

## FEMA flood maps shrink by more than 50 percent in plan

Ocean Pines could see thousands of parcels removed from zone

By Sheila R. Cherry  
Associate Editor

BERLIN—Nearly half of the property parcels that are currently required to carry flood insurance in Berlin and Ocean Pines will no longer be required to do so, if preliminary flood insurance maps proposed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency are implemented.

FEMA is proposing changes to its flood insurance rate maps (FIRM) that will essentially remove nearly 10,000 property parcels from being included in classified flood zones—from the current

total of 25,964 parcels to 16,283 parcels (37 percent reduction) under the preliminary proposal. Neither FEMA nor the county is planning direct notification the property owners affected by the changes.

According to analysis conducted by Worcester County and provided to Bayside Gazette, of the 1,991 parcels in the Town of Berlin shown on the maps, 220 parcels are designated as being in a flood plain. Under the proposed flood plain maps that total would shrink to 116 parcels, a 47 percent reduction in the required flood insurance coverage area.

The county analysis further showed 8,888 parcels in Ocean Pines on the maps. Under the proposed floodplain maps that total would shrink the required flood insurance coverage area by 42 percent, from the 6,150 parcels cur-

rently designated as being in a floodplain to 3,553 parcels, according to officials.

Worcester County officials have posted links to FEMA's proposed maps on the county Web site and will host an open house community information meeting on Jan. 16 from 6-9 p.m. at Stephen Decatur Middle School. Representatives from FEMA and the county, and a contractor, will attend the meeting to answer direct questions.

If no delays occur, the digital FIRM for Worcester County will be published as a replacement to the current flood map in early 2015.

Bill Bradshaw, Professional Engineer in the Worcester County Department of Development Review and Permitting-Building Division, strongly encouraged property owners to attend the informa-

tion meeting and to visit the Web site [www.mdfloodmaps.com](http://www.mdfloodmaps.com), to get a clear understanding of their risks, obligations and options.

Some of the terminology used on the maps would change as well. Areas that are designated as 100-year floodplains or 500-year floodplains would be referred to as being in areas with a 1 percent annual chance of flooding in a given year or a .2 percent annual chance of flooding in a given year as depicted on the preliminary maps, Bradshaw explained.

Typically insurance is required in the 100 year or 1 percent floodplain areas, he said.

Properties outside those designated high flood risk areas can also be covered by flood insurance, but at the option of

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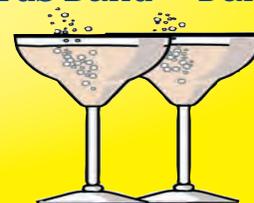
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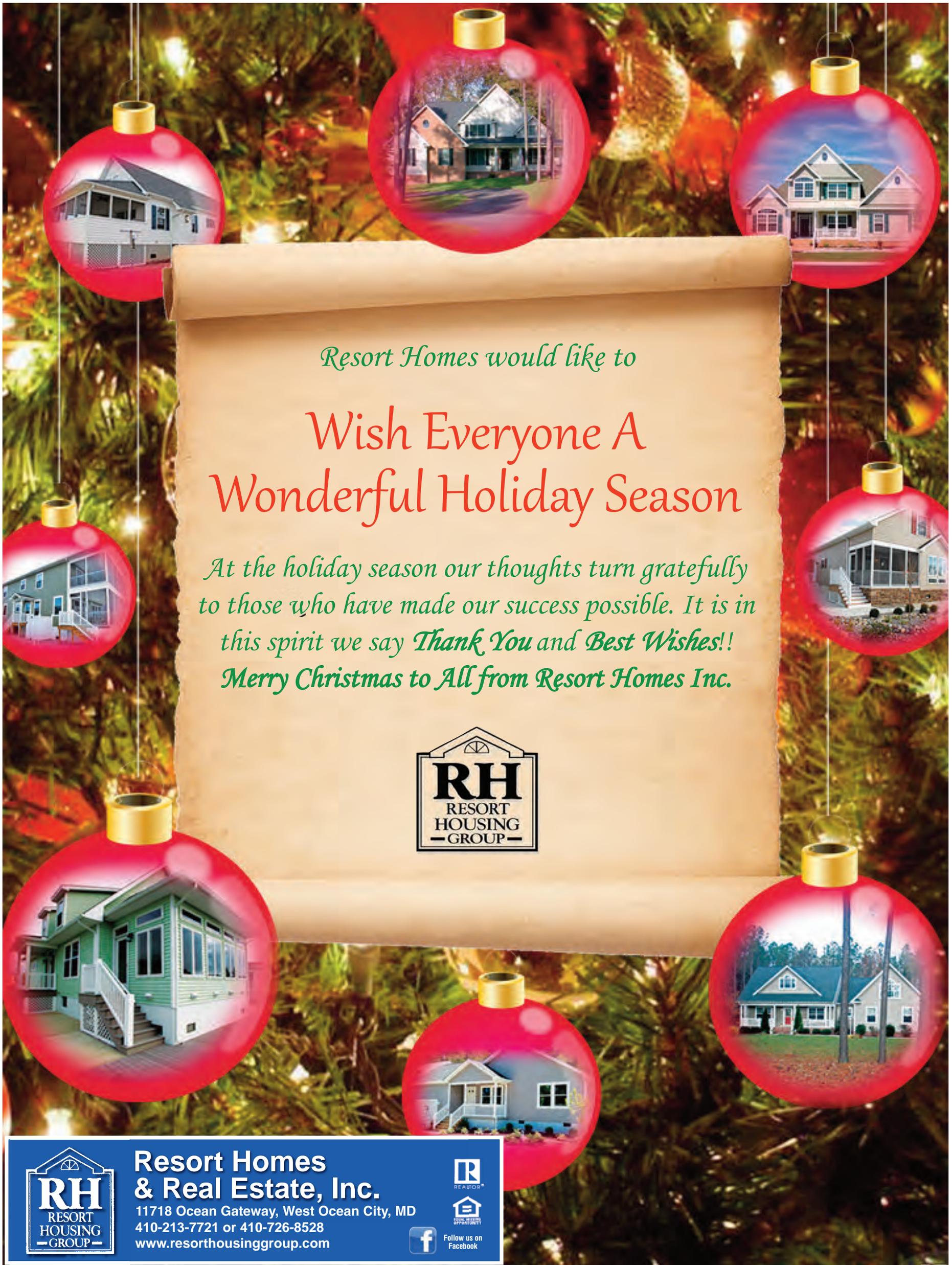
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the property owner, according to FEMA.

The likelihood for flooding within estimated degrees of severity are designed to help property owners determine if they should purchase flood insurance to help mitigate water-based property damage, should a storm-surge occur, according to a FEMA information brochure.

Standard homeowners insurance does not cover flood damage and property owners who purchased their homes through a federally regulated or insured lender are required to purchase flood insurance if their homes are in designated high-risk flood areas, according to an information Web site produced by the Maryland Department of the Environment.

The proposed maps may represent a

degree of financial relief for some property owners from no longer being required to pay for flood insurance or lower rates on their properties. Officials expressed concerns that the proposed designations could lull property owners into a false sense of security that would lead them to cancel policies that should be maintained because the potential for flood damage is still a risk.

Landowners need to assess their own situations based their own knowledge of flooding on their properties, Bradshaw advised.

While the FEMA analysis included historical storm data, analysts had completed their modeling of the area before last year's Hurricane Sandy, which included storm surges, and it did not include data for future sea level rises, Bradshaw noted.

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The rules stated the town must have fewer than 10,000 people, have outstanding food, great locals, amazing art, unique history, wonderful shops and an all around “cool” vibe.

“I think we can all agree that Berlin, Md. can put a check right next to all of those requirements,” said Berlin’s Main Street Coordinator, Megan Houston.

Voting for the nominees ended on Dec. 3, leaving Berlin with 2,282 votes, only 891 less than the top competitor. Voters were also able to post comments allowing fans to express their favorite attributes of their favorite town.

The polls open back up mid-January with the top 15 finalists and conclude in mid-February with the top 10 winners.

Since Berlin has already been deemed the “Coolest Small Town in Maryland” the next goal is to become “Coolest Small Town in America.”

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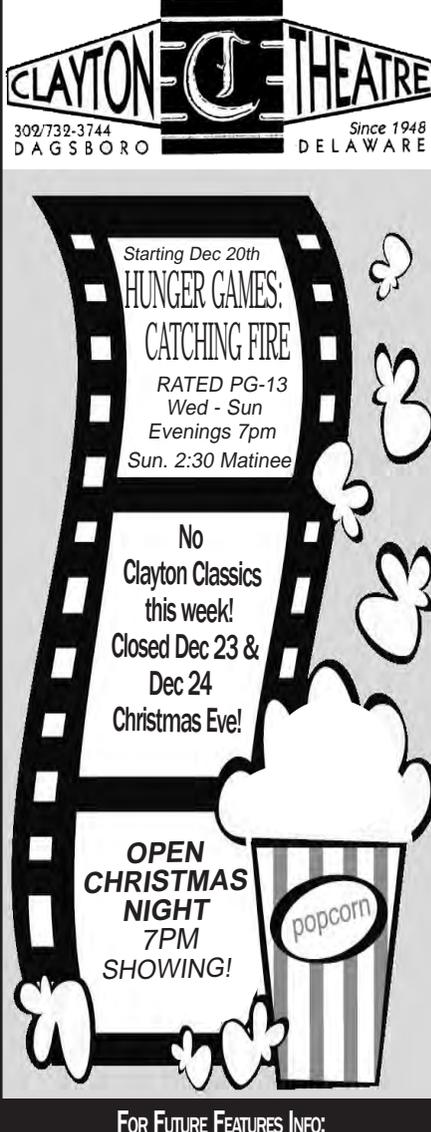
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# Berlin faces redistricting after Census shows population hike

## Election supervisors, town administration offer three alternatives

By Phil Jacobs  
Editor/Bayside Gazette

For Berlin's redistricting plans, Monday was a start.

Based on the 2010 U.S. Census, Berlin's population has grown from around 3,000 to 4,496, and with all of these new residents, Berlin must adjust its election districts to maintain – as best as possible – an equitable number in each one.

This would mean that each of Berlin's council member districts ideally would be divided into districts of 1,124 residents. Problem is, it is not as easy as that.

Mary Bohlen, deputy town administrator, presented to the mayor and Town Council during Monday's evening work session three re-districting plans developed by the Board of Supervisors of Elections. Each plan would meet the population standard plus or minus 5 percent.

Plan one – simply manipulate boundary lines to “satisfy the ideal standards for redistricting.”

Plan two – adjust the boundary lines to bring each district as close to 1,124 as possible and include at least one district with a minority majority.

Problem: if this is done, than the council members' residences for council seats for Districts 3 and 4 would no longer be in the correct district. Berlin would then to have a special election to fill both vacancies.

Plan Three – take the boundary lines of Plan Two, but switch and tweak the boundary lines of District 3 and District 4. In other words, Councilman Elroy Brittingham (District 3) would be representing a jurisdiction with a majority of Councilman Dean Burrell (District 4)'s current constituency and vice versa.

Bohlen, the pivot point between the elections board and the town's elected officials, endorsed the third option after discussions with those parties and consultations with the Maryland Depart-

ment of Planning in Baltimore.

Even so, the council did not commit to any move, but will confer with a state elections expert before making a decision on a matter that generated more questions than answers.

Burrell, whose District 4 is the minority-majority district, raised concerns about the switch recommended in Plan 3.

“Naturally I was concerned,” he said Tuesday. “District three would become four and four would become three. I'd still have some of my same constituents, but my district would really change a lot.”

But both Burrell and Mayor Gee Williams pointed out that this was just the initial step in redrawing the election map. The council, Williams and Bohlen agreed that the Maryland Department of Planning expert would be asked to come to the council and explain the sit-

uation in more detail.

Brittingham, who wasn't at the meeting, said that he's been through this before “when they re-drew the 2004 lines.” He added that it was important to have more discussions and meet with the state about the re-districting.

“What happened to me before on Flower Street where I live, my neighbors across the street weren't in my district. People on one side of Schoolfield can vote for me, and on the other side, they can't.”

Williams reiterated on Tuesday, however, that this is just the beginning of the process.

“Last night was our first work session,” he said. “And it won't be our last. We're starting from scratch. We had the largest increase (in population) in the town's history. With that kind of an increase, there's going to be an impact on

our districts.”

Williams added the most dramatic growth is in the Decatur Farms community with 707 new residents since 2000. The development is located east of Route 113 near Stephen Decatur Park.

“The challenge is to find a way to try not to create chaos and make dramatic changes in election districts that people would make people feel disenfranchised,” he said. “Obviously some boundary changes will be made.”

Williams said that the election board's job is to come up with alternatives.

“We have to live with a political reality of redistricting,” he said. “It would not be fair nor responsible to basically disqualify two very experienced long-serving council members just because we can't take time to move the census

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## State Sen. Jim Mathias files for re-election to Gen. Assembly

MARYLAND—State Sen. Senator Jim Mathias (D-38) filed to run for re-election last week, hoping to return for another four years of representing the lower Eastern Shore.

Mathias counted among his accomplishments in his last four years since moving up from the House of Delegates, co-sponsoring legislation to make it easier for small businesses to hire veterans, sponsoring legislation ensuring that insurance companies cannot deny people chemotherapy, backing increased school funding, convincing FEMA to provide assistance in Somerset County after Hurricane Sandy and supporting a measure to eliminate the first \$5 million in estate taxes on family farms.

Mathias also highlighted his votes against increases in the taxes on gasoline, sales, income and alcohol while also opposing stricter firearm regulation, repealing the death penalty and backing harsher penalties for sexual predators.

District 38 encompasses all of Somerset and Worcester counties and part of Wicomico County. He is a member of the Senate Finance Committee, which has jurisdiction over healthcare, energy, and business legislation.

Next year's primary election in Maryland is on June 24 and the general election is on Nov. 4. As of this week, Mathias faces no opposition in the Democratic primary, but will run against Del. Mike McDermott in the fall.

## Officials seek public's opinion

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blocks," he said talking about Plan 2.

In addition to getting a more detailed explanation of the options, town officials also will seek the public's opinion on the various routes that might be taken.

At least there is plenty of time to make whatever changes might be approved. Even though the census was conducted three years ago, it can take

that long to break down all the data to the municipal level so towns can have the numbers they need for redistricting.

According to the Worcester County Board of Elections, a "town is not mandated to formulate new district boundaries within a set period of time following the census. The entire matter could be put on hold until after the October, 2014 Regular Town Election."

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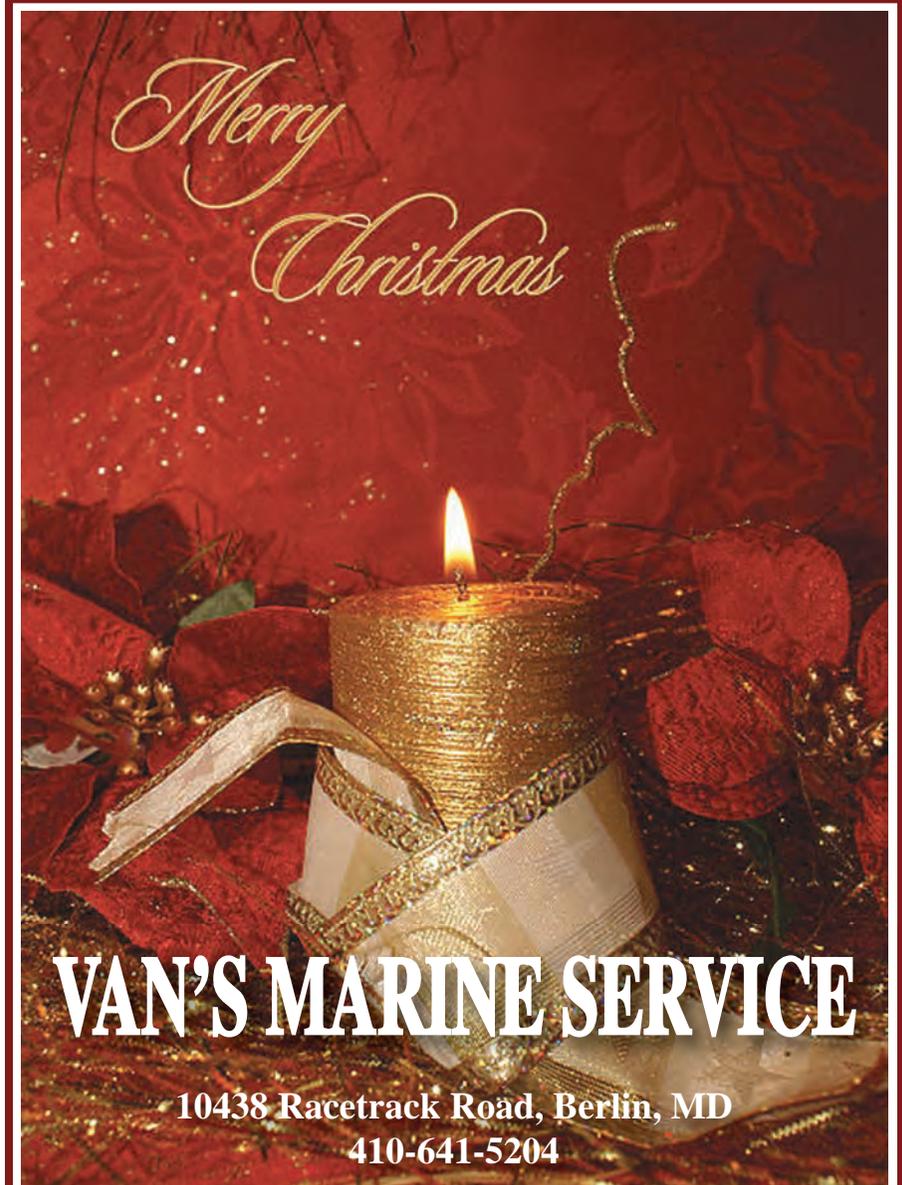
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# Berlin council OKs proposal to close area

## 'Commodore Street' focus of recent decision

By Sheila R. Cherry  
Associate Editor

BERLIN—In a move that surprised at least one observer, the town council voted on Dec. 9 to approve a proposal by Joseph Moore, a partner with Ocean City-based law firm Williams, Moore, Shockley & Harrison, that the town close and transfer part of their right-of-way interests to an unpaved street near Stephen Decatur Park to a neighboring homeowner.

The area of land, designated on historical maps as "Commodore Street," is a street on paper only, contended Moore, who was speaking on behalf of property owners Tracey Collins and Kristopher Davis. As such it has no public purpose, he said during the public hearing held when Mayor Gee Williams and the town council met for their last regular meeting of 2013.

Moore also asked the town to extinguish a portion of its right-of-way through his clients' property, from nearby Burley Street to the nonexistent Commodore Street.

The land maps show six recorded lots, owned by Moore's clients, with the nonexistent Commodore Street bordering the lots on the northern end and Burley Street to the south.

Part of Commodore Street was long-ago paved over by a section of U.S. Route 113, and more recently, part of a walking trail in the park. The space allotted for Commodore Street is 30 feet wide and runs parallel to the actual street, Burley Street.

Between the two "streets" are six platted lots owned by Collins and Kristopher. The original property owners had granted the town rights-of-way to 40 feet on the lots, so that wastewater staff would have access to a sewer line that exists on the property, according to Moore.

In their request, current landowners Collins and Kristopher were seeking to reclaim 10 feet of the town's right-of-way back, possibly to facilitate a resubdivision of the rest of the property. The council unanimously approved a motion by Councilmember Dean Burrell to grant the property owners' request.

Moore also asked that Commodore Street be officially closed and a portion of it be conveyed by quitclaim deed to his clients, whose property abuts where the street is located on official property maps.

A second motion to close the virtual "Commodore Street" entirely and update the land maps, proposed by Council Vice President Elroy Brittingham, was also unanimously approved.

According to www.realtor.com, a quitclaim deed is a legal instrument used to transfer a possible ownership claim to property in a manner that prevents the

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## Form to be presented for council review and approval

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party granting the transfer from later claiming an interest in the property. They would essentially "quit" exercising their "claim" to the property or right-of-way.

Moore noted Article V, Sec. C5-1 of the town charter, governing the town council's enumeration of powers, authorizes the conveyance of "real or leasehold property when no longer needed for public use, after having given at least twenty (20) days' public notice of the proposed conveyance." Notices of the public hearing on the matter were published in Ocean City Today Nov. 15 and Ocean City Digest Nov. 14.

According to Town Administrator Laura Allen, the proposed quitclaim deed will be presented for council review and approval at an upcoming council

meeting. "Probably in January," she said.

Patricia Dufendach, who lives near the area, told the council she was unaware that a transfer relating to the property was being proposed and expressed concern that the town's action could result in inadvertently shutting off access to a stretch of land that neighborhood residents frequently use to walk to the park.

During a Dec. 12 interview Moore pointed out that town will still have a right-of-way through the property to access the underground sewer line, so there would still be access for pedestrians to the park. He noted the town also owns one of the lots that have front access on Burley Street. "Nobody will be denied access from Burley Street to the park," he said.

## Safety initiative to be discussed

BERLIN—Guest speaker Patricia Dufendach, head of the Berlin Safe Pedestrians Committee, will report to NAACP on safety initiatives proposed to Route 113 to ensure that walkers can cross the street safely on Thursday, Dec. 19.

Countdown Crosswalks and reduced speed limit are two of the many proposals.

The Executive Board meeting begins at 6 p.m. with the speaker at 7 p.m.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend. The location for the meeting is the Multipurpose Room on Flower Street in Berlin.

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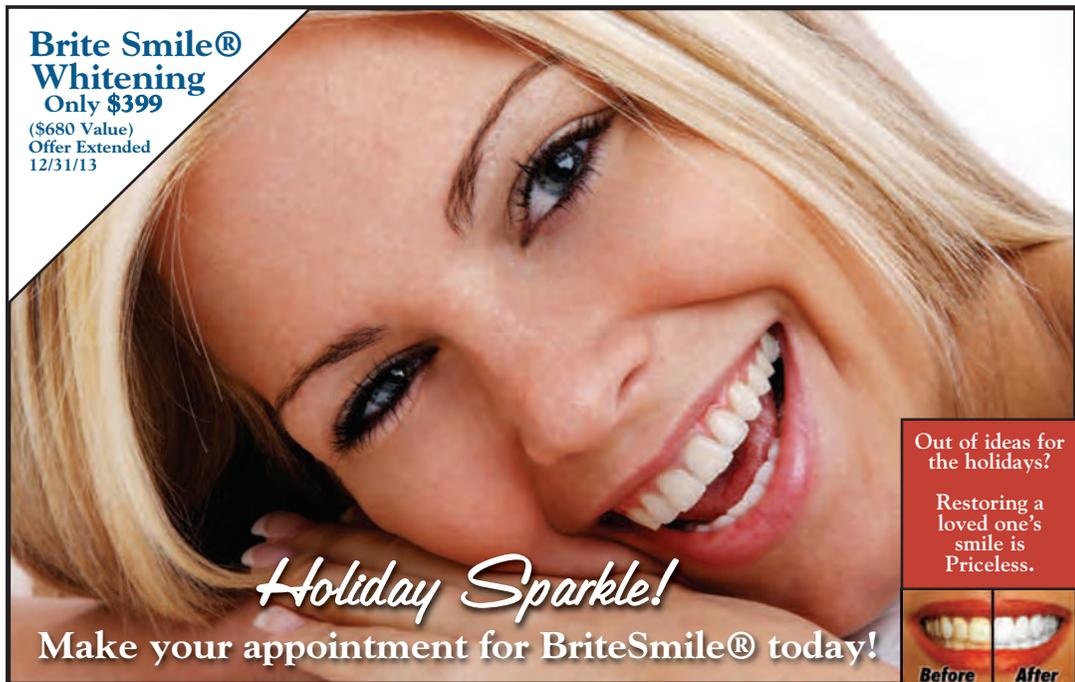


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bread, seafood, homemade dog treats, floral arrangements and more. It is the only area fall and winter farmers market scheduled to be open on Saturday mornings.

For more information about the Ocean Pines Farmers Market, contact Teresa Travatello, director of Marketing & Public Relations for Ocean Pines, at 410-641-7717 ext. 3006. Market vendors should contact David Bean @ flavordrizzles@gmail.com.

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Jake and Marie are both graduates of Stephen Decatur High School, and currently reside in West Ocean City, where they are raising their beautiful daughter, Emma. Jake is employed in his family's business and Marie is currently attending college and working part-time while she earns her degree.

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# BUSINESS

## New Berlin store provides tools for home beer brewers

By Sheila R. Cherry  
Associate Editor

BERLIN—If you blinked you missed it, but a new supply store for home craft beer brewers and winemakers has opened and, owner Tony Hilligoss is offering the creatively inclined the opportunity to create their own concoctions with “brew on premise” classes.

The new venture, Brews Up, is located on U.S. Route 113 near the intersection with South Main Street, near Pitt Stop Beer & Wine. Hilligoss plans to lend his 30 years of culinary expertise to individuals who want to try their hands at the growing beer and winemaking trend, with their own personal coach.

Craft beer preparation classes cost \$40 for a 1 hour, 20 minute session, and wine-making classes cost \$30 for classes that can take up to 45 minutes.

The company will operate in soft opening mode until the grand opening in early spring, 2014, as Hilligoss continues setting up the kitchen; grain, fermentation, and tasting rooms; and brewing and winemaking stations, in the commercial-styled preparation area in the back.

Free winemaking classes will be held on Wednesday nights and free craft beer brewing classes will be scheduled for Saturdays at 11 a.m. Similar to gourmet meal prep companies, which are becoming popular with urban hipsters, the classes at Brews Up allows attendees to pick their own ingredients from a wide selection of special flavors, aromas, sugars, grains and hops.

Hilligoss has worked as a chef all his professional life and teaches culinary arts at Parkside High School in Salisbury. He is also the president of the Delmarva Chefs & Cooks Association.

Hilligoss noted that the store sells supplies like bottles, kegs, taps, and a la carte products that can be infused to add aromas and flavors to match the season or personal tastes. Pumpkin is a popular flavor for craft beer during the fall, he said, adding that special ingredients like star anise proved easier to find as a beer additive than as a gourmet food condiment.

During the class sessions students can choose the types of beer and wine they want from a selection of pre-packaged kits—like ales versus lagers, or cabernets versus a shiraz—and can then customize to taste. Brews Up provides the equipment, work stations, clean up and specialty services, like the boiling process and on-site fermentation.

The fermentation process can take up to four week to complete and Brews Up can either store the completed beers or wine on the premises, or package them in specially-equipped sealed buckets to allow the fermentation process can continue at home.

Molly Hilligoss is the marketing director for the company and handles inquires. The address for Brews Up is 9028 Worcester Hwy., Building C.

For more information, contact Brews Up by telephone at 443-513-4744, by e-mail at homebrew@brewsup.net, or visit the Web site www.brewsup.net or www.facebook/BrewsUpBOP.

# FINANCE

## Moves prior to Dec. 31 can make difference in tax bill

A take-off on the old adage “significant savings can often be had to those who ‘don’t wait’” states the case with year-end tax planning. A few smart moves prior to Dec. 31 can make a significant difference in your April tax bill. The key for most of us will be to defer income and accelerate deductions.



Chip Gordy,  
MBA, CRPC

include: delay year-end bonus, compensation, payments for service, and rents; postpone retirement plan distributions (that aren’t required), or hold off on the sale of capital gain property until after Jan. 1 (or possibly opt for installment payments instead).

Investors want to be watchful of a few of the following points as well.

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# FINANCE

## Key for most will be to defer income and accelerate deductions

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on a given date of record without regard to how long the investment was owned.

Offsetting realized gains with losses can help as well, so long as the sales do not cause adverse investment results. Keep in mind the 30-day "wash sale" rules that I mentioned a few weeks back. Also, up to \$3,000 of investment tax loss can be applied against income from other sources.

Charitable IRA's: Those over age 70½, who are faced with taking Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) from their IRA, can opt to have up to \$100,000 of the balance contributed to the charities of their choice directly. By doing so, they can satisfy their RMD and may come out ahead tax-wise.

Also, in select situations, it can be beneficial to have some or all of a traditional IRA converted to a Roth. When considering this, the upfront tax cost must be weighed carefully against the longer term benefit that a "tax-free" Roth can provide.

For self-employed professionals and small business owners, recent legislation makes it advisable to re-evaluate your retirement plan structure. As an example, a self-employed individual with \$100,000 of net profit could only fund \$18,587 to her SEP IRA, but was able to fund \$35,087 (\$40,587 if over 50) to a one person 401k. In some cases, the difference could result in an additional tax savings of almost \$10,000.

For some, it may be even more advantageous to consider a defined benefit pen-

sion plan. Another self-employed client in his late 50's, who was able to make a \$220,000 deductible contribution based on his \$400,000 salary. This is expected to generate a tax savings of \$100,000. Certainly, much depends on the circumstances, such as the owner's age, income history and whether other employees were involved.

There are a myriad of other year-end tax savings tips. Don't forget; for those in the higher tax brackets, \$1,000 in additional tax deduction may result in almost \$400 in actual tax savings. Awareness and acting prior to year-end are the keys to effective tax planning.

As always, it's recommended that you seek expert financial and/or tax advice

before you decide to use any of the above strategies.

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# Voting now underway for 'Light Up the Pines' competition

## Awards presented in four categories, winners announced after Jan. 1

By Sheila R. Cherry  
Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES—Need a happy holiday pick-me-up? Craving Christmas creations? The final entries for the "Light Up the Pines" lawn decorating contest are in and ready to be viewed.

Seasonal sightseers and voting residents can see the 12 displays of Christmas throughout the Ocean Pines community in either forward or reverse order at:

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According Teresa Travatello, director of Marketing & Public Relations, for the first time, residents can vote in all four categories "People's Choice," "Most Creative," "Most Lights" and "All-Around Top-Notch."

Ocean Pines residents are being contacted and invited to fill out a survey for their picks of the "People's

Choice" award, Travatello said. "We are also asking for help with the other categories," she said.

The homes can also be viewed online at [www.oceanpines.org/light-up-the-pines](http://www.oceanpines.org/light-up-the-pines).

Voting in the contest is as easy as submitting a name, address and phone number by e-mail to [info@oceanpines.org](mailto:info@oceanpines.org), by fax to 410-641-5581, by phone to 410-641-7717, or to the Ocean Pines Association in person or mail at 239 Ocean Pkwy., Ocean Pines, MD, 21811.

The deadline for voting is Jan. 1, 2014. The winners will be announced after New Year's Day, and all winners will receive prizes.

A basket full of goodies, along with a \$50 gift card that can be used

at any Ocean Pines amenities or gift shop, await the winner of each category, according to contest organizers.

They said the winners will be contacted and announced after the judges have reviewed the houses during the week of Dec. 16.

The 2012 contest winners were Top Notch: Bert Witt at 181 Sandyhook Rd.; Most Lights: Lee and Barb Phillips at 76 Ocean Parkway; Most Creative: Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Long at 3 Watertown; and People's Choice: John and Nancy Grunewald at 741 Ocean Parkway. The year 2012 was the first year the People's Choice category was offered.

For more information, contact Travatello at 410-641-7717 ext. 3006.

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### EDITORIAL

## Council faces much work with redistricting ahead

Berlin's Board of Election Supervisors and the mayor and Town Council sat down for a work session on Monday evening.

The focus was on Berlin's increase in population from roughly 3,000 to almost 4,500 in the 10 years since the last federal census was taken.

What looks to be more difficult than locating people in small towns for inclusion in our great national numerology is the resolution it could mean for Berlin. Heaven knows it took almost three years to get census figures for Berlin.

It is the responsibility of jurisdictions to redistrict political boundaries when necessary if there are changes in numbers. Berlin has four districts, and its town organizers want to keep the districts equally divided, plus or minus 5 percent, in the 1,124-person-per-district zone.

There are other issues, including a plan that will have Councilman Elroy Brittingham (D-3) and Councilman Dean Burrell (D-4) stay in their homes but switch districts. Brand new constituents? Possibly a big voting bloc of them.

If this isn't done as the town proposes, than we're looking at a possible special election.

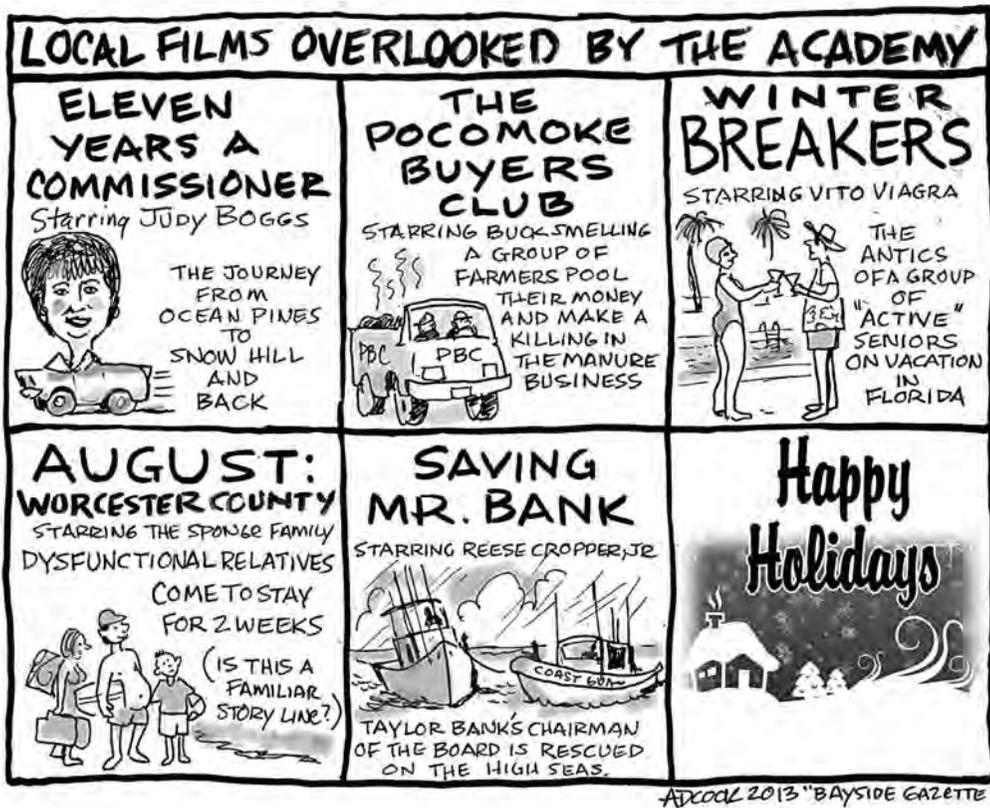
We support the town's decision not to go after the option or Plan 2, which would call for a special election, because that could un-seat Burrell and Brittingham.

Plan three would call for exacting boundary adjustments, but would flip-flop the third and fourth districts, thus preserving the incumbents' seats. It would also maintain the favorable population numbers for these districts.

Nothing, however, is settled yet. Fact is, it was a bit unsettling to sit in council chambers and leave knowing that the solution is yet to be decided. The expert from the Maryland Department of Planning in Baltimore will hopefully come to Berlin, plug in her laptop and get all of this straightened out.

We love that the population has grown. But we don't think Brittingham and Burrell should be worrying about losing their offices in a special election. It's difficult enough to figure out Plan 3, the flip flop.

So Berlin residents stay patient, the answer is on its way, hopefully soon.



## Procedural clean-ups in Ocean Pines

### Sports Core pool loan report topic of Dec. 18 meeting

By Sheila R. Cherry  
Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES—The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors were scheduled to consider two motions to provide “procedural cleanup” of two financial matters during their Dec. 18 meeting, President Tom Terry said on Dec. 17.

According to an agenda that was released in advance of the meeting, OPA Treasurer Bill Cordwell was scheduled to propose a motion that would amend an Oct. 18, 2006 motion referencing how principal and interest were to be assigned for a loan used to purchase the Sports Core Pool cover. The motion directed that half of the cost of the loan would be paid from an OPA reserve fund and the remaining amount would be financed from a note with Sun Trust Bank. The due date on the note was listed as June 2017 and the interest rate was listed at 7.19 percent.

A report relating to the proposed payoff of the Sports Core Pool loan that was published by the OPA in June showed the

remaining balance of principal and interest payments on the loan, from July 2013 to June 2017, would total \$248,700 in principal and \$39,300 in interest, less \$10,000 that was deducted for “interest income on cash funds.”

The report estimated the scheduled payments for fiscal year 2014 would total \$55,000 in principal, \$17,000 in interest, and \$14,700 in net interest expense.

A second motion that Cordwell confirmed he would propose, related to amending the terms of a 25-year OPA self-financed loan for the 2013 golf course drainage system improvement project. The motion would provide clarification on the way capital expenditures are paid for on the loan, which has an annually adjusted interest rate.

Mike Wheatley, CEO of Choptank Electric Cooperative was also scheduled to make a presentation to the board, as were Marie Gilmore, president, and Mary Adair, treasurer, of the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines Foundation.

According to the Dec. 17 agenda of the Environmental & Natural Assets Advisory Committee, committee members were scheduled to discuss phragmites eradication program, pond fish management and overview of Swim and Racquet Club improvements, and the issue of an overpopulation of resident geese in Ocean Pines.

General Manager Bob Thompson was scheduled to present a report on operations and on compliance, permits and inspections matters.

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# OPVFD swears in officers for '14

OCEAN PINES—The Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department held its annual Installation and Awards Dinner on Saturday Dec 7.

OPVFD officers were sworn in by Worcester County Fire Marshall Jeff McMahon.

The 2014 officers are: Line Officers: Chief Rich Angelo, First Assistant Chief Steve Grunewald, Captains Ed McNeill and Harvey Booth, Fire Lieutenant Vinny Tomaselli, EMS Lieutenant Corey Dietrich, Fire Police Captain Ron Thorwart, Fire Police Lieutenants Jack Panuska and Ralph Decker, Deputy Chief Bill Bounds, Lieutenants Eric Budd, David Collins and Jamie Englishman.

Administrative Officers: President Dan Healy, Vice President Ron Thorwart, Board members David Deal, Neil Gottesman and Jack Panuska.

Dignitaries attending included Worcester County Commissioners Judy Boggs and Madison Bunting, OPA Board President Tom Terry, Ocean Pines Chief of Police David Massey, Worcester County States Attorney Beau Ogelsby, Worcester County Clerk of the Court, Steve Hales, and Founding Chief of the OPVFD, Dick Passwater.

The event was opened by Healy who welcomed all and introduced OPVFD member Father Glenn Duffy who gave the Invocation. Chief Angelo followed with a brief report about the services provided year-to-date. Fire calls made: 179, and EMS/Ambulance calls: 1,332, for a total of 1,511 calls.

There were many service awards presented. Some of those included:

Fire Awards - Top Responders: Michael Allen, Robert Gilbert and Dan Healy.

EMS Award - Top Responder: Barbara Ross.

EMS Award - EMS Driver Top Responder: Ron Thorwart.

Fire Police Awards - Top Responders: Barry Gusst, Ralph Decker and Ed Wolpin.

Cadet Award - Top Responder: Jonathan Bush.

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# Vent named chair of Wor. County Junior Achievement

WORCESTER COUNTY—Chad Vent has been elected to serve as the Advisory Board Chair of Worcester County Junior Achievement.

Vent, a certified public accountant and managing partner in the Faw Casson Maryland office, has dedicated time to teaching Junior Achievement programs in the K-12 classrooms, and has assisted with the successful JA Adopt, a school dinner fundraiser.

"I am excited about this opportunity to work with so many people who share the passion I have for Junior Achievement," said Vent. "I have always thought financial literacy is important and considering today's economic environment I feel even stronger about educating our youth about financial literacy—a real world subject."

Vent's election served to fill the va-

cancy from outgoing chair Christine Selzer, who served as Worcester Advisory Board Chair for the past three years.

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## OBITUARIES

### Michael Joseph "Sean" Heubeck

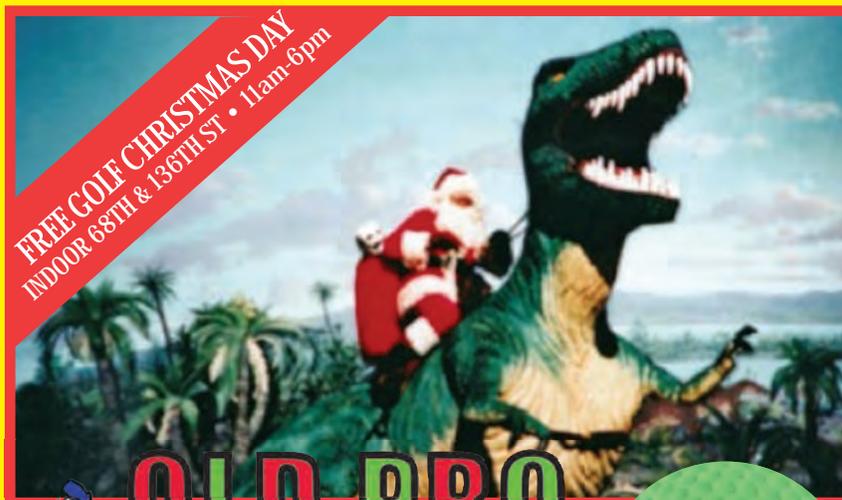
in the Marines, then became an ironworker and a chef.

BALTIMORE—Michael Joseph "Sean" Heubeck, beloved son of Stasia Heubeck of Ocean Pines, and the late Richard L. Heubeck, died in Baltimore after a long illness. He was born in Baltimore, enlisted

After the "September 11 Attacks," he was proud to be one of the ironworkers who disassembled the fallen World Trade Center buildings.

He is survived by his daughter, Stacey L. Heubeck of Street, Md., his brothers,

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John C. Heubeck of Los Angeles, Ca. and Thomas V. Heubeck of Baldwin, Md.

On Jan. 4, 2014, at 10 a.m., there will be a funeral Mass at St. John Neumann Catholic Church on Beauchamp Road in Ocean Pines. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, 825 College Blvd., Suite 102, PM Box 609, Oceanside, Ca., 92057. Visit [www.semperfifund.org](http://www.semperfifund.org).

## Albert Edward McClay

BERLIN—Albert Edward McClay, 75, of Berlin, passed away on Friday, Dec. 6, 2013 at his residence. Born in Wilmington, Del., he was the son of the late Albert G. McClay and Kathryn Noack McClay.

“Eddie” worked for the District of Columbia as a traffic engineer for 30 years, retiring in 1989.

He was a member of the Friendship



Albert McClay

United Methodist Church and also the Methodist Men. He enjoyed fishing, camping and square dancing and was an avid Redskins and Orioles fan.

He is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Carole Francine Hebb McClay; three children, George Lentz of Titusville, Fla., Gregory Lentz and his wife, Cassie of Poolesville, Md. and Rebecca Lentz of Berlin; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a twin sister, Carole Meyer and her husband, John of Edgewater, Md.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Donald E. McClay; and a sister, Dorothy Gold.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Dec. 28, 2013 at 3 p.m. at the Friendship United Methodist Church in

Berlin with a visitation one hour prior to the service. Pastor Linda Ketterman Mariner will officiate.

Contributions may be made in his memory to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, Md. 21802 or the Friendship U.M.C. Memorial Fund, c/o Lou Taylor, 12329 Vivian St., Bishopville, Md. 21813.

Arrangements are in the care of Holloway Funeral Home, PA, 501 Snow Hill Road, Salisbury, Md. 21804. Visit [www.hollowayfh.com](http://www.hollowayfh.com) to express condolences to the family.

## Billy Elwood Nicholson

SNOW HILL—Billy Elwood Nicholson, 84, died Dec. 6, 2013 at his home in Snow Hill. He was born Dec. 17, 1928 in Basket Switch, Md. to the late Ernest Levi and Eliza Lank Nicholson and was raised in Berlin.

Billy married Mary J. Moody Nicholson on Oct. 7, 1966; they have one son, the Rev. Dr. Isaac William “Ike” Nicholson.

After serving in the U.S. Army from 1951-56, he was employed as a master electrician with IBEW Local 1835 and ultimately Local 24, with which he was a 50-year member. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post 67 and Improved Order of Red Men, Tony Tank Tribe 149 in Fruitland and White Eagle Tribe 110 in Berlin, where he was a Past Sachem. Over the past several years, he enjoyed the MAC Center Morning Coffee Club in Snow Hill.

He loved his family, believed in the power of education and worked hard to provide his family every opportunity to improve themselves. He enjoyed music and dancing, especially the jitterbug.

During his younger years, he was an

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athlete excelling in soccer and believed that sports built a person's character.

He was a proud member of the IBEW and believed strongly in the quality workmanship and integrity of unionized tradesmen. The friendships and fraternity of the Union were important to Billy throughout his life.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church and had a great appreciation for the spiritual instruction provided by his catechism class, being able to quote the catechism even in his later years. As a deeply personal man, he was firm yet supportive, demanding, yet fun loving.

He was preceded in death by four sisters, Deliah Mae Kamborn, Mildred Virginia Nicholson, Doris Joynes Baker and Beulah Ann Harding; four brothers, Vernon Levi Nicholson, Isaac William

Nicholson, Marvel Tankard Nicholson and Ernest Lee Nicholson, and one granddaughter, Grace Sophia Nicholson.

He is survived by his two sons, Randall Anthony Nicholson of Salisbury and Dr. Isaac W. Nicholson and his wife, Shauna, of Ashland, Ky.; two grandchildren, Isaac Levi and Analiese Clare Nicholson of Ashland, one sister Ruth Roland Steimer, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service is being planned for late January. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Snow Hill Christian Church, 300 Park Row, Snow Hill, Md., 21863.

## Bridget Ann Meyer

OCEAN PINES— Bridget Ann Meyer, age 62, died on Wednesday Dec. 11, 2013 at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin.

Born in Cheverly, Md., she was the

daughter of the late Ralph F. DeSarno and Julia Frances Rawlings DeSarno.

She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Gary E. Meyer. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Daniel DeSarno and Johnny DeSarno. Also surviving is a daughter, Angelique Waldron and her husband, Dana, of Olney; three brothers, Ralph DeSarno and his wife, Evelyn, of Harrisonburg, Va., Vincent DeSarno and his wife, Peggy, of Staunton, Va., and Dominic DeSarno and his wife, Linda, of White Plains, Md., a sister Rose DeSarno of South Carolina and one grandchild, Keith Waldron, as well as a host of nieces

and nephews.

Mrs. Meyer had retired from Macy's, formerly Hecht's Department Store, with over 20 years of service.

A memorial service was held on Dec. 14, 2013 at the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, 26 Broadway, 14th floor, New York, N.Y. 10004.

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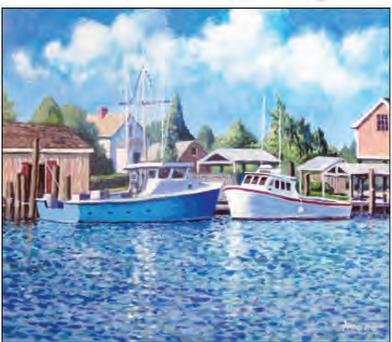
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# CALENDAR

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## THURSDAY, DEC. 19

**JOURNAL MAKING** — Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th Street, Dec. 5, 12 and 19, 1-4 p.m. Create your own "image journal" based on the law of attraction from the best selling book "The Secret." Learn the art of collaging, adding paint and other objects to make a personal creative journal that expresses your individual wishes and life expectations. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members, per class. One time materials fee of \$10 includes blank journal and basic collage materials. Take any personal photos, texts, or other objects. Register: 410-524-9433 or www.artleagueofoceancity.org.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT** — Atlantic United Methodist Church, 105 Fourth St., in Ocean City, 7:30 p.m. The Pine Tones Chorus will perform "Traditions of Christmas." The concert will offer classical Christmas selections as well as show tunes, boogie-woogie and an Elvis style solo. Admission is free and an offering will be received. Refreshments served after the concert. Info: Dorothy Shelton, 410-208-3884 or June Todd, 410-289-7373.

**BEACH SINGLES** — Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour at Harpoon Hanna's, Route 54 and the Bay, Fenwick Island, Del., 4 p.m. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577; Kate, 410-524-0649; or Dianne, 302-541-4642.

**BINGO** — American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., in Ocean City, every Thursday, year round. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start at 7 p.m. Food available. Open to the public. Info: 410-289-3166.

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**WORCESTER COUNTY TEA PARTY CHRISTMAS PARTY** — Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Celebrate Christmas with carols and hot chocolate. Share in the accomplishments of the past year and look ahead to 2014. Take an appetizer or dessert to share. Beverages will be supplied. Admission is free. Info: 443-614-7214 or WCTTPATRIOTS@gmail.com.

## FRIDAY, DEC. 20

**BINGO** — Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments for sale. Info: 410-524-7994.



### A DAY IN BERLIN

Worcester Prep first graders enjoy learning about Berlin and the job of Mayor Gee Williams from his Secretary, Joanne Unger. (Left) Sydney Tingle, a first grader from Cheryl Marshall's class at Worcester Prep, takes over as mayor of Berlin and enjoys using the gavel.

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Sweet Adeline's, under the direction of Carol Ludwig, meets each Monday from 7-9 p.m., at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, White Horse Park. Women interested in learning the craft of a cappella singing welcome. Info: 410-208-4171.

**HAND DANCING** — House of Welsh, 1106 Coastal Highway, Fenwick, Del. Free lessons from 6-7 p.m., open dancing 7-10 p.m. No cover charge. Info: DC Hand Dance Club, 302-541-0728.

## TUESDAY, DEC. 24

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE** — Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, 7 p.m. Featuring singing of Christmas carols, a message of hope and the singing of Silent Night to candlelight. Service is open to all ages. Info: 410-641-2186.

## THURSDAY, DEC. 26

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## SATURDAY, DEC. 21

**GLAMOUR GIRL 'SPA DAY'** — Held 1-4 p.m. Perfect day for girls ages 4-10. Pre-registration required. Info: Ocean Pines Recreation, 410-641-7052.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** — VFW, Post 8296, 104 66th St., bayside in Ocean City, 8-11 a.m. A \$5 donation for all-you-can-eat pancakes or 2-2-2, two eggs, two pancakes and two bacon slices, includes coffee and juice. Bloody Marys cost \$3. Info: 410-524-8196.

**FARMERS MARKET** — White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines, 8 a.m. to noon. Produce, farm fresh eggs, organic goods, herbs, fresh cut flowers, soaps, jelly, homemade baked goods and honey, among other items are available.

**LUNCH WITH SANTA** — 28th Street Pit and Pub, 2706 N. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 1-4 p.m. Children's activities include arts and crafts, cupcake decorating, bake sale and goodies from Santa. Sponsored by Ravens Roost #58. Info: 443-497-2040 or 443-944-4763.

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**THERAPEUTIC RIDING PROGRAM**

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Sandy Winter of 4STEPS is presented with a \$200 check from Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City President Dick Clagett after she spoke at the group's Nov. 20 meeting. 4Steps is a nonprofit organization whose mission is "to enhance and enrich the lives of individuals with disabilities through safe therapeutic interaction with horses."

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Mon., Sat. & Sun. Tom Low 4pm

# CALENDAR

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## ONGOING EVENTS

**VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS** — Historic Berlin, through Dec. 31. Visit Santa at the Visitors Center weekends through Dec. 22, from noon to 2 p.m. Carriage rides every weekend from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. New Year's Eve Ball Drop, Dec. 31, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Info: berlinchamber.org.

**WINTERFEST OF LIGHTS** — Northside Park, 200 125th St. in Ocean City, through Jan. 1. Hours are Sunday through Thursday, 5:30-9:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 5:30-10:30 p.m. Heated Winterfest Village pavilion will offer hot chocolate, Yukon Cornelius' gift shop and photos with Santa. Tour hundreds of themed, animated, lighted displays on the Winterfest Express. Cost \$5 for adults, children 11 and younger ride free. Info: 800-OC-OCEAN or 410-250-0125.

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**PINE'EER CRAFT AND GIFT SHOP OPEN** — Pine'eer Craft and Gift Shop, White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines. Shop will be open Dec. 21, 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop features handcrafted home décor, jewelry and fashion accessories created by members of the Pine'eer Craft Club. Dec. 22 is closing day for the year. The shop will reopen in spring 2014.

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and Fresh Mint  
Cornbread Stuffing  
Pan Fried Salmon Cakes  
with Orange Dipping Sauce  
Assorted Dinner Rolls & Bread

#### Seafood Display

Peel & Eat Shrimp Blue Crab Claws

#### Salad Station

Traditional Tossed Garden Salad  
with an Array of Fresh Toppings  
Classic Caesar Salad  
Sliced Fruit & Artisan Cheese Display  
Cranberry Sauce

#### Soup Station

Crumbled Bleu Cheese with Crab  
Pumpkin Cranberry

#### Penne Pasta Station

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Simple Truth @ Harborside

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THURSDAY – Opposite Directions  
FRIDAY – Ladies Night w/DJ Billy T  
SATURDAY – Simple Truth, DJ Jeremy  
SUNDAY – DJ Billy T / DJ Bigler

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WEDNESDAY – Aaron Howell  
FRIDAY – Dave Hawkins  
SATURDAY – Dave Sherman  
WEDNESDAY – Aaron Howell

- **MD Wine Bar**  
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FRIDAY – Blake & Danielle Haley

- **Schooners/Princess Royale**  
91st St., Ocean City  
FRIDAY – Harry O  
SATURDAY – Harry O

- **Sunset Grille**  
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THURSDAY – Doug Segree  
FRIDAY – Opposite Directions  
SUNDAY – Community Groove



Full Circle @ Secrets

- **Secrets**  
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FRIDAY – Full Circle / Gypsy Wisdom

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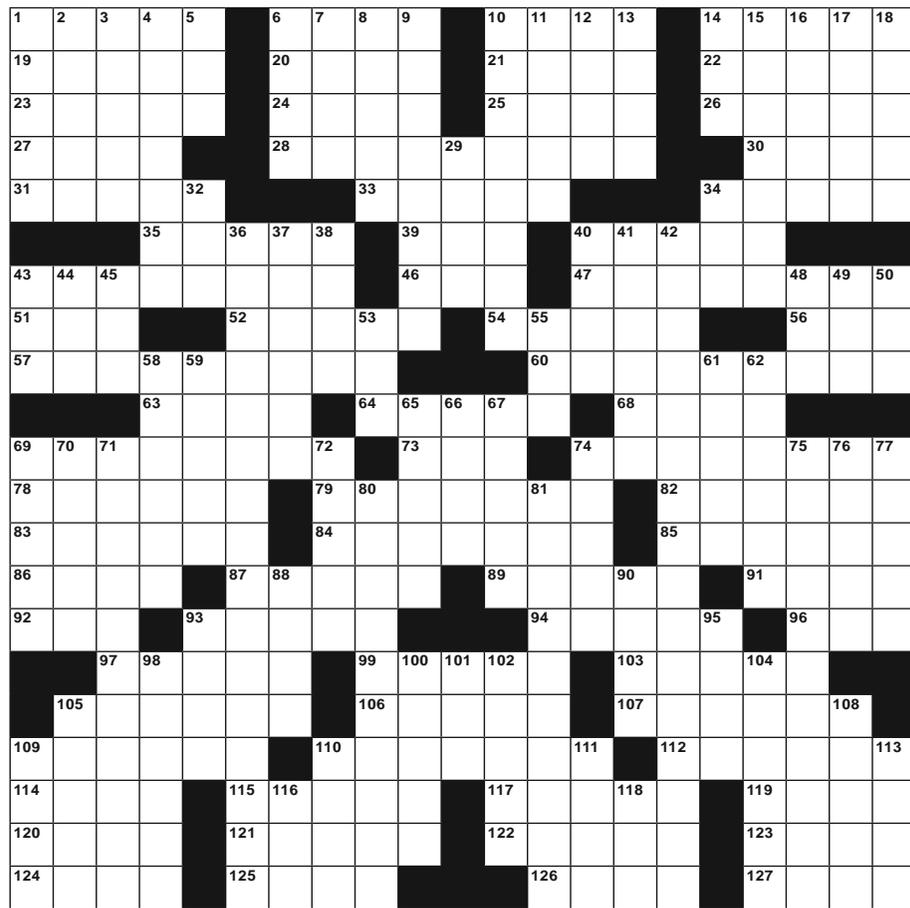
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Oceans
  - 6 Bats
  - 10 "The Clan of the Cave Bear" novelist
  - 14 Razz
  - 19 Tennis's Goran Ivanisevic, e.g.
  - 20 A band may be on one
  - 21 Torch-lit event
  - 22 River of forgetfulness in Hades
  - 23 Iron Age people
  - 24 It has nine rooms
  - 25 Ottoman
  - 26 Serve up on a platter, say
  - 27 Collectors of DNA
  - 28 Game twist
  - 30 Some basketball players: Abbr.
  - 31 Espies
  - 33 Profit from
  - 34 "I'm innocent!"
  - 35 Lab safety org.?
  - 39 3-D pic
  - 40 Diner fixtures, informally
  - 43 More rakish
  - 46 Canon offering
  - 47 Clown prop
  - 51 Sitcom ET
  - 52 Walt Disney's middle name
  - 54 Cable inits. since 1996
  - 56 "Be a \_\_\_\_\_"
- DOWN**
- 57 "Six Million Dollar Man" feature
  - 60 Cabbed it
  - 63 Most likely to be called up
  - 64 From the top
  - 68 Move, informally
  - 69 2400, on the SAT
  - 73 Dolt
  - 74 Like most checks and political candidates
  - 78 Green
  - 79 Not so nice
  - 82 Annual literary prize
  - 83 Picked up, in Britain
  - 84 Home of Velázquez's "Las Meninas"
  - 85 Breakfast dish
  - 86 They break at dawn
  - 87 Angelica and others
  - 89 Like some resolution, for short
  - 91 Showed no restraint, in brief
  - 92 Cask filler
  - 93 Linguistic quintet
  - 94 Parts of sows and cows
  - 96 Head of steam?
  - 97 Place to lounge
  - 99 Jazz great Carmen
  - 103 Cricket's sound
  - 105 Triply
  - 106 Like New Jersey among states admitted to the Union
  - 107 Subway fare
  - 109 Chinese hard-liner
  - 110 "Antigone" or "Elektra"
  - 112 One famed for heartlessness
  - 114 Last name in cookies
  - 115 Some notepad jottings
  - 117 It may be left hanging
  - 119 Take out
  - 120 Farmworker in "The Wizard of Oz"
  - 121 Scale unit
  - 122 Tony winner Tharp
  - 123 Spheres
  - 124 Ice cream brand
  - 125 Recess
  - 126 It's what's to be expected
  - 127 "The \_\_\_\_\_ the limit"
  - 13 First name in "Star Wars"
  - 14 Girl group with four #1 hits in the 1990s
  - 15 Often-decorative kitchen item, in Britain
  - 16 Aids for long drives
  - 17 Gas bill unit
  - 18 Crisp
  - 29 Lead-in to pop or pass
  - 32 Chicago setting: Abbr.
  - 34 Japanese computer giant
  - 36 [See above]
  - 37 Last place, with "the"
  - 38 Indy 500 winner Luyendyk
  - 40 2007 title role for Ellen Page
  - 41 In utero
  - 42 [See above]
  - 43 Sharp putdown
  - 44 1974 Fassbinder film subtitled "Fear Eats the Soul"
  - 45 Subj. of some 911 calls
  - 48 Figurehead, for short?
  - 49 Like some parenting
  - 50 QB Manning
  - 53 Ottoman V.I.P.
  - 55 RR stop
  - 58 Brown- (sycophants)
  - 59 Like one pre-Columbian civilization
  - 61 Parting word
  - 62 Taunting figure
  - 65 Running pants?
  - 66 Subj. for Galileo
  - 67 N.B.A. Hall-of-Famer Thomas
  - 69 Oscar winner Swinton
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  - 110 'clock scholar
  - 111 Numbskull
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  - 116 Twosome \_\_\_\_\_
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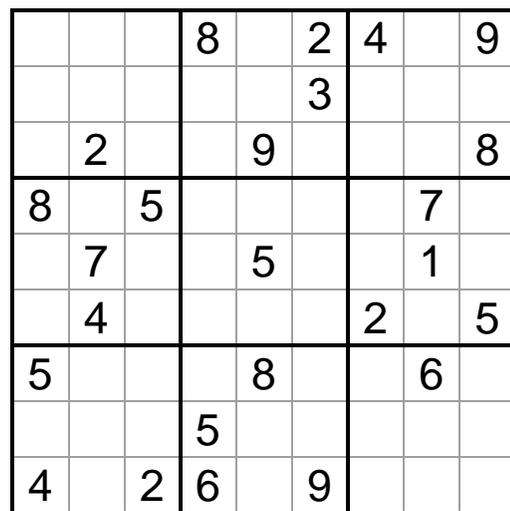
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### HARD - 80

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



### Answers to last week's puzzles

9	7	8	5	4	3	6	1	2
3	6	2	8	1	9	4	5	7
1	4	5	7	2	6	9	8	3
6	2	3	4	9	5	8	7	1
8	9	7	6	3	1	5	2	4
5	1	4	2	7	8	3	9	6
4	8	6	1	5	2	7	3	9
7	3	1	9	8	4	2	6	5
2	5	9	3	6	7	1	4	8

A	B	B	A	A	M	O	R	E	S	P	A	U	K	E	S				
B	R	A	C	E	R	O	P	E	R	S	H	A	N	G	R	I	L	A	
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B	A	T	T	L	E	C	R	Y	H	A	P	P	Y	E	N	D	I	N	G
B	R	A	I	N	D	E	A	D	A	N	S	E	L	A	R	N	I	E	
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# CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

## Holiday time perfect for Porterhouse steak

Sometimes all I need is a stroll through our cool little town of Berlin to realize what a quaint and wonderful place it is. Not having been able to snap into the holiday spirit yet, I decided with the kids to do a 12 Days of Christmas gift giving crusade for my wife, and Berlin seemed like the perfect place for ideas.



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Heading downtown to pick up said gift as well as gift cards for bus drivers, teachers et al, I stopped in to see Pete at SiCuli, the latter one of our favorite Italian eateries. After eating a Fiery Soppresata pizza in three bites, a record if memory serves, I went to Ta-Da and then to JJ Fish where I found the perfect gift for Day 3.

On the wall was a shelf of knitted socks that were mismatched with the slogan Life's too short to wear matching socks! I chortled inwardly as I recalled my exhausted wife exclaiming earlier in the day as she sorted the kids' socks, "Grrr. Two damn mismatched socks. Every load!"

The socks were well-received, and I am finally getting into the groove. It was the nice day that I needed to get the Christmas spirit alive and kicking again and I went home with a little more spring in my step.

As it is once again a warmer day wedged in between the frigid ones, it seemed only fitting to grill the steak that I procured in Delaware. We are steak lovers but the steak needs to be cooked correctly. Below is a simple recipe with

some important steps that will help you to achieve steak mastery.

When I go to a decent butcher and the porterhouses are looking good, I tend to ask for a hand cut 2-inch or bigger steak. I also ask for the cut to come from the Top Loin so that there is a sizable Filet Mignon adjacent to the beautiful New York Strip on the other side of the t-bone.

I am still trying to best the 2-pound Porterhouse that I ate in Arizona at Pinnacle Peak Steakhouse years ago. As they owned the steakhouse, the railroad and the cattle, the formidable 'arterial dream come true' was a mere \$12.95 with all the fixins.

Today when I finished the steak, I was glad to have the opportunity to bring a smile to my wife, a steak to our table and a bit of the holiday spirit to get us happy and healthy through the season.

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas.

### Grilled Porterhouse

per person  
1 each 1-2 lb. Porterhouse  
Seasoning Blend, as needed (Recipe follows)

1 stick whole, unsalted butter melted  
Compound butter of your choice  
One seriously hot grill

Let steak 'slack' on counter (guard from hungry dogs and/or cats) until it warms up a touch. No I do not teach this in ServSafe but the steak will be cooked within the hour which puts it well within the 4-hour danger zone cutoff so you'll be fine.

Turn on the grill and get it toasty  
Coat steak liberally with steak seasoning and allow to sit for 10 minutes while you melt the butter and wait for

the grill to come up to heat

Season grill using some oil and wipe it clean. If you repeat this a few times it will keep your proteins from sticking to the grill as fastidiously as they tend

Lay steak on the grill at a 45° angle to the bars and grill for 5 minutes, or until you have nice lines

Turn steak over to the other side. Some chefs like to finish one side and then go to the next for the last two turns. I prefer not to do that since the meat will curl as it contracts under the heat. Turning it from top to bottom helps to keep it more balanced as it cooks

On your third turn, place steak on the grill so that you will have the famous hash marks and cook for another 4 or 5 minutes

Finish steak on the fourth side and do one of two things; either finish on grill if it is a thinner steak or pop it in the oven to finish if it is a 2-pounder like I prefer

Cook the steak to an internal temperature of 135° F / medium rare and pull from the heat

Allow to rest for another 10 minutes if you have the patience and serve with compound butter or brush with melted butter, whichever works for you

### Seasoning Blend

make as you need, but not much more  
3 parts sea salt, coarse  
2 parts granulated garlic, not powder  
1 part onion powder  
1 part blackening seasoning



1 part black pepper, coarse

Combine all of the ingredients in a bowl and whisk vigorously, making sure that you don't breathe it in as it will make you cough like crazy

Store in an airtight container until ready to use, but use it within a week. Ever wonder how much flavor is left in your spice blends that you bought in the antebellum era? Just get rid of them and buy new. Or even better, if you are a hoarder who just can't seem to let go of your old spices, donate them to someone who can use them. You'll feel better.

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