made an impression?

45 Iron: Fr.

46 Get ready to be dubbed

50 Machine-gun while flying low

52 Stereotypical oil tycoon

15 Gives stars to

16 Have no existence

17 Line usually on the left or right side

19 Tonto player of 2013

20 ____ characters (Chinese writing)

23 Murderer of Hamlet

28 Tuna, at a sushi bar

29 Doesn't keep up

30 Go up against

31 Facial feature of the Bond villain Ernst Blofeld

32 Jargon

34 Runs for a long pass, say

38 One component of a data plan

40 What the prefix "tera-" means

42 Contributed to the world

43 56-Down, literally?

44 "Don't you ____!"

47 Line judge?

48 Home to the National Border Patrol Museum

49 Teacher's unit

51 Funny Tina

53 Bubkes

55 60-Down, literally?

57 Stay

59 Setting eschewed by Hawaii: Abbr.

61 Capturer of some embarrassing gaffes

62 "The Iceman Cometh" playwright

63 Hospital sticker

64 Handling well

112 Result of some plotting

114 Bingo square

115 Old Russian ruler known as "Moneybag"

116 Detective in a lab

122 Frisbees and such

123 Like spoiled kids

124 Metallic element that's No. 21 on the periodic table

125 Like many concept cars

126 Gregor ____, protagonist in Kafka's "The Metamorphosis"

127 Snack food brand

128 Latin years

DOWN

1 Sign of nervousness

2 Sea urchin, at a sushi bar

3 Declare verboten

4 Break off a romance

5 Takeaway, of a sort

6 When a baby is expected

7 1904 world's fair city: Abbr.

8 Utilities, insurance, advertising, etc.

9 Loosely woven fabric with a rough texture

10 Try to find oneself?

11 ____ quotes

12 What a designated driver takes

13 Candy that fizzes in the mouth

14 New Hampshire

54 Remains unused

56 Sweets

58 Take both sides?

60 Word on a jar

61 Muskmelon variety

65 Bombs developed in the 1950s

66 Some airport figures, for short

67 Eminently draft-worthy

68 Pitch

71 Wiped out

72 Middling

73 Plenty sore, with "off"

74 Heat

76 Antiparticle first observed in 1929

78 Noon, in Nantes

79 Disaster film?

82 Singer Simone

83 Doomed

85 N.B.A. Hall-of-Famer Thomas

87 Ladies' shoe fastener

91 Staff openings?

92 By way of

94 Wine bar order

96 Elusive

97 ____ Lenoir, inventor of the internal-combustion engine

100 Location of Waimea Valley

101 What one will never be, in golf

102 Tended, with "for"

104 Comedian's stock in trade

106 118-Across, literally?

110 Africa's oldest republic

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69 Winner of four 1990s-2000s golf majors

70 1953 Leslie Caron film

75 Other: Abbr.

77 Networking assets

80 "Ta-ta!"

81 Former world capital called "City of Lights"

84 Shift +8

86 "Everybody's a comedian"

88 Certain cheap car, informally

89 Mathematician Turing

90 Apt rhyme for "fire"

93 Asked for a desk, say

95 That the sum of the numbers on a roulette wheel is 666, e.g.

98 Uganda's Amin

99 Marsh birds

102 Showing politesse

103 Lower

105 International package deliverer

107 Desi of Desilu Productions

108 Show a bias

109 Nintendo game princess

110 Lens caps?

111 Where fighter jets are found: Abbr.

113 "Gangnam Style" hitmaker

117 ____ pro nobis (pray for us)

118 Sch. in Fort Collins

119 The dark side

120 Symbol on the flag of Argentina or Uruguay

121 "Eww, stop!"

Calendar

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

THU, AUG. 31

FREE HEART SCREENING
Delmarva Health Pavilion, 11101 Cathage Road, Ocean Pines, Md, All Day
Takes place onboard the Wagner Wellness Van. Participants must not currently be under the care of a cardiologist or have a known history of heart disease. A 12-hour fast is required. Appointments are required: 410-543-7026.

MAKE OCEAN CITY POSTCARDS AND NOTE CARDS
Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., Ocean City, MD, 9 to 11:30 a.m. Students, ages 10 and older, will design their own Ocean City postcards and note cards with mixed media prints, stamps and acrylic color. No experience necessary. Cost is \$20 for Art League members and \$25 for non-members. 410-524-9433, <http://artleagueofoceancity.org>

CHAMBER MUSIC BY THE SEA EDUCATION ACTIVITIES
Zenna Wellness Studio, 10 S Main St, Berlin, MD, 11 a.m. Chamber Music By the Sea to offer education activities.

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>

FREE CIRCUS
Jolly Roger Amusement Park, 2901 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 5 p.m. Two performances each night at 5 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Circus Smile featuring The Wheel of Death with the Morales Family. 410-289-3477

THE NEXT ICE AGE ICE SKATING SHOW
Carousel Hotel, 11700 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Free, family-friendly event. Iona, 410-520-2259, <http://carouselhotel.com/amenities/ocean-city-md-hotel-live-ice-shows/>

SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS
Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 7 to 9 p.m. Free concert featuring “Funk Shue” (R&B/funk/soul). Admission to the park is free, while beverages, including beer, are available for purchase. It is recommended that attendees bring their own seating. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

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FRI, SEP. 1

BALLYCASTLE KNITS
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Victoria Christie-Healy, the club organizer, started her career as a knitting teacher in 2009 and has taught several hundred women (and some men) how to knit. She conducts several knitting retreats a year in Ireland.

STAR CHARITIES MONTHLY MEETING
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. Info: cbreeze601@verizon.net.

FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION
Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th Street, Ocean City, 5 to 7 p.m. Featuring a group show by members of the Baltimore Watercolor Society, a pop-up exhibit of photographs by the resort’s J-1 students and works by members of the Art League of Ocean City. Featured artists include Rosemary Burns, Myrna McGrath and Joy Davis. Meet the artists, enjoy hors d’oeuvres and free admission. Open to the public. 410-524-9433, <http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org>

WINE & CHEESE TASTING
Lower Shore Land Trust, 100 River St., Snow Hill, MD, 5 to 7:30 p.m. Join the Lower Shore Land Trust for a wine & cheese tasting as part of Snow Hill’s First Friday. Taste samples of delicious cheese and fermented foods, sponsored by Gilbert’s Provisions in Berlin. Cheeses also available for purchase before the performance of “Hamlet” in Sturgis Park at 7:30 p.m. The performance is free and open to the public. 443-234-5587, <http://www.lowershorelandtrust.org>

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO
Columbus Hall (behind St. Luke’s Church), 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Held each Friday night. More than \$1,000 in prizes each week and Big Jackpot could pay \$1,000. Doors open at 5 p.m., games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments for sale. 410-524-7994

CHAMBER MUSIC BY THE SEA
Buckingham Presbyterian Church, 20 S. Main St., Berlin, MD, 7 p.m. Tickets are

available at all Taylor Bank locations and the Bank of Ocean City (Berlin and Ocean Pines branches). Proceeds benefit the Worcester County Education Foundation. Info: Melissa Reid, 443-365-0014 or Hope Palmer, 443-944-5780

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SAT, SEP. 2

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE
Ocean City Presbyterian Church, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Info: Jan Owens, jtorph@comcast.net.

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

OUTDOOR FLEA MARKET
Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, MD, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Featuring more than 40 vendors, baked goods, breakfast sandwiches and lunch including BBQ chicken leg quarters, pulled pork sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs and two sides. Table rental: Sue Hart, skhart55@comcast.net, 410-207-7039.

YOGA ON THE BEACH
Shade Pavilion in North Beach parking lot of Assateague, 6633 Bayberry Drive, Berlin, MD, 8 to 9 a.m. Reduce stress, increase balance and flexibility to the sound of ambient waves. All levels welcome. Free but park entrance fees are in effect. All donations directly benefit Assateague Island National Seashore. Bring a beach towel.

‘BACK TO SCHOOL’ MAKE & TAKE
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For all ages. Supplies provided.

OCBP PRE-EMPLOYMENT TESTING FOR SUMMER 2018
Ocean City Boardwalk, Dorchester Street and boardwalk, Ocean City, MD, 9 a.m. There are no pre-certification requirements and experience in ocean rescue is not necessary to apply. After orientation, applicants should prepare for a full day of testing including swimming 400m, running 300m, performing simulated swimming rescues and demonstrating the capacity to run fast in timed sprint races. Candidates are strongly encouraged to pre-register:

www.ococean.com/ocbp. The Ocean City Beach Patrol required acceptable proof of age. Applicants must be 17 years or older by June 25, 2018. Those under age 18 at the testing, must be accompanied by a legal guardian. 410-289-7556, <http://www.oceancitymd.gov/ocbp>

FIRST SATURDAY WRITERS’ WORKSHOP
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The group meets once a month to share their creative writing, including short selections of fiction or nonfiction prose, personal sketches or poetry. New members and occasional visitors welcome. This month’s theme (optional) is “weekend.” Jean Marx, 443-880-0045

CRAB CAKE & FRIED CHICKEN SANDWICH SALE
St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, MD, 11 a.m. Cost is \$9 for a crab cake sandwich and \$4 for a fried chicken sandwich. Baked goods also available. Patrick Henry, 443-880-4746

MUSEUM HOSTS AUTHOR
Ocean City Life Saving Station Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave.. Ocean City, MD, 2 to 4 p.m. Mark Hendricks will be signing his book, “Natural Wonders of Assateague Island.” The book features breath-taking pictures and information about the islands native wildlife.

THE NEXT ICE AGE ICE SKATING SHOW
Carousel Hotel, 11700 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Free, family-friendly event. Iona, 410-520-2259, <http://carouselhotel.com/amenities/ocean-city-md-hotel-live-ice-shows/>

FALL MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK
Northside Park, West Lagoon Field, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 8:30 p.m. Featuring free viewing of Disney’s “Beauty and the Beast.” A concession stand will be open for purchase of refreshments. All are welcome. Bring chairs and blankets. Kim Allison, 410-250-0125, <http://www.oceancitymd.gov>

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SUN, SEP. 3

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CHAMBER MUSIC BY THE SEA
All Hallows Episcopal Church, 109 W. Market St., Snow Hill, MD, 7 p.m. Tickets

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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 Separate Ways The Band (A tribute to Journey). 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

SUNDAES IN THE PARK AND LABOR DAY FIREWORKS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 7 p.m. An upgraded fireworks show has been added to the season ending of the resort’s popular Sundaes in the Park event. Featuring ice cream sundaes, live music, activities for children and a 9 p.m. fireworks display. The popular Journey tribute band, Separate Ways, will take the stage from 7-9 p.m. Scales & Tales will be on hand with kid friendly exhibits and educational displays; and inflatables available for kids at a small fee. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

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MON, SEP. 4

ST. MARTIN’S CHURCH MUSEUM TOURS

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

DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE CHORUS

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

100 NIGHTS OF LIGHTS

Boardwalk at N. Division Street, Ocean City, MD, 9 to 11 p.m. Featuring high-powered searchlights that will move and sway and change colors, creating a dance of light to musical selections played through boardwalk speakers. 410-289-2800, 800-626-2326

BEACH FIREWORKS

Boardwalk at N. Division Street, Ocean City, MD, 10:30 p.m. Free fireworks are visible along the Boardwalk. Held every Monday and Tuesday from July 10

through Sept. 4. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

TUE, SEP. 5

SNOW HILL ROTARY CLUB MEETING

All Hallows Church Parish House, 109 W. Market Street, Snow Hill, MD, 7:30 a.m. Contact martypusey@gmail.com or 410-632-2527 for more information.

STORY TIME ‘BACK TO SCHOOL’

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

DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT EDUCATION CLASSES

Atlantic Health Center, 9714 Healthy Drive, Berlin, MD, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. A series of four sessions will address blood glucose monitoring, foot care, nutrition, exercise and other self-management skills. This is a Medicare benefit and covered by more insurances. Advance registration and a referral from your primary care provider (which the program can obtain) are required. Register: 410-208-9761.

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

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 2:30 to 4 p.m. The group meeting twice a month to discuss both classic and modern reading selections. This week’s selection is the novel “Voss” by Patrick White.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

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

BINGO

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

WED, SEP. 6

KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OCEAN PINES/OCEAN CITY

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

HYPERTENSION CLINIC

Rite Aid, 10119 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, MD, 1 to 3 p.m. and Rite Aid,

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

TAKE BACK THE LIGHT

Temple Bat Yam, 11036 Worcester Highway, Berlin, MD, 7 p.m. Gather as members of Jewish, Presbyterian, Methodist, Catholic, Lutheran and Episcopal congregations for an evening of reflection and reconciliation. The evening will begin in darkness and feature speakers who call out and acknowledge past histories of oppression and challenge those gathered to turn away from sin and embrace that light of reconciliation and equality. All are welcome to this free event wherever you may be on your journey of faith. Sponsored by CURE, Clergy United for Reconciliation and Equality.

DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB

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

BAR-HOP CRUISE

M.R. Ducks, 311 Talbot St., Ocean City, MD, 6 to 10:30 p.m. Participants will board the “Explorer” at M.R. Ducks at 5:45 p.m. and stop at Fish Tales, Ocean City Fish Company and Sunset Grille, before returning to M.R. Ducks. There will be a cash bar onboard and happy hour prices on drinks and food at each stop. Cost is \$35 and includes 5 raffle tickets. Benefiting the Atlantic General Hospital 2018 Penguin Swim. Reservations: garywm@mchsi.com.

OCEAN CITY/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEETING

Captain’s Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott, 2 15th St, Ocean City, MD, 6 p.m. The group meets every Wednesday. cliff0917@aol.com, 410-641-1700

SQUARE DANCE LESSONS

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 7 to 9 p.m. The Pinesteppers Square Dance Club of Ocean Pines hosts this opportunity to learn basic square dance steps. The group uses music from the 50’s right up to today’s music and from all styles, i.e. country, pop, classic rock, classical and more. Square dancing is great exercise, both light physical and mental.

ONGOING EVENTS

OCEAN CITY HOTEL WEEK

Two weeks of great deals on Ocean City hotel rooms, Aug. 27 through Sept. 10. Excludes Labor Day weekend. Info: Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association, 410-289-6733 or [\[tor.com\]\(http://tor.com\) or \[www.oceancityhotelweek.com\]\(http://www.oceancityhotelweek.com\).](mailto:inquire@ocvisi-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

BOOK A LIBRARIAN

Any branch, through September. Need some one-on-one help with your resume, job application, E-Reader or basic computer skills? Schedule a personal appointment.

MAKE & TAKE ‘DYI POCKET FOLDERS’

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, all through September. The Make & Take cart will feature supplies to decorate your own folder for the start of school.

BOWLERS WANTED

Bowlers wanted for Young at Heart Senior Bowling League, Ocean City Lanes. Starts Sept. 15 at 1 p.m. Info: Tom Southwell, 420-641-5456.

SUNDAY OUTDOOR INFORMAL WORSHIP SERVICE

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

ONE-ON-ONE FAMILY HISTORY ASSISTANCE

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

STAR CHARITIES MONTHLY MEETING

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

‘ACHIEVING SURGICAL WEIGHT LOSS SUCCESS’ SEMINAR

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

RAVENS ROOST 58 MEETS MONTHLY

28th St. Pit & Pub, 2706 Philadelphia Ave, Ocean City, MD, the first Tuesday of each month and for the Sunday NFL games to raise money for local families in need. Ravens Roost 58 is seeking new members and new officers. Dues are \$20 per year. Stop by the restaurant if interested.

PINE’EER CRAFT AND GIFT SHOP OPEN

Pine’eer Craft and Gift Shop, White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines. Shop will be open every Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and every Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featuring the latest creations by members of the Pine’eer Craft Club.

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



MARKETPLACE

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in Ocean City Today &
the Bayside Gazette
each week and online at
oceancitytoday.net and
baysideoc.com.

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National School Studios
Now Hiring:
**BACK TO SCHOOL
PHOTOGRAPHERS**
No Experience Necessary
Send Resumes to:
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HELP WANTED

**Now Hiring
Experienced
Maintenance Person**
Full-Time, Year Round
Health Benefits
Apply in person Tues. thru
Thurs., 9-3 p.m. @
Golden Sands
10900 Coastal Highway

HELP WANTED

**Blind Couple Seeks
Assistance** on the beach,
\$10/hr. Email
techguy410@gmail.com.

Comfort Suites, 12718
Ocean Gateway (Rte. 50),
Ocean City, MD (WOC). Now
Hiring YR Room Attendant
and YR Houseman. Apply in
person.

HELP WANTED

Captain's Pizza, 137th
Street. Delivery Drivers
Needed. All hours, flexible
hours. Call 410-524-1111.

Housekeeper Needed:
M-F, 5 hrs./day. Sun., 4 hrs.
Spanish w/some English ok.
Valid driv. lic. a must.
Send email w.ref's to:
sylviaabushaika@gmail.com

**Now Hiring FT/PT Waitstaff
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call 410-390-7818.

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Part-Time, Year Round
Apply in person Tues. thru
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10900 Coastal Highway

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Full-time position with
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Review and process sales
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estate background helpful.
Health Benefits & 401K
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Apply in person
OCREM
5901 Coastal Hwy.,
Suite C,
Ocean City, MD



Holiday Inn

Holiday Inn Oceanfront
6600 Coastal Highway
Ocean City, MD 21842

Now accepting applications
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year-round positions:

- Housekeeping
- Night Audit
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We are looking for service-
oriented candidates that
wish to excel in the hospi-
tality industry. Please stop
by the front desk to com-
plete an application.

TOWN OF FENWICK ISLAND Full-time Maintenance Tech Position Public Works Department

The Town of Fenwick Island is currently seeking applica-
tions for a FULL-TIME Maintenance Tech in the Public
Works Department. The applicant must have the ability to
lift (50) fifty pounds, work outside for extended periods of
time and during inclement weather, have electrical/carpen-
try/mechanical/landscaping skills, and be able to operate
backhoes/loaders/etc.

Applications and a complete job description are available
on the town website at: www.fenwickisland.delaware.gov
or at Town Hall, 800 Coastal Highway,
Fenwick Island, DE 19944

Applications must be submitted to the Town Manager by
4pm Friday, September 8, 2017 at Fenwick Island Town
Hall, 800 Coastal Highway, Fenwick Island, DE 19944 or
email to: employment@fenwickisland.org.

EOE

HELP WANTED

Year-Round Position in Local
Liquor store. Must have TAN
Certification. Send resume to
69 Anchor Way Drive, Berlin,
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Experienced Cleaner. Reli-
able w/own transportation,
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& dependable. Call Donna
301-712-5224. Only serious
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Bus Boy; Year-Round.
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The Princess Royale Hotel
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Located at 91st St.
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Experience required.
- Reservations
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Year Round

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- Banquet Houseman
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Groundsman to help maintain
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hours a week. Call 410-352-
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or apply in person at 2403
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PT Maintenance Technician
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functionality and aesthetic
appeal of residential commu-
nity grounds and common
areas. Includes light carpen-
try and electrical work. Work
schedule is 3 days a week
from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Valid Driver's License Re-
quired. If you are interested,
please send your resume to
kyurchak@legumnorman.com.

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HIRING!
**Year Round
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Apply within
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Cooks

Apply in Person -
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