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Despite forecasts for storms throughout the weekend and the appearance of a persistent, light drizzle on Saturday, dozens of autos still show up during Fall Cruisers in Berlin.

Council bids fond farewell to Hall

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Oct. 13, 2016) While the standard procedure in Berlin is for newly elected members of the mayor and council to take office during the meeting immediately following the election, a quirk of code pushed the swearing-in ceremonv back two weeks.

According to the code, elected officials assume office on the "next Monday on which a regularly scheduled meeting is held following [the] election." Because of Columbus Day, Monday, the meeting was pushed a day later, to Tuesday, Oct. 11.

Mayor Gee Williams, who won his third consecutive term in office by besting challenger District 2 Councilwoman Lisa Hall, who vacated her seat to run, thanked Hall for her eight years of service on the council.

Quite frankly, I think this has been a very productive team," he said. "I think everyone here has contributed ... we're just part of the process, but I think Councilmember Hall has been an integral part of the success that we have achieved as a mayor and council."

Williams added, "Every time one

door closes another one opens."

"On behalf of the mayor and council we wish you success with your new business venture, right down the street, the Berlin Butcher Shop, and we also wish you all the best as you now take on even the greater responsibility of those wonderful grandchildren."

Others on the council echoed Williams' words.

"I'd like to thank Lisa for all the input and all the knowledge that you shared with me when I first came in," Councilman Thom Gulyas said. "For the last few years, you've been integral part in helping my knowledge as well as the rest of the mayor and council. You will be missed."

What impressed him the most, Gulvas added, is how Hall has risen to the task of raising her grandchildren.

"I think that you have really stepped up to the plate doing that, because not a lot of people would do that," he said. "Forget the mayor and council – you've opened a new business and now you're raising four kids ... that just blows my socks off. That's amazing

and I wish you every good success." Councilman Elroy Brittingham said he enjoyed working with Hall, while Councilman Dean Burrell added, "ditto, ditto, ditto."

'Thank you for your commitment [and] service to the citizens of the town of Berlin, and I look forward to patronizing your butcher shop," Burrell said.

Well, as my husband would say, I look forward to getting in your pockets," Hall said.

Hall, for her part, said he hoped the council would continue working with the Maryland Municipal League, with which she was heavily involved.

'It's been a very pleasurable eight years," Hall said. "It was [a] very difficult time when the mayor first got elected. It was a horrible time – it was probably the worst economy since the Great Depression. And had a lot of things ahead of us that seemed overwhelming.

'We were kind of like in our own little bubble here. We were very lucky,' she added. "We worked well together and we miss Councilmember [Paula] Lynch too. She was integral."

Zackery Tyndall will take over the District 2 council seat during the next council meeting, Monday, Oct. 24.

Yacht Club number one priority of new **Ocean Pines Board**

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Oct. 13, 2016) The Ocean Pines Yacht Club is the number one priority of the new board of directors, according to a list of concerns that were ranked during a special meeting last Friday.

Following a closed session and tours of several amenities, the board convened at the yacht club, where Board President Tom Herrick asked each director to write down his or her top-four priorities. All but one of the board members present included the yacht club.

The directors agreed that finding a replacement for ousted former General Manager Bob Thompson was a given and was not included in the discussion.

Director Slobodan Trendic, apparently the only director not to cite the club, argued that it was a management issue - not a board one.

"The board can direct the general manager what's important," Herrick said. "Not specific changes to operations and saying, 'Well, you have to have happy hour from 4-to-6,' but the fact that the board is saying to the general manager the yacht club operations is extremely important to us and we need it to succeed, so work toward that goal."

"We're looking for, OK what are we going to do? This is one of the things we're going to do – we're going to pay attention to the yacht club," Director Pat Supik said. "We're not saying put five staff in the kitchen ... what we're saying is it's got to be a good operation that the community appreciates and likes.'

Interim GM Brett Hill said he was in the process of performing an operational review.

"I would hope I'm giving you, as the board, the feedback to see the areas that are of concern in our operations in my cursory glance at it," he said. "I'm also taking the steps as you're suggesting in many areas to dig further and bring you back more information so, as a board and at the advisory level, you can direct me and whoever takes my place permanently in the right steps to provide the right direction to where, as a board, we see we need to more forward.'

Hill said he was working with yacht See COUNTRY CLUB Page 6



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By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(Oct. 13, 2016) Though public burnings have long ago fallen by the wayside as a form of public entertainment, the Pocomoke City Volunteer Fire Company is hoping the public makes an exception this Saturday at noon with an effort they think everyone can support: the public burning of its paid \$2.8 million mortgage.

The 10 a.m. event is being held in conjunction with the annual Fire Prevention Week and will include tours of the facility, finger foods and other refreshments.

The theme of this year's prevention week is smoke detectors, which the National Fire Protection Association recommends replacing every decade (the date of manufacture is stamped on the device).

"We'll also have a moon bounce and a fire prevention trailer, which reinforces the message of "stay low and go," Jerry Barbierri, chairman of the board of directors of the company, said.

But the star of the show, Barbierri said, is the building itself.

We had previous buildings owned by the city, but we outgrew them," he said.

The next most recent headquarters, on Fifth Street, is still owned by the town and remains vacant. The City Council is still determining a proper course of action on the disused facility.

"Around the turn of the century," Barbierri said, "we began looking for a new location - something more central. We found a property that met our needs at the old shopping center that had been shut down for a number of years.'

In 2004, the Pocomoke City Volunteer Company purchased the former A&P and Drug Fair shopping center in the 1400 block of Market Street in order to expand its operations. The grocery store portion of the property was demolished, but the remainder was suitable for a planned community center.

Construction began in February 2007, and the fire company took possession of the facility 13 months later. The community center was com-See EIGHT Page 8



HAPPY CAMPERS

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Cub Scout Troop #155 members, from left, Hayden Widmyer, Liam Wolff, Ryan Portell, Draven Shockley and Brody Stevenson fundraise for a camping trip and supplies during First Friday in Snow Hill, as the photographer asks them to make silly faces for the newspaper.

Rt. 90 bridge inspections continue

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(Oct. 13, 2016) Mark your calendars. Wednesday, Oct. 19 is not going to be an easy day to get into or out of Ocean City, because the State Highway Administration will be working on both the Harry Kelley drawbridge on Route 50 and the Route 90 bridge over Assawoman Bay simultaneously.

The SHA categorizes both projects as routine maintenance.

"The SHA will have a contractor performing routine maintenance operations on the Ocean City drawbridge ... from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will consist of test openings of the bridge that should last no longer

than those needed for an average vessel's passage," David Buck, media relations manager for SHA, said.

Buck could not say how many openings would be required during the project.

At the same time, crews began inspections of the Route 90 bridges over the Assawoman Bay earlier this month, and will continue to inspect the bridge on Route 90 over the St. Martin River afterwards, limiting the Ocean City's other main ingress/egress point to one lane at certain times of the day.

The remaining, unencumbered routes on and off the island are both at the extreme northern end: Route 54 and Coastal Highway.

The only days work won't be taking place on the bridge are Oct. 14 and Oct. 17, due to Corvette Weekend, Buck said.

But weekdays from today until Oct. 21 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., only one lane will be allowed to pass at a time as a flagging operation limits traffic flow as the inspection continues.

Following the weekend of Oct. 22-23, work will continue a bit west of where it was, as crews work on inspecting the bridge over the St. Martin river between the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Oct. 28.

Flaggers will give priority to emergency vehicles during lane closures, Buck said.





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Pines board sets public, press relations guidelines

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Oct. 13, 2016) When new leadership was elected to the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors in August, the directors promised sweeping changes and have moved quickly to make good on several key campaign promises.

Another thing the new board hopes to change, according to a discussion during a special meeting last Friday, was how the directors would respond to public and press inquiries.

Board President Tom Herrick promised the board would answer, "Every single email ... somewhat."

"The courtesy of an answer is important," he said.

Exactly how that would work, however, was a matter of some discussion.

Director Slobodan Trendic suggested that, if questions related to specific areas represented by an advisory committee, that the respective committee liaison is given first rights to respond. Herrick, as president, would take "point" and would field "general questions."

Director Doug Parks suggested that all directors be copied in all responses as "standard protocol," and interim General Manager Brett Hill said his goal was to get responses out in hours – not days.

"If we get an email at 9 o'clock in the morning [and] we go all day and nobody sees it or does anything, the person reaching out is going to want something," Hill said.

"It's a different generation," Director Pat Supik said with a laugh.

If an email has gone unanswered for some time, Executive Assistant Michelle Bennett could send a standardized reply letting the emailer know their message was received and that "the appropriate people" would respond.

Legal questions would be forwarded to OPA's attorneys, which apparently still include Williams, Moore, Shockley, Harrison, LLP in Ocean City, as well as a firm in Montgomery County, which also serves the Parke community.

As for press questions, Herrick said each director had "the right to answer anyone with your own opinion," but that official policy releases should come from public relations.

"That really is our own, individual decision, whether we want to undertake such things [as interviews] and if so, how we want to go on record," Trendic said. "I would not be in favor of [not having] my freedom to have an interview with the press and my own decision to do so in whatever way I feel is most appropriate."

Hill said there had been issues with "individuals citing opinion publically that they're claiming to be factual about our operations" in the past.

"It's not an issue of stifling an individual from talking, but if you're going to talk be very well certain that you have 100 percent of the facts in your conversation, because if you make a statement that you claim to be factual as a official representation of our community, that statement will be taken as fact when it may not be true – and that causes harm to us," Hill said.

He went on to say there had been specific discussions among the directors about "an article ... where there was information claimed."

"We need to make sure, specifically as board members, that we are very certain in any public statements that are made [and] that we are 100 percent knowledgeable on the subject and not inserting our own personal bias or opinion into something claimed as factual," Hill said.

Resident Joe Reynolds, from the audience, noted, "There was no way you could be 100 percent certain of anything."

"I think this is a great discussion, because the newspapers in Ocean Pines paint a picture of Ocean Pines to the broader community – that is important," Supik said. "I think the more we do to keep that picture accurate, the better it will be for Ocean Pines."





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Berlin voter turnout higher than 2012, lower than 2008

By Josh Davis Associate Editor

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(Oct. 13, 2016) Twenty-three percent of Berlin's registered voters cast ballots in last Tuesday's municipal election to return incumbent Mayor Gee Williams for a third term and to elect Zackery Tyndall as the new District 2 councilman.

In total, 717 of the 3,172 registered voters in Berlin cast ballots on Oct. 4, while another 23 voted absentee. Twenty-five absentee ballots where requested.

Voter turnout was highest in District 2 where 312 people voted, accounting for about 37 percent of the registered population. Lisa Hall vacated that seat to run for mayor, and Jack Orris, another newcomer, challenged Tyndall.

Turnout was lowest in District 3, just 13 percent, where incumbent Councilman Elroy Brittingham ran uncontested. In District 1, 24 percent of the registered population voted, and in District 4 about 15 percent cast ballots.

According to Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen, there were no write-ins and no ballots were voided this year.

When Williams first ran for Mayor in 2008 – he had been a councilman and was appointed interim mayor just before the election after Thomas Cardinale passed away in office – more than 31 percent of the town's voters cast ballots.

There were also two council races that year. Brittingham ran unopposed in District 3 and Hall was elected in District 2, beating Jason Walter and Thom Gulyas, to earn her first term in office. Gulyas won an uncontested election for the at-large seat in 2014 after Paula Lynch retired.

Turnout was highest in 2008 in District 2 where nearly half – 46 percent – of all registered residents voted.

During the last mayoral election, in 2012, turnout was just under 17 percent. Williams defeated former Councilwoman Ellen Lang – a late entry, write-in candidate – 335 to122 votes. Hall was reelected in District 2 over former planning department intern Ronald Marney, and Brittingham won an in an uncontested race for District 3. Once again, District 2 had the highest turnout, about 25 percent.

In 2010 three incumbents – Dean Burrell in District 4, Troy Purnell in District 1 and Lynch in the at-large district – all won uncontested races. Turnout that year was just 4 percent, and only District 4 had more than 5 percent turnout.

No votes were cast in 2014 because new town election laws only require contested elections to take place. Along with Gulyas earning a first term on the council that year, Burrell and Purnell were reelected.

Country club, reserves, budget, property appearance top list

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club Manager Jerry Lewis to get more specific information, and that August sales numbers had already been given to the board.

"We do not have the drill-down that I believe is necessary for the operational review you're talking about, but we have the capability that I could tell you how successful Friday lunch is versus Friday dinner and Saturday dinner," he said. "Our systems have that support – we haven't utilizing them properly, and Jerry's already making the changes necessary ... to get us that information to quantify your assessment."

Herrick said he wanted the priorities to focus on the short-term, largely the next three-to-four months.

"Yacht club is a great one," he said. "The public is interested in seeing the change right away – we're interested in seeing the changes. I think Brett's already started on that path and I think he understands the importance of it."

Other priorities that made the topfive list were the country club, property appearance, reserves and the next fiscal-year budget.

Supik said reserves and the budget went "hand in hand" and that the board would be spending "a chunk of time on both of those areas." Herrick said other items that received votes included information technology, maintenance, public works, the comprehensive plan and the boat ramp.

The board also firmed up its calendar for the remainder of the session, which ends next August when two new directors could take over.

An executive council meeting was set for Monday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. in a to-bedetermined venue, likely the Assateague room in the community center.

On Jan. 11 and 12, the general manager will present the first draft of the fiscal year 2018 budget to the budget and finance committee, followed by a presentation to the board during a regular meeting on Saturday, Jan. 28. A board work session will be held on Monday, Jan. 23.

In February, the board will hold a work session on Friday, Feb.17, followed by a board meeting on Saturday, Feb. 25.

Remaining board work sessions will take place on Mondays, once a month, followed by regular meetings on Saturdays. Those dates are March 20 and 25, April 24 and 29, May 22 and 27, June 19 and 24, and July 24 and 29.

The next annual meeting, when election results are announced, was set for Saturday, Aug. 12.

Denton back in court in Dec. for probation violation

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(Oct. 13, 2016) Jordan Denton, the eldest of three young people convicted for their involvement in the January 2015 overnight spray painting spree that caused thousands of dollars in damage to Berlin residents' cars and town facilities, is scheduled to return to district court in December for allegedly violating her probation.

According to court documents, Denton failed to submit to drug and alcohol screenings and pay the associated costs. This condition of her probation was added back in June, when a new deal was struck between the state and Denton, after a previous probationary hearing.

Court records show Denton tested positive for alcohol and marijuana use on Aug. 9, the second time she's failed this particular screening while on probation.

She then failed to show for treatment twice in August and six times in September.

The last instance, on Sept. 23, court records show Denton is charged with a "behavioral positive" test by not providing a sample for the lab to examine, missing treatment and hanging up on her probation officer when contacted.

The case is scheduled for a hearing in district court on Dec. 9.

In June, Denton appeared in court for a suspected violation of probation reached as part of the plea deal in the original case.

Denton was originally sentenced to two years' probation and fined, and was ordered to compose a letter of apology to the town and to perform 150 hours of community service within Berlin.

Though dubious of the claim Denton and her accomplices made that there were no places in Berlin to complete their community service, Judge Gerald Purnell nonetheless accepted the new agreement.

Gone was the requirement to perform community service in Berlin, but the timeline to complete the community service was shortened from the end of her probationary period in June 2017, to six months, or early December.

Denton, 19, was also required to abstain from alcohol and abusive use of any drug. She also was ordered to submit to alcohol and drug screening as directed by her probation supervisor and consent to any treatment, testing or evaluation mandated by the probation supervisor as part of their probation.

No accounting of the amount of restitution made or amount of community service completed was available.

Berlin Town Administrator Laura Allen confirmed Denton submitted the apology letter in February 2016.



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Worcester Garden Club, SHES join to offer living classroom

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(Oct. 13, 2016) Nature, even at its most manicured, isn't always pretty to look at, which in itself provides learning opportunities for students at Snow Hill Elementary School.

For decades, the Worcester County Garden Club, with the aid of students, has been maintaining a butterfly garden and pond environment as an outdoor classroom.

During a visit on a recent blustery and rainy early fall morning, it was clear that the garden needed some of that careful maintenance, but it was also clear that help was unlikely to arrive that afternoon, despite it being scheduled.

"Well, I don't think they'll be getting out here today," Dr. Mary Anne Cooper, principal, said as she dodged raindrops.

The garden was a bit overgrown, and some plants had already expired. Both the garden club and the school had been waiting for weeks to get routine upkeep out of the way, but the rainy, chill weather had already written off another attempt.

The pond, across a sidewalk from the garden, was in better but not perfect shape. It too was cared for by the garden club, and it too needed some freshening up.

Despite the gardens' lack of classical beauty, they were still collections of living breathing organisms giving shelter to and providing sustenance for other organisms, which is sort of the point of having them on school grounds.

"Our science teacher, Ms. Beth Shockley-Lynch, has lessons planned around what I call the living learning habitat," Cooper said. "Students study everything to do with habitats, including tracking water temperature and pH and note how it affects other living things."

Parents may note how the garden affects the living things they send off to school each morning.

"It's a real, true, hands-on learning situation for children in school. Children love science and I feel it's important to go out and experience it with your hands," she said. "My philosophy is hands-on and meaningful experiences that children can apply what they're learning to and make connections."

Interconnectivity is the key principle. "We use it all the time," Shockley-Lynch said. "The kids get to go out, under supervision, and feed the fish. We watch them eat, look at the water quality and pH, record the weather and see how it affects the ecosystem."

The children take responsibility for, and contribute to, the garden, which is partially funded by grants. That it's usually pretty doesn't hurt the school's efforts to integrate it into the lesson plan.

"We have something gorgeous, and we can use it to learn about the area," Cooper said.

The garden is dedicated to the person who started the effort, Ruth Bowie, and there is a memorial stone placed there to honor her.

Ginny Lane, a member of the garden club, said there is a purpose beyond keeping the area looking nice.

"We're focusing this year on bees. We're planting two huge mountain mints — it's got a tall, shiny leaf with a clover-like blossom, that bees just love," Lane said. "We planted milkweed, daffodils and turtleheads. The kids help plant the garden and we teach them about the plants."

Most of the plants selected have a specific purpose, especially those in the butterfly garden.

"Last June, we hatched some Baltimore checkerspot, swallowtail and monarch butterflies. Polliwogs grow in the pond," she said.

There is always plenty of work to go around, and there are usually plenty of helpers when the time comes.

"The children plant the bulbs, and we have them help spread mulch," Mary Lou Scott, garden club member, said.

The hardships are softened by the attitude of the garden club members, Shockley-Lynch said.

"The Worcester Garden Club members are like everyone's grandmother," she said. "The children just love it."

Eight years and \$2.8 million later, PFC mortgage paid off

■ FIRE COMPANY continued pleted two years later.

"It's a banquet and event venue that can host meetings, retirements and weddings," Barbierri said.

According to a press release, the center hosts 150 events per year.

The department ran a capital campaign that generated \$625,000 towards paying off purchase, demolition and teardown costs, with a mortgage of \$2.8 million covering the rest.

"In a small town like ours, that is a considerable chunk of change," Barbierri said.

In addition, ongoing fundraising ef-

forts such as the fire company's annual chicken barbecue on July 4th weekend and the chicken and dumpling community dinner each November along with catering events have all played a huge part in paying down the mortgage.

Eight years later, the department owns the building free and clear.

"We owe much to our donors and supporters who made this beautiful fire station and Community Center possible," Stan Finch, fire company president, said in a release. "The open house and mortgage burning ceremony is our way to say thank you and to celebrate this achievement together."

County to replace two pump station fences in Ocean Pines

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Oct. 13, 2016) New fencing will be going up around two of the county pumping stations in Ocean Pines, but it won't be purchased via the usual bidding process.

The Worcester County Commissioners voted 4-2 at its meeting on October 4 to waive formal bidding processes in awarding a contract for new wooden fencing around the stations.

Commissioners Chip Bertino and Ted Elder both voted against accepting a bid from Fruitland based Grasso Fence to replace fencing around pump stations C & G at a cost of \$23,315.

John Tustin, county director of Public Works, said extensive discussions have taken place concerning the selection of wood or vinyl fencing.

"To replace with vinyl is about a 30 percent increase in cost," he said. "Staff within the water and wastewater division is recommending we replace these with wood and not go with the vinyl."

Tustin said the principal advantages of a natural wood fencing, in addition to lower initial cost, include reduced maintenance expenses and relative ease of repair compared to vinyl.

"If a limb falls on the wooden fence and breaks a couple pickets we can go

to the local hardware store buy a couple of pickets and put it back up," he said. "If a limb falls on a vinyl fence, we need the contractor back to make the repairs."

Additionally Tustin said vinyl fencing typically requires annual power washing.

"It's in the woods, it's set back off the roads," he said. "It's going to blend in with the community."

Commissioner Merrill Lockfaw said there could be unanticipated challenges with vinyl.

"This vinyl fencing, if damage occurs, sometimes that particular style may be discontinued and now you can't get a like panel to put back in," he said. "I've experienced some of that myself with small fencing jobs."

Tustin also said the vinyl option can be revisited for other more visible pump station locations.

Bertino then voiced reservations about waiving the formal bidding process.

Tustin explained that the county requested proposals from five fence companies and only received two bids. The other bid, from Capitol Heightsbased Long Fence, was slightly higher at \$25,970.

By comparison, the vinyl option was bid at \$33,252 by Grasso and \$30,010 from Long Fence.



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Meet Cyrus: Berlin council gets glimpse of new PD dog

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Oct. 13, 2016) Large, hyperactive dogs are not the normal sight during mayor and council meetings in Berlin, but then again it's not every day the town police force welcomes a new member.

On Monday evening, the mayor and council were introduced to Cyrus, a 3-year-old Belgian Malinois, which resembles a German shepherd.

"Anybody got any drugs?" Pfc. Aaron Titerence asked, walking the dog up to the front of the room.

Titerence said the dog would help the Berlin Police Department in drug enforcement and tracking efforts.

"He's still very hyper, but the breed of dog that he is makes it just that much better as a drug dog,' Titerence said.

Police Chief Arnold Downing joked that police had only just obtained the dog's passport and found out "his true age." He added that dog was French, and Titerence noted that Cyrus was "trained in Dutch," meaning he, as his handler, had to learn certain commands in that language.

Downing said the dog's life expectancy was 10-12 years, and that typical service was seven-to-eight years. Along with his day job on the force, Downing said Cyrus would also help with police demonstrations.

"We're really proud of Arron," Downing said. "He has just completed his second year with the Berlin Police Department and as with a lot of the members of the agency - we're talking about 11 out of 12 - all are specialized in some other things.

"We're very proud of him taking initiative when the opportunity came, and we're definitely proud of the team itself graduating," Downing added, referring to the four weeks of training Titerence and Cyrus recently underwent at a Wicomico County facility.

The dog will stay with Titerence, who said he already had "another shepherd" at his home.

"They get along [well], love playing and he is crazy for balls. Any kind of ball, when you throw it he will go right after it," he said.

"So Cyrus is not as rambunctious Pfc. Titerence?" Mayor Gee as Williams asked.

"That is correct," Downing said.



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Berlin Police Pfc. Aaron Titerence introduces Cyrus, a 3-year-old Belgian Malinois, to the mayor and council during a public meeting Monday night. The dog will be used for drug enforcement and tracking efforts.



Berlin Historic Commission orders butcher shop sign down

Pylon will stay for now, but insert must be taken out: fines could soon follow

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Oct. 13, 2016) In a tense 3-0 vote with two members abstaining, the Berlin Historic District Commission ruled last Wednesday that outgoing Town Council member Lisa Hall must remove the sign from her Berlin Butcher Shop on Williams Street.

Commission member Robert Poli said the large, pylon-mounted sign had a series of violations and that it apparently went up without approval.

"This commission was established for a reason," Poli said. "We were asked to be members of this commission for a reason, therefore our findings, opinions and decisions should be respected.'

Citing the Town Code, Poli said "anyone making changes within the historic district without approval by the commission shall be deemed guilty of a municipal infraction."

Failure to to comply with the code carries a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$400, with each day the violation continues considered a separate offense.

"I'm hoping that you understand and respect our position as members of the historic district commission," Poli said to Hall. "My decision on this matter, based on my study of historic district code chapter 104 and the adopted standards ... [is] the sign as well as the signpost needs to be removed."

Chairwoman Carol Rose said she reviewed the commission meeting minutes pertaining to the sign, when Hall had come to discuss other changes to the building.

"We asked you about that and you said you probably would do something, but at a later time and that you knew you had to come for approval," Rose said. "Why would you order something?"

"I didn't order it," Hall said, adding that the sign was installed without her knowledge.

"Well, somebody had to order it," Rose said. "He just didn't make one up.'

Hall said the company that installed the sign sent her a rendering, and that she had been "super busy. Three weeks later, she said, "it appeared."

"I didn't approve it. He thought he was doing me a favor. He thought I was busy," she said. "He just was See COMMISSION Page 12



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The Berlin Historic District Commission ordered the Berlin Butcher Shop to remove its sign on Williams Street during a meeting last week. According to the commission, the owner, outgoing District 2 Councilmember Lisa Hall, did not ask for permission to place the sign. Hall argued that the sign company put it up without her permission.



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Commission says Hall never sought approval for sign

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down in the area with the bucket truck and said, 'swing by and put the sign up."

She went on to say there was 'nothing historically significant about that corner property.

"Technically, you never approved it, the company put it up without your approval, so you can just tell them to take it down," Poli said.

"Oh, I love that sign," Hall said. "I'm going to keep it up.'

Planning Director Dave Engelhart disagreed with Poli's assertion that the code did not include signposts as a "structure."

He said the code's definitions of a "structure" include "display signs visible or intended to be visible from a public way,'

Engelhart also said applications were required for "any structure."

'We know that wasn't done beforehand," he said, "but [code] makes no mention of removing any existing structure ... in this case we have no authority to remove the pylon sign."

He added that the "mid-century" building, constructed in 1944, likely did not have any historical significance.

"You have to consider those things. We have no authority to take down the pylon sign. The matter for you to decide is the sign itself – the insert," he said. "That's my take on it.'

After some discussion, commission member Laura Stearns moved to approve the sign. After that did not receive a second, Poli moved to deny approval.

Two commission members abstained, Stearns and Mary Moore, citing some confusion with Engelhart's ruling. Rose, Poli and Betty Tustin voted "yes."

"The sign will come down," Rose said.

"I just want to tell you all, I'm very impressed that you're following the code now," Hall said, sarcastically.

"It's a shame you didn't," Rose

Engelhart clarified last Thursday that the sign itself "has to come down." The pylon, however, will stay, although the commission discussed sending a letter to the property owner, Hale Harrison, asking him to remove it.

The town had approached Hall about the violation, according to Engelhart, and he estimated the sign had been up for about a month.

Asked whether a fine would be assessed, Engelhart said, "We'll see how fast it comes down."

Also during the meeting, the commission approved an outdoor walk-in freezer and sign at the new Fins restaurant 119 North Main Street, as well as a new sign at 19 Jefferson Street, the home of Jeffery Auxer Designs.

Clearance time: Berlin businesses host sidewalk sale

Fall event will run Saturday, with annual Oktoberfest

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Oct. 13, 2016) Running in conjunction with Berlin's Oktoberfest this Saturday will be a fall sidewalk sale put together by several merchants sale along Main Street.

Blair Parsons from TaDa, on 18 North Main Street, spearheaded the effort.

"It's a nice chance, now that summer's calming down, to move out some of our summer inventory and make room for all our fun, new Christmas stuff coming in," she said. "It's a good time of year to go out with the old and in with the new."

Parsons said TaDa sale items would include handbags and other accessories and home décor, as well as gift items for early Christmas shoppers.

Steve Frene, from Victorian Charm on 100 North Main Street, said these kinds of seasonal sales offers shoppers great deals, while allowing the shops to make room for new fall and winter merchandise.

"There's a mentality of retailers that we want to sell everything at full price – that's how we stay in business – but there's the realization that, you know maybe this item just isn't going to sell, so I should move it out and make room for new merchandise," he said. "That's always a hard decision, but it's one that you come to every now and then."

On Saturday, Victorian Charm will discount "any remaining summer merchandise," including seasonal handbags, clothing and jewelry,

Frene will also be selling some of the fixtures and sale racks the shop no longer uses.

"Whenever you get a line in, they give you a great display rack of some kind. After that fades away you're stuck with a nice rack, but no product to put on it," he said. "I'm going to take some of that stuff that we have downstairs [in storage] and move that out for any businesses or people that do crafts, or just want to organize a closest or a basement or a garage."

Nest, on 11 South Main Street, will offer half off outdoor rugs. Sea La Vie, on 11 Artisans Way, will celebrate the shop's third birthday with free cupcakes, three of which will include a hidden gift card.

Heart of Gold Kids, on 27 North Main Street, will feature summer clearance items, including hats, blankets and accessories, and Bruder Hill, on 25 Commerce Street, will bring out several racks of "sale stuff."

"It's just a fun day in Berlin overall," Parsons said. "It's a great day to enjoy Oktoberfest, some great food, music and beer, and then do a little shopping."



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Saint Nicholas to get help from Pines' own 'Santa Colby'

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Oct. 13, 2016) For the last several years, Santa has had a very busy helper in the Ocean Pines area – Aquatics Director Colby Phillips.

Four years ago, Phillips went online to look into having a letter from Santa delivered to her then 6-yearold daughter, Sadie.

"It was like \$20 and I thought that was crazy," she said. "So I decided that I would help Santa Claus and do it along with him, and I offered it to friends. It just kind of took off from there."

Three years ago, the post office in Ocean Pines got wind of Phillips' elflike tendencies and started forwarding letters addressed to Santa and the North Pole to her. Things, as they say,







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snowballed from there.

Now, Phillips helps Santa send between 200 and 300 letters each year to children, free of charge.

"I enjoy it," she said. "I just do it because I see the expression on my own daughter's face. I get to see all [the letters] and I've got to tell you, it's pretty cool. It's kind of nice to read the innocence of children and see all that magic. I'm glad that I get to play a part in sharing that."

She added that responses to mailed Christmas wish lists "don't promise any electronics or puppies."

To receive a letter, email Santaphillips@yahoo.com and include the name of the child and the mailing address. The effort is lot limited to Ocean Pines – Phillips said she receives requests from as far away as Colorado and California.

Each child will receive a personalized letter addressed to them at the residence "where Santa will be visiting."

The deadline is Dec. 1, and letters are mailed during the first week of December.

"The letter itself is a generic letter with the exception of the personaliza-



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For four years, Colby Phillips has helped Santa return letters to children in the Ocean Pines area, collecting letters marked for the North Pole at the Ocean Pines post office, and accepting email submissions to Santaphillips@yahoo.com.

tion to the child and the state that Santa is visiting them in. It's just a matter of making sure the label matches the letter, and I put glitter in there and Santa sent me a North Pole stamp," she said. "It's a lot of detail so it takes me a little time, but I really enjoy it. It brings a lot of joy to me and I like spreading it, especially around the holidays. Santa has a lot on his plate, so I'm just helping answer all the letters."

Showell Elementary hosts festival

(Oct. 13, 2016) Showell Elementary will host its annual PTA sponsored Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 15, on school grounds from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event is open to the public. Tickets will be sold on site for activities, rides, games, and lots of raffles.

The fun-filled festival will include a variety of activities such as a dunk tank, a cake walk, a fortune teller

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and a maze.

There will be many carnival games, hay rides, moon bounces and a petting zoo, in addition to food, baked goods and snow cones for sale. Large gift baskets will be raffle off and there will also be a 50/50 raffle. Tickets will be available for sale up until the drawing at 2 p.m. Must be present to win 50/50 raffle only.

Proceeds from the festival will be

used by Showell Elementary School's PTA to help fund schoolsponsored activities or needs such as field trips, student agendas and visiting assembly's.

Come casual or dress in costume and enjoy the festivities.

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Snow Hill celebrates Oktoberfest

Will compete with Berlin's annual event for first time, Sat., starting at 11 a.m.

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(Oct. 13, 2016) For what organizers hope is the last time, Snow Hill's Oktoberfest is scheduled to compete with Berlin's event this Saturday beginning at 11 a.m. downtown.

We're going to try to work it out for next year. We'd like to expand our event a little bit, but would like it to remain kind of a locals' thing. Berlin makes a big show," Michael Day, economic development consultant for Snow Hill, and formerly Berlin, said.

Day said this year is only the second time Snow Hill has hosted an Oktoberfest, and the town and organizers were still "feeling their way through it." To that end, the town has its bases covered.

The Chamber of Commerce is providing a beer truck, the Harvest Moon Tavern and American Legion post will be serving up German-themed dishes and Frank Nanna's CowPolkas will be performing.

The weather forecast, at this point, looks agreeable, but if it does happen to rain, Day said, the tables and chairs would be moved into the old firehouse to provide shelter.

Green Street will be closed downtown between Bank and Commerce Streets, and the open container prohibition will be suspended in that area until the event's end at 3 p.m.

Similar to what was done for the Blessing of the Combines in August, the main gathering space is in front of the old firehouse. The parking lot across the street, where the Farmer's Market is held, is the staging area for vendors.

We're going to have lots of crafts by multiple artists, and will be featuring more than a dozen vendors," Melisa Weidner, vendor organizer, said. "We'll have hand-painted signs, jewelry, terrariums and upcycled art. We're going for an "indie" feel.'

Kids' activities are planned, Weidner said, but not yet confirmed. She said there would definitely be something for children to do at the event.

'We want something low key, but a lot of fun," Day said.

During Oktoberfest, the votes will be tallied for the annual scarecrow contest, Day said, and the winner will be announced. Winners are determined by popular vote, and awards are cash prizes derived from entry fees.



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Berliner bash goes back to basics

German folk festival returns to roots with Alte Kumpel Band, authentic food, beer

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor (Oct. 13, 2016) After injecting a little classic rock into the traditional German folk festival a year ago, Berlin will return to the basics with Oktoberfest this Saturday from noon to 6 p.m.

The Alte Kumpel Band will perform German polka music, Burley Oak Brewing Company will introduce a new line of "Berlin" beer steins, and plenty of fall-oriented food and games will be available along Main Street downtown.

'I wanted to have a real Oktoberfest this year and see which everyone preferred," Economic and **Community Development Director** Ivy Wells said. "The Alte Kumpel Band is the real deal, coming all the way from D.C. They are fully costumed and fun, and I will have tables set up by the stage to encourage sing-alongs.

The food lineup will include brats from Gilbert's Provisions, Drummer's Café and the Berlin Butcher Shop, pretzels from Bakes Dessert Café, German chocolate cake from the Brooklyn Baking Barons, pizza from Siculi Rustic Italian Kitchen, hamburgers and hotdogs from the Berlin Lions Club, knishes and sandwiches from Rosenfeld's Jewish Delicatessen and fresh-cut fries by AW Boy Fries.

For kids, the Church Mouse Thrift Shop and Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services will offer scarecrow making and pumpkin painting, Phillips Wharf Environmental Center and Scales N' Tails from Assateague State Park will sponsor a "Fishmobile," and Cascading Carlos will provide interactive juggling demonstrations.

Dave Miller will emcee the event. Additional activities include a cornhole tournament hosted by Burley Inn Tavern at 4 p.m. Entry is \$10 and benefits Berlin Main Street Christmas events and decorations. Top prize is a basket of cheer worth about \$500.

"I want the community to come downtown and sing and dance and have fun – this is what Berlin is all about," Wells said.

Go Organic Grocer on 12 Artisan's Way, just off Main Street, will also celebrate its fifth anniversary during the event with live music by Zion Reggae Band, along with a tie-dye party and a soup cook-off.



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World of Toys will make move to larger space, across street

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Oct. 13, 2016) Berlin's World of Toys, a colorful downtown shop that has built a loyal customer base during the last four years, is moving next spring – across the street.

Currently housed at 110 North Main Street, World of Toys will move into the much larger space on 115 North Main Street when Toy Town Antiques moves to Snow Hill in April.

Born in Russia, World of Toys owner Olga Kozhevwikova came to the United States in 1998 as an exchange student. She bought a house in Berlin in 2010, and opened her shop in 2012.

"I was looking for options to open my own business and my Realtor said to me, 'Go to Berlin. Look at these businesses – look how well they do," she said.

Kozhevwikova holds a teaching degree, specializing in physics and mathematics, and has a separate degree in accounting. In her native country, she ran an accounting business. Looking around in Berlin four years ago, however, she could only find retail spaces available in the downtown.

She enrolled in a class at Wor-Wic for new entrepreneurs. Asked what

her business would entail, she sheepishly said, "I think I want to sell toys." She may have been partially inspired by her daughter, who was 1-year-old at the time.

"I wasn't sure," she said. "The idea was kind of spontaneous. I downloaded a book, 'How to Become a Toy Store Owner."

Kozhevwikova started taking the class in January, and a month later registered to attend a major toy fair in New York City as the sole proprietor of an as-yet-unnamed business.

"I came from the toy fair with a couple of suitcases full of magazines of very good product that you don't see in every store, so I finished the class and put a business plan together," she said.

One of the vendors she met in New York, Melissa & Doug, would become a mainstay of the shop and is still heavily featured today.

Around May 2012, space opened on 110 North Main Street when, ironically, Toy Town Antiques moved to the much more expansive 4,800 square-foot space across the street.

"I opened with two companies – now I work with over 60 companies," Kozhevwikova said. "I have tons of inventory and a couple of years ago I realized I didn't have enough space,



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World of Toys owner Olga Kozhevwikova plans to move her shop into a larger space across the street in Berlin next spring, when Toy Town Antiques moves to Snow Hill.

but there was nothing available in town."

During Black Fridays, when the town traditionally hosts its Christmas tree-lighting ceremony, Kozhevwikova said it's not uncommon to have 40 people and 10 strollers packed inside the small space.

Then, a light bulb went off about three months ago when she saw a Gazette article on Facebook announcing that Toy Town Antiques was moving.

"I made a phone call like a second later," she said, adding that both buildings share the same landlord, John Barrett. According to Kozhevwikova, the rest of the phone call went something like this:

"I want the space!" she said.

"Are you for real? You want the space?" Barrett said. "Yes!" she said.



Expanded Berlin toy store eyeing May 2017 unveiling

"OK. Are you sure?" Barrett said.

"Yes, I'm sure!" she said.

"It's big ..." Barrett said.

"I know it's big!" she said.

Eventually, Kozhevwikova convinced her once and future landlord that she was, indeed, quite serious.

"It's not about how much rent I'm going to be paying, I just need the space to display everything better and make a bigger display area for the kids," she said. "It should also be much more convenient for my customers."

She said the Melissa & Doug company have already told her she can open "anything for the kids" for display purposes in the new location, meaning customers should be able to get a better sense of many of the products before committing to a purchase. There's only so much a picture on a box can tell you, after all.

"I'm planning on putting a couch, chairs, a train table, and a rug on the floor so the kids can do floor puzzles," Kozhevwikova said of the expanded play area she's planning. She will also have samples out of games that kids can "try before they buy" at the new space, which she cannot do now.

"I also have a lot of customers who come in and ask, 'do you have this product?' and I have to tell them I'm sorry, but I don't have enough room," she said. "That's my major thing – I can bring more product."

That might include – just maybe – adding the popular Lego line.

"I'll do my best," she said.

If all goes well, the new location will be running by May.

"April 1 is the time when we take possession," she said. "My first couple weeks, I'll keep this store open and I'll try to preorder as much as I can for that store. I'll be open in May for sure. I'll work 24-7 if I have to!

"There are a few things that need to be fixed and we would like to change the lighting in that store, and we have to build a wall to separate the receiving area from the rest of the store, but the rest would be just putting the displays together and putting inventory on the shelf," Kozhevwikova added.

Her excitement level, she said, is through the roof.

"I couldn't sleep the first night after I found out," Kozhevwikova said. "I will open the store as fast as I can. I'm excited because I can do so much and offer so much for the customers, and the companies that I work with – you can't find them at Wal-Mart or Toys R Us."

For more information on World of Toys, visit www.facebook.com/world-oftoyd2012.



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By Josh Davis Associate Editor

(Oct. 13, 2016) While not yet finished, the Wooden Octopus fine art studio in Berlin is inviting the public to tour the new space during the monthly 2nd Friday art stroll this

week. Michigan native Matthew Amey and his wife, Lisa Tossey, are renovating an 116-year-old home on 8 Jefferson Street for use as a "gallery/showroom."

"[During 2nd Friday] we will be showing a collection works, including some plein air paintings in oil, a small collection of custom-designed jewelry, photographs and small, collectible pieces created by myself, Lisa, her sister, Karen Ardis, and her mom, Margaret Tossey. We are a family of artists/makers setting up shop in Berlin," Amey said.

The 44-year-old moved to Salisbury in 1983. He graduated from James M. Bennett High School in 1990, and became a professional tattoo artist the following year.

According to Amey, the burgeoning tattoo industry allowed him to make art during the day, while also continuing to experiment with other media. His favorite is oil paint.

"I was essentially a self-taught artist until 2008, when I had an opportunity to return to college to study fine art," he said. "In 2012, I graduated from the University of Delaware with a bachelor of fine art degree with a focus on painting. Much of my work is influenced by my career as a tattoo artist, but I have a more diverse interest, especially in 3D modeling, sculpting and jewelry design.

'Every medium is a challenge within itself, although each medium definitely informs the others," Amey continued. "By focusing on the fundamentals of drawing and design, my efforts are to be creative and to create works that resonate, regardless of the medium. With my experience as a tattoo artist, I am definitely most comfortable with the skin although, as a tattoo artist, I am confined to my clients' design requests and I am very limited on what I, as an artist, can imbue into my work. I have more freedom to express my own ideas when I work in other mediums.'

During the past year, he has focused on renovating the Wooden Octopus building, where he has been able to "design and build a number of architectural features" to customize the space.

"The experience has given me the confidence to work on larger-scale sculptural work that I hope to create more of in the future," he said.

Eventually, he said the space would also become a "working artists' studio."

"We really enjoy having people visit our studio to see our works-in-See AMEY Page 19



Artist Matthew Amey will display work at his new Wooden Octopus gallery in Berlin during the 2nd Friday art stroll, this week.





Delayed Fall Fest rescheduled, Sat.

Early bird special on trick or treating; event generally most well attended in town

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(Oct. 13, 2016) The threat of Hurricane Matthew was enough to delay, but not cancel, Pocomoke City's annual Fall Fest, which has been rescheduled for this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"It's the town's most well-attended event," Karah Lacey, downtown coordinator, said. The Fall Fest borrows the format, but not the scope, of the monthly Fourth Friday events that will resume in March. For those bringing children, there are two highlights. The first is early bird trick-or-treating offered nearly three weeks in advance of Halloween at the downtown shops. Part and parcel to that is a "Passport to Pocomoke" game, where participants collect stamps at each downtown shop. Completed passports can be exchanged for a free ticket to a Mar-Va theater show, Lacey said.

Blank passports are available at Enchanted Florist downtown.

The second event aimed at children is a costume contest scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m., with judging immediately after. Registration hours are between 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fur babies also have their own event — a puppy costume parade scheduled for noon.

Registration for the event begins at 10:30 a.m. at Salty Dog Grooming at 21 Clarke Ave., owner Justine O'Neal said.

Two prizes will be awarded, one for the best costume and a grand prize.

There will be several forms of live entertainment, including traditional bands, but also demonstrations by the Pocomoke Middle School choir, a performance by the cast of the Mar-Va theater's upcoming "Dracula" show, Feet of Fire dance studio and several others.

Just as they do on Fourth Friday, the town's museums will also offer free admission.

Amey to show oil paintings, prints during art stroll

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progress and also share in our love of the area where we live," he said. "Hopefully our visitors will appreciate the time and effort that we put into everything we produce and leave feeling inspired to either pursue their own endeavors or return to see how we've progressed since their last visit.

"We will be working on the renovations of the house for the foreseeable future, although eventually I plan on spending more time working 'en plein air' to study the natural world. I also plan on returning to my custom jewelry designs as soon as my schedule allows," Amey added.

Amey created a repository for much of his work online at www.matthewamey.com, where some items are available for purchase. He also has a collection of prints online at www.uncommongoods.com/artist?23060.

For more information on Wooden Octopus, visit

www.woodenoctopus.com.

Berlin's 2nd Friday festivities will feature more than a dozen art displays in shops throughout the downtown area, along with sales and specials in area restaurants from 5-8 p.m.

AGH announces wine pairing dinner

Benefit comes to Casino at Ocean Downs on Thursday, Oct. 27; tickets cost \$75

(Oct. 13, 2016) The Atlantic General Hospital Junior Auxiliary Group is set to host a Wine Pairing Dinner benefitting Atlantic General Hospital, on Thursday, Oct. 27 beginning at 6 p.m. at Casino at Ocean Downs near Ocean Pines.

The dinner will include four courses with select wine pairings, \$15 in free play per person, as well as door prizes and a raffle. Proceeds raised will benefit the services and programs such as nurse scholarships and health literacy education provided by Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin.

The cost to attend is \$75 per person. Tickets can be purchased by texting WINEJAG to 41444 or by check (payable to AGH JAG) mailed to: Rebecca Taylor, 8704 Habitat Court Berlin, Maryland 21811. Checks must be received by Friday, Oct. 21.

For more information on the AGH Junior Auxiliary Group, its activities or to join, visit www.atlanticgeneral.org/Volunteer/J unior-Auxiliary-Group.aspx or call Toni Keiser at 410-641-9678.



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Sharon Dlubala, owner of Those Clever Canines, recently celebrated her grand opening with a ribbon cutting sponsored jointly by the Chambers of Commerce of Ocean Pines, Ocean City and Berlin. Those Clever Canines is located at 11022 Nicholas Lane, Unit#9, in the Village Square Shopping Center.



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OCTOBER CRAFTER

Lois Schultz has been selected as the Pine'eer Craft Club Crafter of the Month for October. Originally from Pennsylvania, she has lived in Ocean Pines for four years and has been crafting all of her life. Her crafts include bracelets, earrings, Christmas ornaments and painted gourds and Kumihimo, Japanese weaving, Visit the Pine'eer Craft Shop in White Horse Park 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays.







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FIRST FRIDAY DEBUT Carolyn Cucina, a new vendor participating in Snow Hill's First Friday, sells handmade, decorative and specialty soaps.

Board members, Lower Shore Land Trust employees, Snow Hill Chamber of Commerce representatives and elected officials gather Friday night for a ribbon cutting at the new headquarters of the Lower Shore Land Trust on River Street in Snow Hill.



SOLID GOLD Members of the Delmarva Chorus display some of the school supplies they purchased and donated to Worcester County GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity).



BERLIN AMBASSADORS

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The Berlin Ambassadors were treated to a "Thank you" reception on Sept 29 at Burley Inn Tavern. Forty-three ambassadors participated in the program, including seven new faces. The Ambassador Program runs from May 30 through Sept. 22. For more information on becoming a member, contact Sharon Timmons at 410-629-1716 or stimmons@berlinmd.gov.

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'Perpetual' group to perform fiddle, classical music

(Oct. 13, 2016) The Historic St. Martin's Church Museum Foundation presents part II of the Summer & Fall Cultural Series, this Sunday.

Perpetual Commotion will perform from 3-4 p.m. at the Historic St. Martin's Church Museum, located at 11413 Old Worcester Highway in Showell (end of Route 589 South). The group is made up of seven students who study violin with Katherine Munson in Berlin. The students are seventh and eighth graders from Berlin, Salisbury, Snow Hill and Willards and take individual as well as group lessons.

They perform all over the area at various venues from library programs to weddings. They have played at the Berlin Fiddler's Convention, at Perdue Stadium and at Freeman Stage as part of the Locals Under the Lights program.

They will be performing a program that will include classical and fiddle selections on Oct. 16. All are welcome. Complimentary parking. This event is sponsored by Perpetual Commotion and Historic St. Martin's Church Foundation.

Historic St. Martin's mission continues to be guided by the ongoing preservation of this Circa 1756 edifice as well as the support and promotion of preservation education, the arts and enriching cultural events.

HSM's 18th Century architecture features a majestic barrel-vaulted ceiling, which was built for sound and is conducive to music and readings.

For more information, contact info@historicstmartinschurch.org or 410-289-9100.







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Opinion

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

Nothing ado about much

The phone rang and the caller had just one question: "What's going on?" The answer was simple: "Not much. It's quiet on all fronts."

And that's the way it is throughout the county at the moment, as governing authorities take care of business quietly and without controversy.

In Ocean Pines, the board of directors continues to establish how it will function in the year ahead by assessing which aspects of the community's operation need the most attention. It's all being done in businesslike and logical fashion and suggests that this could turn out to be a good working group.

Over in Berlin, the mayor and council officially brought to a close a stormy municipal election as it issued a cordial goodbye to a departing council member and prepared to welcome a new member to that body at the next meeting. No big changes on the horizon there.

In Snow Hill, the biggest concern at the moment is whether the town can catch a break and pull off its second Oktoberfest this Saturday without being flooded, again, by a storm system that seems determined to linger over that community longer than anywhere else. The odds for a good weekend continue to look good.

And in Pocomoke, the volunteer fire company reminded the public that a community approach to addressing the town's needs does work. This Saturday, it's burning the mortgage on its \$3.4 million headquarters after just eight years.

The principle reason it could do that is because the public, businesses and organizations contributed \$625,000 to the cause at the outset, leaving \$2.8 million to finance. And that was paid off through additional community support of the company's services and facilities.

In retrospect, the answer to the caller's question should have been there's quite a bit of news coming from around the county. It just doesn't happen to be bad.



"Bill and Dan will be joining us later. They're on the Worcester County Sink Hole Tour."

Letters

One more 'thank you' for Warriors benefit

Editor,

So ... in last week's thank you letter we forgot to mention a very important Warrior who worked hard not only at the Rock for Recovery fundraiser, but is always pitching in, in some way. She organized the Warriors to work at the inlet for Bike Week and we are eternally grateful to Kelley Green.

Heidi McNeeley President, Worcester County Warriors Against Opiate Addiction

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Humane society open house

(Oct. 13, 2016) Worcester County Humane Society will be holding its annual Open House and Rescue Festival on Saturday, Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Everyone is invited to come see all of the sweet dogs and cats that are available for adoption along with improvements that have been made to the shelter. There will be local artists, vendors, dog trainers, a bake sale and demonstrations.

Also on Oct. 15, the shelter is teaming up with channel 47 WMDT for a one-day, Delmarva-wide, adoption event, "Pick A Pal Day," where the shelter will offer adoption specials for the day. Dog adoptions will be just \$75 and cat adoptions \$30 for this day only. Those interested in adopting are encouraged to have their application pre-approved as the adoption process can take approximately 48 hours.

During the Open House there will be a "Pound for the Pound" event hosted by Angela Houck from Pure Power Studio - Aerial Fitness & Dance. These Pound Rockout Workout mini-classes start at 11 a.m. at the shelter and are free to attend. Pure Power Studio will also be raffling off a Pound Rockout package (five classes/\$40 value). Raffle tickets cost \$1 each or get 10 for \$5. Visit www.purepowerstudio.com to learn more about Pound Rockout Classes.

Don't miss out on the valuable information that will be offered by K9 Heeling Precision Dog Training at 11:45 a.m. K9 Heeling is a committed supporter of the Worcester County Humane Society. It has helped design and implement training protocols as well as kennel management systems to increase adoptability of the shelter's canine guests. Visit www.k9heeling.com for more information on all services it has to offer.

The Worcester County Humane Society is a private, nonprofit, no-kill animal shelter located on 12330 Eagles Nest Road in Berlin. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Mondays.

The shelter depends on donations and fundraising to care for the many animals that make their way to the shelter. For more information, call 410-213-0146 or visit www.worcestercountyhumanesociety.org. Follow the shelter on Facebook and Instagram for more updates. Anyone interested in becoming a vendor for the Open House email ashleyworcestercohumanesociety@gmail. com.

Stonnell adds WCEF 'teacher champion' to sterling resume

(Oct. 13, 2016) The Worcester County Education Foundation recognizes Staci Stonnell as Pocomoke Elementary teacher champion.

Stonnell is currently the Pocomoke Elementary School Teacher of the Year 2016-2017. She earned Bachelor degrees from Salisbury University in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, and is certified in Special Education. She also earned a Master's of Education in School Counseling from Wilmington University.

Stonnell will begin her seventh year of teaching in the Worcester County Public School System (WCPS). Her experience includes teaching at the high school level, second grade, and currently Kindergarten at Pocomoke Elementary School.

She has enjoyed teaching an after school program called the "Coding Club" where children learn pre-computer programming skills.

Stonnell is an active member of numerous school and county committees, leadership teams and mentor programs, including a parent workshop on social emotional development.

An early childhood advocate, Stonnell's passion for teaching extends beyond content. She strongly believes that by "building relationships and



Staci Stonnell

guiding young children to believe in themselves, every child has the ability to grow, learn and care."

As a teacher champion, Stonnell will act as a liaison between Pocomoke Elementary School and the Worcester County Education Foundation (WCEF). The mission of the WCEF is to create equal access to a first class education. By bridging community resources with the needs of county schools, every child can have access to the learning tools necessary, in order to succeed.

Working on the front lines, teachers like Stonnell have a unique perspective of current and evolving needs of students, teachers and staff, which allows the WCEF to more accurately define priorities and offer additional support where it is most needed.

To learn more about the WCEF, visit www.wced.foundation or call 410-632-5076.





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Berlin, Wor. County apply for Enterprise Zone re-designation

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Oct. 13, 2016) In an effort to keep Berlin competitive in attracting new business, the county will apply to the Maryland Department of Commerce to re-designate the area as an Enterprise Zone.

The Worcester County Commissioners unanimously approved the application following a public hearing at

its meeting on Oct. 4.

Merry Mears, county director of Economic Development, said Berlin is due to renew the agreement last completed in October 2006. Snow Hill and Pocomoke are also currently labeled as Enterprise Zones through the state program.

"The designation presents certain business opportunities for folks locat-See DESIGNATION Page 24



Designation necessary to attract Maryland tax credits

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ing their businesses in these zones," she said. "They can receive certain tax credits for number of employees and ... toward their real property tax."

Berlin-resident Kenneth Graves shared his concerns about potential favoritism resulting from the program.

"Who gets a free ride and who doesn't get a free ride?" he asked. "Anybody that comes here and opens a business gets a free ride on the taxes."

Also commenting was Linda Reiner who characterized the program as an entitlement and wondered if property taxes would be increased to subsidize the tax credits.

Mears said the program is a state investment and doesn't require financial backing by the county.

"The Enterprise Zone status is actually awarded by the State Department of Hosing and Community Development and is a special fund set aside to encourage business growth and development within economically depressed areas of the state," she said. "I consider us fortunate to have designations in three areas for this type of investment."

Ivy Wells, Berlin's director of economic and community development, said her office uses the tax credits to encourage businesses to set up in Berlin.

"The Enterprise Zone tax credit is not only a real estate tax credit, it's also an incentive to hire disadvantaged employees," she said. "There are a wide variety of stipulations that a company has to meet and there are extremely strict."

The Enterprise Zones Program provides businesses with credits for both income and property taxes. Qualifying companies can receive a 10-year credit against local real property taxes, which holds at 80 percent of an eligible property asset for the first five years, but this is then reduced by 10 percent over the last five years of the agreement.

Two income tax credits also are included in the program. The first is a one-time \$1,000 credit for every new employee staffing a freshly created position in an area designated as an enterprise zone. There is also a three-year income tax credit for economically disadvantaged employees, which is set at \$3,000 the first year and drops by a thousand dollars each year for the next two.

Wells said her office uses the tax allowances to encourage job creation.

"The credits are more valuable than deductions because credits are subtracted directly from income tax liability," she said. "Berlin needs to stay competitive. We have a lot of properties that need to be developed and Enterprise Zone tax credits are a good incentive."







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Casino at Ocean Downs generated \$5.8 million in slot revenues, up 3 percent

(Oct. 13, 2016) Maryland Lottery and Gaming recently announced September 2016 revenue numbers for the state's five casinos – Hollywood Casino Perryville in Cecil County, Horseshoe Casino Baltimore in Baltimore City, Casino at Ocean Downs in Worcester County, Maryland Live Casino in Anne Arundel County and Rocky Gap Casino Resort in Allegany County.

September 2016's combined statewide revenue totaled \$97,096,278, an increase of 11 percent from September 2015. Casino contributions to the state go to the Maryland Education Trust Fund and also support small-, minority- and women-owned businesses, local impact grants and the state's horse racing industry.

Hollywood Casino Perryville generated \$5,922,162 from both slot machines and table games in September. Gross gaming revenue per unit per day was \$195.43 for slot machines, \$2,370.37 for banked table games and \$279.60 for non-banked table games.

Hollywood Casino's September 2016 revenue decreased by \$282,534, or 4.6 percent, from September 2015. Hollywood Casino Perryville operates 850 slot machines and 22 (12 banked and 10 non-banked) table games.

Horseshoe Casino Baltimore generated \$26,941,361 from both slot machines and table games in September. Gross gaming revenue per unit per day was \$218.43 for slot machines, \$2,569.99 for banked table games and \$823.68 for non-banked table games.

Horseshoe Casino's September

2016 revenue increased by \$4,793,549, or 21.6 percent, from September 2015. Horseshoe Casino Baltimore operates 2,202 slot machines and 179 (154 banked and 25 non-banked) table games.

Maryland Live Casino generated \$53,921,442 from both slot machines and table games in September. Gross gaming revenue per unit per day was \$278.37 for slot machines, \$4,158.19 for banked table games and \$1,306.02 for non-banked table games.

Maryland Live's September 2016 revenue increased by \$4,350,185, or 8.8 percent, from September 2015. Maryland Live Casino operates 3,907 slot machines and 206 (154 banked and 52 non-banked) table games.

Casino at Ocean Downs generated \$5,875,597 from slot machines in September, and its gross gaming revenue per unit per day was \$244.67. Casino at Ocean Downs' September 2016 revenue increased by \$163,328, or 2.9 percent, from September 2015. The Casino at Ocean Downs operates 800 slot machines, and does not have table games.

Rocky Gap Casino Resort generated \$4,435,717 from both slot machines and table games in September. Gross gaming revenue per unit per day was \$194.43 for slot machines and \$1,438.31 for banked table games. This facility does not have non-banked table games.

Rocky Gap Casino Resort's September 2016 revenue increased by \$574,090, or 14.9 percent, from September 2015. Rocky Gap Casino Resort operates 634 slot machines and 17 table games.

In a year-to-year comparison, September 2016 casino revenue increased from September 2015 by \$9,598,618, or 11 percent.



KIWANIS DONATION

Principal Belinda Gulyas of the Cedar Chapel Special School, left, attends the meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City on Aug. 17 in Ocean City. She is the daughterin-law of deceased former Worcester County Commissioner Louise Gulyas and wife of Tom Gulyas, Berlin councilman. She is presented a \$500 donation from Kiwanis President Mark Joseph. They are joined by Kiwanian and past President Carolyn Dryzga who has worked with Cedar Chapel Special School during her presidency and did a Kiwanis "Day One" project with the school.



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Suicide prevention group looking for liaison volunteers

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(Oct. 13, 2016) Suicide has risen to become the second-leading cause of death for young Americans, and the Jesse Klump Suicide Awareness & Prevention Program was created to stem the tide of youth suicides on the lower Eastern Shore through a program of education and outreach.

"We have received a grant that will enable us to expand our reach into schools, and volunteers are needed to act as liaisons between the suicide prevention program and guidance offices in every Worcester County intermediate, middle and high school," Jesse Klump Memorial Fund President Kim Klump said. "The position will require no more than about 20 hours per year, but is vitally important if we are to reach young people who are thinking about suicide.

The grant, from the Estelle Friedman Gervis Family Foundation, will provide for materials for 10 volunteers to strengthen the relationship between the suicide prevention program and guidance offices. Volunteers will receive basic suicide prevention training, introduce themselves to the school guidance counselors, and keep a steady stream of suicide prevention and mental health materials available to students.

"By building a relationship with



STILL CRAFTY

PHOTO COURTESY LOUISE LASSITER

The Pine'eer Craft Club of Ocean Pines features monthly craft projects for clients of the Berlin Senior Center. Pictured are Betty Jerman, Janet Cash, Cathy Willey and Mary Drelick.

school counselors, we hope that our volunteers will find other opportunities for us to teach students and school personnel how to recognize suicide's risk factors and warning signs, and provide them with the tools to keep a student safe until a mental health professional can step in," Klump said. "We are prepared with classroom lessons and materials for tabling events, and just need the invitation."

The program envisions that each volunteer will be responsible for one school. Guidance offices will be given brochures on youth suicide prevention aimed at the student population, for parents whose children have threatened suicide, and for families dealing with the grief following a suicide or suicide attempt and looking for ways to help young people understand. Because mental illness is typically the tipping point, there is information on dealing with student stress, bullying and depression.

If interested in becoming a school liaison volunteer, contact the program's Outreach Coordinator, Dina Karpf, at 410-430-0627, or send an email to choosetolive@jessespaddle.org.



CAR checks in at Coastal Hospice, donates \$8,000

(Oct. 13, 2016) The Coastal Association of Realtors (CAR) has raised \$8,000 for the campaign to build Coastal Hospice at the Ocean.

CAR Immediate Past President Linda Moran chose Coastal Hospice at the Ocean as the charity the association would support throughout her presidency.

"It has been an absolute joy this year to raise money for this worthy campaign," Moran said. "Hospice is something that touches everyone – whether they be a patient or the family of a patient. It's important to ensure the right resources and facilities are in place so our friends and family members can feel safe and comfortable when they're at the end of their lives. I'd like to thank all the members of CAR who helped with this project and donated their time and money."

Over the past year, CAR has undertaken numerous fundraising projects to benefit Coastal Hospice at the Ocean. During the association's monthly Business Card Exchange events at local restaurants, CAR held 50/50 raffles with all proceeds going to the fundraising effort.

Throughout the summer, CAR sold chance tickets for Yeti coolers at various local fishing tournaments and restaurants in Ocean City. The association held a Paint pARTy Fundraiser with Tickled Paint at The Embers Restaurant in Ocean City. Finally, CAR supported numerous local fundraisers for Coastal Hospice at the Ocean, including Hats for Hospice, A Taste for Finer Things and Brews N Bites.

"We are so appreciative of the efforts of Coastal Association of Realtors throughout this year to support our cause," said Maureen McNeill of Coastal Hospice & Palliative Care. "The money will help build Coastal Hospice at the Ocean, a hospice residence and outreach center."

Coastal Hospice at the Ocean aims to raise \$5 million in order to rehabilitate an existing facility in Ocean Pines and turn it into a residence for patients who are at the end of their lives, but are unable to stay in their homes. The new facility will house at least 100 people each year and will serve as a hub for in-home hospice care in Worcester County, so that each year, more than 400 patients who are still in their homes know their caregivers are close at hand.

The building is 20,270 square feet and will cost approximately \$5 million to purchase and upgrade with medical equipment, furnishings and landscaping. The facility overlooks the Isle of Wight Bay and the Ocean City skyline.

For more information and to contribute to the campaign, visit www.coastalhospice.org/hospicecare-capital-campaign.

For more information about CAR, visit www.coastalrealtors.org.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Coastal Association of Realtors (CAR) recently announced that the organization raised \$8,000 for the campaign to build Coastal Hospice at the Ocean. Pictured, from left, are Realtor Buddy Dykes, Coastal Hospice Director of Development Maureen McNeill, Coastal Hospice President Alane Capen, CAR Immediate Past President Linda Moran and Realtors Bradley Rayfield and Ann Hammond.



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HARPOON HANNA'S

Route 54 and the bay Fenwick Island, Del. 800-227-0525 302-539-3095 www.harpoonhannasrestaurant.com Oct. 14: Dave Hawkins, 5-10 p.m. Oct. 20: Kevin Poole, 6-10 p.m.

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SKYE RAW BAR & GRILLE

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1 Mumford's Landing Road Ocean Pines 410-641-7501 www.oceanpines.org Oct. 14: Over Time Band, 6 p.m

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WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

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BRYAN CLARK Ocean Club Nightclub: Thursday, October 20, 6-9 p.m.



DJ JEREMY Harborside Bar & Grill: Saturday, October 15, 9 p.m.

Ocean Pines

Mary Margaret Stevens, age 77, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016, at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury.

Born in New Jersey, she was the daughter of the late Edward and Anna Cullen Hasson.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, David M. Stevens, and children, David G. Stevens and Jennifer L. Austin and her husband, Christopher. There are three grandchildren, Christopher, Nicholas and Blake.

Also surviving are her brothers, Edward Hassan and his wife, Judy, William Hassan and his wife, Terry, and a sister, Anne Tyrpak, and her husband, Richard.

Mrs. Stevens was a graduate of St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Patterson New Jersey, received a B.S. degree in nursing from the University of Maryland and a Masters Degree from The Catholic University of America. She worked in hospital nursing at NIH and Montgomery General and home health care nursing for the Montgomery County Department of Health from which she retired. After retirement, she remained active in nursing as a hospital volunteer, membership in the OP Retired Nursing Association and as chairman of the Worcester County Health Planning Advisory Council.

She also pursued a wide range of interests outside of nursing serving as president of Friends of the Ocean Pines Library and director, secretary of the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Association. She liked book clubs, memoir writing and duplicate bridge and was a faithful member of Holy Savior Catholic Church.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2016 at Holy Savior Catholic Church in Ocean City.

Letters of condolence may be sent via www.burbagefuneralhome.com. Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

COLLECTING BOX TOPS

Over the past five years, students collecting General Mills Box Tops for Education have raised more than \$4,000 for Worcester Prep. WPS students collect between 10,000 12,000 Box Tops a year. The money received from General Mills contributes to the WPS Annual Fund, which is used for upgrades and improvements to the school's infrastructure, programs and technology. WPS Lower School technology teacher Amanda Lynch organizes the collection of Box Tops year-round within the school. To donate Box Tops to WPS, mail to: WPS. 508 South Main Street. Berlin. Marvland 21811. Lower School Teacher Laura Holmes is pictured with her fourth grade class which won a contest for collecting the most Box Tops.

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Snapshots



PINWHEEL POSE

Worcester Prep teachers Sasha Motsko and Kelley Burton join their second grade students in forming the shape of a peace sign to celebrate Pinwheels for Peace. Pinwheels for Peace is a global project to help students make a public visual statement about their feelings of war, peace, tolerance, cooperation, harmony and unity.



LIGHT READING

Storytime took on new meaning as teacher Jamie Greenwood and son, Finnley, read the history of Stephen Decatur High School during the fifth annual Character Kickoff assembly on Sept. 16.







FIRST DAY Ashley Foreman and her son, Joel, take a moment and smilies for Joel's first day of Kindergarten at Seaside Christian Academy.



MERIT SCHOLARS

Dr. Barry Tull, headmaster of Worcester Preparatory School, recently announced that students, from left, Rayne Parker, Zachary Wilson, Jordan Welch, Sambina Anthony and Nikhil have been named Commended Students in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. Dr. Tull presented these seniors a Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program. Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.6 million students who entered the 2017 competition by taking the 2015 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).



NEHS INDUCTION

In a language rich and scholarly ceremony, 11 Stephen Decatur High School students were inducted into the National English Honor Society (NEHS) on Sept. 20. Former Maryland Teacher of the Year and Stephen Decatur Middle School English teacher Michelle Hammond served as the guest speaker while current members, Emma Hancock and Kaitlyn Custer, emceed the event. The SDHS chapter of the NEHS runs the Seahawk Writing Center as well as conducts a book drive each year. Pictured, in back, are Marissa Wheaton, Michael Mareno, Jamie Ditzel, Rodney Murray and Gavin Esch, and in front, NEHS President Hancock, Kyla Taylor, Vice President Kaitlyn Jones, Sarah Bianca, Eunice Huesca, Mahreen Ishfaq, Caroline Kurtz and Custer.

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Cuisine

Kimchee and cheese top off perfect burger

The great meal mystery shrouds me tonight. My many choices and musings all come down to this moment of great triumph - a point in time at



which I decide the fate of hundreds of people, nay, dozens. I am in another hospital in D.C. visiting a loved one and looking for dinner and there is no time to stop and worry about how much it's going to cost me to pull my car out of the Georgetown garage.

By Paul Suplee, CEC PCIII

Who am I kidding? My heart skips a beat when I consider how much the damage is going to be. I think the

garage is \$25 per day, and I can't imagine that I'll be here for any less than three days. I exhale a dramatic sigh, confident in the fact that my superior math skills have calculated that my injury is somewhere around \$75 for not moving my car an inch for the duration.

For that kind of money, I think I'd rather be in Disney, where every ride ends in a gift shop and you are well aware that you are being raked over the coals around every corner. At least you get to ride the Dumbo ride, as boring as that might be. It's for the kids, as they say.

I stroll across the parking lot to fill my belly with yet another meal on the road, and I wonder what will fit the bill, as I am tired and cranky.

No sooner had I entered the Epicurean Café, a unique (to say the least) eatery on the Georgetown campus, and then I saw exactly what meal would suffice – a kimchee cheeseburger. I understand that cheese and kimchee might be a mortal sin to some, but this combination works incredibly well, especially when paired with some Sriracha, that famed condiment that seems to be falling out of favor as of late. In hindsight, this burger even comes off as a little healthy, with the probiotics from the kimchee helping to digest the unhealthy half-pound burger.

If you decide to make this burger at home, it couldn't be any simpler, but there are a couple things to go over.

First we'll start with the bread. Crack of Dawn Bakery is a great local place that you have to do some research on. They sell to local restaurants and if there is a way to buy their product through one of your local favorite stomping grounds, then you can have fresh-baked breads for many of your cooking experiences.

There are a couple other bakeries around, as we see our artisanal food cottage industry blossom and expand, so check out which ones have great breads for you to use. As you will notice with some experience, there is such a difference between the frozen, proof and thaw product and freshly made, handcrafted breads.

The next thing to address is the kimchee. While this has been hard to find down here over the years, you can even find it at that super store that adorns our landscape in such an omnipotent manner. You will find it in the produce section under the kombucha section. I cannot attest to the quality of this product as I've never had it, but assuming that it's made the "old-fashioned way," there are plenty of good bugs in there to keep your gut nice and healthy.



If you truly want to treat yourself, grab a quart of kimchee from Toby over at Gilbert's Provisions and use this for your beefy feast. Toby is doing a great job with his fermented products and is a great source for everything from the kimchee to pickles, pickle juice, pâté and other cool things that could come in handy over the course of your cooking adventures.

Finally, we need to address that actual burger cooking. Unless I'm grinding my own beef, I always overcook my hamburgers, as my love for rare beef is overshadowed by the threat of E. coli contamination. I hate to even bring it up, but "Safety First" as the kids love to say.

Well, I think that just about covers it all. A burger fit for a king, filling one's gut with fermented Kimchee and a sharp English cheese all slathered in Sriracha sauce. Now it's time for bed.

Kimchee Burger

Enough for 4 people

- 4 Fresh Kaiser buns
- 2 Tbsp. Unsalted Irish butter
- 4 eight-ounce Chuck-brisket burgers
- Salt and Pepper as needed
- 1 tsp. Granulated garlic

4 slices, Red Leicester Cheese

2 cups Fresh Kimchee

Sriracha hot sauce, as needed

Kewpie Mayonnaise (optional)

1. Spread butter on rolls and toast, keeping them warm until service

2. Season the patties liberally with the salt, pepper and granulated garlic

3. Cook the burgers on a char broiler or grill until they are done to the temperature of your liking. I prefer my burgers to be cooked medium rare to medium, but I will only do so if I grind the beef myself. It's not worth taking a risk with all of the E. coli scares out there

4. When the burgers are close to being complete, top with the cheese and allow to melt

5. Place a burger on each bun and top with 1/2 cup of the Kimchee

6. Slather the top bun with Sriracha and Kewpie (if you're using it) and serve

7. This goes great with homemade dill pickles and an ice-cold lager

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

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CHRONIC PAIN SELF-MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Pocomoke Senior Center, 400 Walnut St., Suite B, Pocomoke City, MD, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Interactive, six-week program. Topics include pain management techniques, medication management, communication with healthcare providers and others, action planning and many more. Free and open to the community. Register: Nancy, 410-957-0391 or Dawn, ddenton@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9268

SUPPORT GROUP FOR BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Brandywine Living at Fenwick, 21111 Arrington Drive, Selbyville, DE, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Patricia Addision of Blind Sight presents improving the quality of life for blind and visually impaired. Get information about support services and resource store. Free. Jeannie Elgin, 302-436-0808

COASTAL HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

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

MT. ZION ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE **RIBBON CUTTING**

Furnace Town Living Heritage Museum, 3816 Old Furnace Rd, Snow Hill, MD, 11 a.m. The ribbon cutting ceremony will officially welcome the schoolhouse to Furnace Town's array of centuries-old structures that offer a glimpse into our past. A docent school teacher will be in the schoolhouse several days a week. Visit Furnace Town's website for the schedule. http://www.furnacetown.org

BEACH SINGLES

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

BINGO

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

OC NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PUBLIC MEETING

Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Ocean City Recreation and Parks is holding a public meeting to discuss Sunset Park located on S. Division Street, west of south Philadelphia

Avenue and the Downtown Recreation Complex located between Third and Fourth streets, bayside and Robin Park located off of 28th Street and Robin Drive. 410-250-0125

CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 7 to 8 p.m. Held second Thursday of each month. Support and information for those affected by celiac disease. Betty Bellarin, 410-603-0210

FRI, OCT. 14

CORVETTE WEEKEND

Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, All Day More than 1,200 Corvette enthusiasts attending from Canada to Florida. Car shows, road rallies, a parade and other related activities raise money for charity. Events take place at the Clarion Hotel and at the Ocean City Inlet parking lot. jerry.a@verizon.net, 443-865-7674, http://www.freestatecorvette.com

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WALKING TOUR OF DOWNTOWN OCEAN CITY

Ocean City Development Corporation office, 108 Dorchester Street, Ocean City, MD, 9:30 a.m. Ocean City Development Corporation will host a free walking tour. OCDC Executive Director Glenn Irwin will lead the tour. The history of Ocean City, downtown revitalization efforts and public art projects will be highlighted. The tour will cover about 1 mile and last about 1 hour and 15 minutes. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for weather. Attendance is limited to 25 people. Call to reserve a spot. 410-289-7739

QUILT SHOW AND PEDDLER'S TABLE

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Quilters By The Sea will present a quilt show and peddler's table. Free admission. Cheri Johnson, cheri.johnson12@yahoo.com

FREE INTRODUCTORY PICKLEBALL CLINICS

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, Ocean Pines, MD, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Every Friday through Dec. 16. Free clinic for brand new players. Registration is required by calling 410-641-7052.

CRAB CAKE DINNER

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main Street, Berlin, MD, 4 to 7 p.m. Menu includes single crab cake sandwich with green beans and seasoned baked potato. Cost is \$10. Carryouts and bake sale available. 410-641-1137

FALL SIP & SHOP

Something Old, Something New, 10557 Bishopville Rd, Bishopville, MD, 4 to 8 p.m. Enjoy treats and libations while you save 20% on fall inventory. Charlene

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

Reese, 301-704-8486

2ND FRIDAY ART STROLL

Berlin's Main Street, 2 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 5 to 8 p.m. Check out featured art and musicians sponsored by Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee. http://www.BerlinMainStreet.com

FREE FINANCIAL SEMINAR

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 6 to 7 p.m. Identity theft will be the topic of this seminar. Robert Mullen will share how thieves obtain personal information and how to reduce your risk. Advance registration is required. Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

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

SAT, OCT. 15

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INDOOR YARD SALE

Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department, 10709 Bishopville Road, Bishopville, MD, 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. Table rentals cost \$15 each or 2 for \$25. Reservations: 443-235-2926.

FARMERS MARKET

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

AIRPORT DRIVE-IN BREAKFAST

Ocean City Airport, Terminal Building, 12724 Airport Rd, Berlin, MD, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Coffee, eggs, bacon, sausage, scrapple and potatoes. Suggested donation is \$7. All donations directed to the Huey Veterans Memorial Display and Park. Coleman Bunting, 410-726-7207

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ONE STOP KIDS SHOP

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, 11242 Racetrack Road, Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Multi-family indoor yard sale featuring gently used children's items. 410-430-9156

POCOMOKE FIRE COMPANY OPEN HOUSE & MORTGAGE BURNING

Pocomoke City Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., 1410 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will include tours of the facility, Ocean City's fire prevention educational trailer, a bounce house and free refreshments. The Mortgage Burning Ceremony will take place a noon. Open to the public and held rain or shine. http://www.pocomokefire.com

WORCESTER COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY **OPEN HOUSE AND RESCUE FESTIVAL**

Worcester County Humane Society shelter, 12330 Eagles Nest Road, Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. See all the dogs and cats that are available for adoption, along with improvements that have been made to the shelter. Event includes local artists, vendors, trainers, bake sale and demonstrations. Pure Power Studio will host free Pound Rockout mini classes starting at 11 a.m. K9 Heeling Precision Dog Training will offer training information at 11:45 a.m. Dog adoptions will be \$75 and cat adoptions \$30 for this day only. Those interested in adopting are encouraged to have the application pre-approved. ashleyworcestercohumanesociety@gmail.com, 410-213-0146, http://www.worcestercountyhumanesociety.org

SHOWELL ELEMENTARY FALL FESTIVAL

Showell Elementary School, 11318 Showell School Road, Berlin, MD, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Festival includes a dunk tank, a cake walk, fortune teller, maze, carnival games, hay rides, moon bounce, petting zoo and raffles. Food, baked goods and snow cones available. Proceeds will help fund school-sponsored activities and needs. Come casual or in costume. 410-632-5350

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

New Hope United Methodist Church, 35815 Woodyard Road, Willards, MD, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Menu includes mashed potatoes, greens, string beans, macaroni and cheese, beets, biscuits, dessert and coffee. Cost is \$12 for adults. Carryouts available. 410-543-8244, 443-235-0251

OCEAN BOWL SKATE JAM

Ocean Bowl Skate Park, 3rd Street and St. Louis Avenue, Ocean City, MD, 12 to 5 p.m. This annual event is free and includes skateboarding competitions with prizes, music and concessions. Open to those 6 years and older. 410-289-2695

OKTOBERFEST

Berlin's Main Street, 2 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 12 to 6 p.m. Authentic German band, food, Burley Oak beer, corn hole, face painting, scarecrow making, pumpkin painting,

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Cascading Carlos, Scales and Tales, Fishmobile and a Fall Sidewalk Sale. http://www.BerlinMainStreet.com

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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

FENWICK FUN DAY FUNDRAISER

The Lobster Shanty, 37310 Lighthouse Road, Fenwick Island, DE, 2 p.m. Pig roast with all the fixins, happy hour all day, raffles and silent auction and live music. Cost is \$20 per person at the door. All proceeds benefit Children's House By The Sea in loving memory of Dawson Twining.

HOMECOMING SERVICE

Wilson United Methodist Church, 10722 Bishopville Rd, Bishopville, MD, 2 p.m. Gary McCabe Jr., will be speaking and special music by The Island Boys. Dinner to follow. Judy, 302-436-4483

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

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

PERPETUAL COMMOTION TO PERFORM

Historic St. Martin's Church Museum, 11413 Old Worcester Highway, Showell, MD, 3 to 4 p.m. The group is made up of 7 students who study violin with Katherine Munson. The program will include classical and fiddle selections. All are welcome. info@historicstmartinschurch.org, 410-289-9100

MON, OCT. 17

CPAP MASK FITTING

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

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OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Group is a 12-step program for anyone struggling with a compulsive eating problem. No initial meeting charge. Meeting contribution is \$1 weekly. Bett, 410-202-9078

CHRONIC PAIN SELF-MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

North Worcester Senior Center, 10120 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, MD, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. An interactive, six-week program. Topics include pain management techniques, medication management, communication with healthcare providers, action planning and more. Free and open to the community. Dawn, ddenton@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9268

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY MEETING

Ocean Pines Yacht Club, 1 Mumford's Landing Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 9:30 a.m. Coffee served at 9:30 a.m., followed by the meeting at 10 a.m. All are welcome. Call 410-208-2969. The group will also be collecting non-perishable food, toiletries and paper products to be shared with a local food ministry. Info: 410-641-8553

FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN PINES LIBRARY **MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 9:30 a.m. Coffee and tea served at 9:30 a.m., meeting starts at 10 a.m. Rina Thaler, Executive Director of The Art League of Ocean City, will talk about recent and future activities of the Center for the Arts. 410-208-4014

FREE HEALTH SEMINAR

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Back in Action Physical Therapy and Kappes Wellness Centers will present a seminar on the difference between chiropractic and physical therapy. Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052, http://www.OceanPines.org

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

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

DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE CHORUS

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

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SNOW HILL ROTARY CLUB MEETING

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

NEW OVERTIME RULES SEMINAR

Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway in Ocean City,, 8:45 to 10:30 a.m. Learn about the New US Department of Labor Overtime Rules. Attornevs Doug Desmarais and Kerstin Miller with Smith & Downey, PA will be on hand as well as representatives from the State Department of Labor Licensing and Regulation (DLLR). Registration will begin at 8:45. seminar from 9-10:30 a.m. No fee to attend.

ST. CLARE'S ANNUAL FALL CARD PARTY LUNCHEON

St. Paul's by the Sea Episcopal Church, 302 Baltimore Ave, Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. Doors open at 10 a.m. Luncheon served a noon. Cost is \$20. Reservations: Karen Cramer, 410-641-8171; Amanda Cropper, 410-641-5049; or church office, 410-289-3453.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

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

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

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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

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

ANNUAL 'PARISH AT THE BEACH GOLF OPEN'

Bayside Resort Golf Club, 31806 Lake View Drive, Selbyville, DE, 12 p.m. Registration is at noon. Format will be a scramble/bet ball with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Cost is \$100 per player and includes a goodie bag, range balls, 18 holes of golf with cart and a dinner banquet at The Cove. To register, call the parish office at 410-250-0300. Sponsored by St. Luke's Church.

STEPPING ON FALLS PREVENTION WORKSHOP

Snow Hill Senior Center, 4767 Snow Hill Road, Snow Hill, MD, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. A seven-week workshop to help people at risk for falls, to live a safer, more confident life. An interactive workshop with exercises led by a physical therapist. Also, visits from professionals such as eye care, pharmacist and community safety expert. Free, but registration is required. Dawn, 410-641-9268

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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

HYPERTENSION CLINIC

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

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

Brandywine Living at Fenwick, 21111 Arrington Drive, Selbyville, DE, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Parkinson's education and support. Free. Jeannie Elgin, 302-436-0808

FLU SHOT CLINIC

Atlantic General Hospital (Emergency Room Entrance), 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 2 to 6 p.m. Vaccines should be repeated each year. Must be 13 years old. If you are allergic to eggs, consult with your health care provider. Donations made during the Flu Clinics will help offset the cost of future Flu Clinics. 410-641-9FLU (9358)

RETIRED NURSES OF OCEAN PINES MEETING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 3 p.m. Presentation by Kathy Sanderson, Life Care Consultant, of the Continuing Care Retirement Community at Heron Point in Chesterton, Md. 302-436-4378

DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB

Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., Ocean City, MD, 5:30 to 9 p.m. Jitterbug, swing, chacha to the sounds of the '50s, '60s and Carolina Beach music. Meets every Wednesday. dance@delmarvahanddancing.com, 302-200-3262, http://delmarvahanddancing.com

OCEAN CITY/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEETING

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





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