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TAKE A BOW!

Winners and participants of the 2017 Berlin Fiddlers Convention gather on stage following an awards ceremony that concluded the event, Saturday.

Town of Berlin and tattoo enthusiasts reach compromise

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Sept. 28, 2017) The Berlin Town Council unanimously approved a 120-day moratorium on tattoo or microblading businesses on Monday night, while also establishing a committee, to be led by Town Administrator Laura Allen, to draft town code addressing the practices. Acclaimed tattoo artist and Berlin resident Matthew Amey will likely be a part of the committee.

Amey and a large group of tattoo artists and enthusiasts attended the Town Council meeting to object to a proposed emergency ordinance that would have allowed tattooing and microblading, a form of permanent makeup similar to tattooing, only under the supervision of a physician or an osteopath.

Allen said Planning Director Dave Engelhart was recently approached by someone who wanted to open a microblading business in Berlin.

"The question was, what are the town's regulations [and] how do they apply to that particular activity, and there were none ... the code was silent," Allen said.

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Moroney joins Ocean Pines Board

Directors vote unanimously, 6-0, to select replacement after resignation of Brett Hill

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Sept. 28, 2017) There was little doubt before last Thursday's meeting that the Ocean Pines Association (OPA) Board of Directors would select Ted Moroney to fill a director vacancy, and the board wasted little time in confirming it.

There were no public comments, no debate between the directors and no other nominations as Moroney was unanimously selected to replace Brett Hill, who resigned on Sept. 18.

Moroney, 63, ran a heavy construction business with his brothers in Washington, D.C. for more than three decades. In May, he left the company and started working for an insurance brokerage.

He said the change allowed him to spend more time in Ocean Pines. Moroney previously served on several advisory committees in the community.

Board Vice President Cheryl Jacobs made the formal motion to select Moroney.

"Mr. Moroney brings both the appropriate experience from his business career as well as his multiple prior endeavors assisting Ocean Pines through his service as a member on various task-force groups and committees," Jacobs said, reading from a prepared statement. "He has no agenda other than to help Ocean Pines be the best community it can be."

With no discussion, the question was called and the vote was unanimous, 6-0. One Director, Colette Horn, telecommuted.

Moroney took his seat at the front table of the As-

sateague Room in the community center, the usual setting for OPA Board meetings, and the session was quickly adjourned.

Following the meeting, Moroney said he was appreciative of all of the support he's received. He also admitted there was plenty of work to be done.

"We face a lot of hurdles, financially and otherwise," he said. "My goal here is building a consensus from a varied group. There's no one who can heal all the wounds and all the bad feelings."

Moroney said "spirited arguments and discord" are in-
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The 2017 Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors pose for a photo prior to an orientation meeting, last Friday. Pictured, in front, from left, are Vice President Cheryl Jacobs, President Doug Parks and Treasurer Pat Supik, and in back, Slobodan Trendic, Secretary Dr. Colette Horn, Ted Moroney and Tom Herrick.

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Paint Berlin 2017 winners, from left, Alison Leigh Menke (second place), Mateus Costa (first place), judge Kirk McBride, Diane Joy Laird (honorable mention), Del. Mary Beth Carozza and Christopher Best (third place) pose following an awards ceremony on Saturday.

Costa tops 2017 Paint Berlin list of award winners

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Sept. 28, 2017) Mateus Costa from Cheltenham, Pennsylvania impressed during the annual Paint Berlin reception at the Worcester County Arts Council on Saturday, earning first prize and \$1,000 for his oil painting, "St. Paul's Church."

The painting also took home three additional awards: Maryland Legislators Choice, Artists Choice and WCAC Board of Directors Choice. Each honor was worth an additional check for \$100, bringing Costa's total winnings to \$1,300.

Costa said he owed it all to a friend, who mentioned the Berlin competition while he was painting and vacationing near Indian River.

"He told me about the event and it was really, really wonderful," he said. "I'll have to share [the winnings] with him."

Del. Mary Beth Carozza introduced the inaugural Maryland Legislators Choice award, which was also chosen with the help of Sen. Jim Mathias.

"[The painting] spoke to me about the story of Berlin," Carozza said. "That church and all the generations of Eastern Shore families that have been associated and members of that church, and are still associated and part of that church – it just spoke of, this is Berlin. It moves me [and] I know it's moved others."

Carozza said she worked hard to bring more Worcester County art to the state capital in Annapolis, and talked about the value of art in the community.

"When we have events like this, the artwork and what you do brings out the best in our community and reminds us why we love where we live," she said. "I thank you all – I thank all the artists and everybody who is supporting the arts."

Additional awards went to Alison Leigh Menke of Silver Spring, who earned second place and \$500 for her oil painting, "Fiddler's Jam," and Christopher Best of Crownsville, who won third place and \$250 for his oil painting, "Morning Bloom."

Middletown, Delaware resident Diane Joy was given honorable mention and \$100 for the pen, ink and watercolor painting, "Hotel Atlantic."

A large selection of paintings created during the four-day event will remain on display at the Worcester County Arts Council's Gallery on 6 Jefferson Street through the end of October. All artwork in the exhibit is available for sale.

In total, 38 artists from five states and Washington, D.C. participated in Paint Berlin, Sept. 20-23. Berlin resident Kirk McBride judged the competition.

Arts Council Executive Director Anna Mullis thanked participating artists and volunteers, as well as sponsors including the Town of Berlin, Joan W. Jenkins Foundation and Salt Water Media.

"Congratulations to all of you. Thank you for having your work here in the gallery on display and to show to the entire community," she said. "We hope you will join us again next year."

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Several ordinances to be considered during Oct. 2 mtg.

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 28, 2017) The Pocomoke City Council is scheduled to hold second readings and could approve of a trio of ordinances related to housing standards during the next council meeting, Oct. 2 at 6:30 p.m.

First readings for the ordinances occurred during the previous council meeting, last Monday.

During that meeting Dan Brandewie, housing and zoning coordinator, led a discussion on Ordinance 433, which would amend the city code to add a chapter called "Rental Property."

Brandewie said the draft was largely created by previous city manager, Ernie Crofoot, and would require landlords to meet basic housing standards.

"If you have a rental, you have to register with the city and obtain a license," he said.

Brandewie suggested the renewable license be valid for one year and cost about \$25. He added, "It's a pretty basic ordinance."

Mayor Bruce Morrison said the council previously considered similar legislation.

"I think we were a little leery on it the first time around but ... as the people of Pocomoke are complaining enough about the [way] properties make the town look, we [should] start to move forward with this new code," he said.

Despite earlier uncertainties, Councilwoman Esther Troast said the time had come for the city to oversee rental properties.

"In the past we tabled it," she said. "After reading it twice, I'm ready for it."

Brandewie also discussed Ordinance 434, which would amend city code related to housing standards and placement of bulk trash.

"[It's] an update to a problem I think we're experiencing, with landlords setting trash and eviction materials out in front of the properties [and] leaving it there, in many cases, for several days or weeks," he said.

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GONE FISHIN'

Raiden Leonard, 12, of Snow Hill, looks to reel in a winner during the Snow Hill Youth Fishing Derby, last Saturday.

Grand jury indicts Holland for theft

Felony charges sought for former S.H. account clerk said to have stolen \$169K

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 28, 2017) Former Snow Hill Account Clerk Erica Holland, 32, was indicted by a Worcester County Grand Jury for felony theft over \$100,000 on Tuesday.

The case, which was referred to the Maryland Office of the State Prosecutor by the Worcester County State's Attorney's Office, is being handled by State Prosecutor Emmet Davitt.

In a press release issued on Tuesday, Davitt's office alleges Holland stole about \$169,000 from the town between Aug. 2014 and April 2017.

On April 25, police escorted Holland from Town Hall in Snow Hill, at which point she was relieved of her position.

In the press release, Davitt said although charged, Holland is presumed innocent unless and until there is a conviction.

"Town employees who handle public money hold a position of trust and violation of that trust is intolerable," he said.

Mayor Charlie Dorman said the last five months, during the investi-

gation, had been a "long, hard process."

"I'm glad charges have been filed and we can come to a resolution," he said. "We are not going to comment any further until we go to trial."



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Former Snow Hill account clerk Erica Holland, 32, was indicted this week by a Worcester County Grand Jury for felony theft over \$100,000. On April 25 police escorted Holland from her position at Town Hall.

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OPA Board has unifying tone at orientation

With team now in place, Parks says directors must ‘work at working together’

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Sept. 28, 2017) Members of the Ocean Pines Association Board and new General Manager John Bailey acknowledged a slew of problems existed and needed to be addressed, but a general sense of optimism prevailed during a nearly eight-hour orientation meeting, last Friday.

“We now have a complete team. This is the team that’s going to govern,” Board President Doug Parks said. “I’m excited. I think that we’ve got a lot of different opinions here, which I welcome ... This team is the one that’s going to work together, and we have to work at working together.”

Later during the meeting, Parks talked about his expectations of conduct.

“I want to spend more time governing rather than arguing,” he said. “I think we’re getting really, really close. I don’t want to lose that momentum, if that’s where we’re heading.

“Personally, I’m in – I’m all in on that,” Parks continued. “I think it starts with communication. I think it starts with a comfort level that you can communicate on a professional level and agree to disagree.”

Newly appointed Director Ted Moroney said it was important for the directors to have respect for one another and to leave personal attacks out of public meetings.

“We’ve gotta stop questioning each other’s integrity, we’ve gotta stop

questioning whether people are liars, we’ve gotta stop going back and saying, ‘he said, she said,’” Moroney said. “Whatever is [leftover from the previous board] let it finish off with where we are and start, as much as possible, anew.

“All it does is [create] a never-ending cycle, where one thing leads to the next, leads to the next. We’re basically done as of today,” he continued. “If we lost our position we say, ‘hey, I felt this, but the board has decided to go in this direction.’ You’re on record that, if the board steps in it, you were the one with the right answer. If they don’t, you were part of that great board that did it.”

Board Vice President Cheryl Jacobs stressed the value of having different opinions on the board – without resorting to arguments.

“We don’t want a ‘group think’ kind of situation,” she said. “Because somebody has a different opinion doesn’t devalue them – doesn’t make them the enemy. There’s real value in getting diverse opinions to further the discussion, to ultimately move to the best decision.”

Parks also stressed the need to build a partnership with Bailey, who started on Sept. 11 and previously managed several associations in Virginia.

He said the proper balance of oversight should be struck between micromanaging and “being completely uninformed.”

“We’ll probably get more mileage out of interacting in such a way that is supportive ... rather than domineering,” Parks said.

Jacobs said it was essential for that relationship to be a two-way street.

“Absolutely,” Bailey said, adding that regular informational meetings with Parks and Jacobs were already established.

Bailey, during his own presentation, raved about the activities and programs offered in Ocean Pines parks, which he said were the envy of other homeowner’s associations.

He also talked about the importance of making a good first impression with the north and south gates.

“When you’re coming into the community or driving past the community, looking for a place to live, looking for a place to start up a new business – or relocate a business or expand your business – we want people to notice that something different is going on and this is a special place,” he said.

He said everyone in Ocean Pines was responsible for making that happen.

“We have 12,000 residents in

Ocean Pines, give or take ... how many people are partly responsible for picking up trash and making us look good? Everybody,” he said. “That’s from the president of the board to me, [and] all the staff and all the residents. We take it upon ourselves to do those types of things, so it’s not just the public works staff that’s having to make us look good – we’re all a part of it.”

Bailey admitted the country club, stuck in construction limbo, was “a real mess” and at the top of the list for improvement. He also discussed the need to improve drainage and the greens at the golf course.

He said some financial changes needed to be made, and that calling revenue targets during the previous year “ambitious” was something of an understatement.

“Ocean Pines is not unique to that. I’ve seen that in other HOAs – I’ve seen that in government,” Bailey said. “You can do that if you’ve got a good business plan that shows some backup to that, but you still don’t want to be overly aggressive with it.

“If you go in with a conservative revenue number and you do better than that, great,” he added. “If you don’t ... you’re not too far off.”

Bailey ended on a positive note.

“I’m excited to be here,” he said. “This is what I wanted.”

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Amey, Allen and others likely to serve on tattoo committee

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She said Worcester County code addressed the practice, but that would not have applied to Berlin.

"The town attorney used the Worcester County ordinance as the basis ... to ensure that there's something on the town books that addresses the health and safety issues associated with these types of activities," Allen said. "The ordinance sets the town standards to be the same as the county standards."

Amey and others objected, saying the proposed ordinance went too far.

"I have lived in Worcester County for the better part of 25 years. I have been forced to run my tattoo business in a different state because of those [county] ordinances," Amey said.

He offered to help draft a "more contemporary" set of standards. Amey said he assisted officials in Sussex County in developing code that ensured public safety, but did not create an unnecessary "barrier of entry for people wanting to start this type of business."

"I have been a professional artist for 26 years. I have international acclaim for the work that I do. I would be happy to [help] form a concise and precise ordinance that would not only hold up for public scrutiny, but also allow businesses to thrive," he said.

"There are at least half a dozen internationally recognized tattoo artists that live in Worcester County and we are forced to leave the county to apply our trade," Amey continued. "Berlin has an opportunity to create this little area that would basically allow this industry to thrive in a region that has, effectively, governed us out."

Amey also read into record a letter penned by his wife, Lisa Tossey, sent to the councilmembers.

"Are regulations necessary to ensure tattoo studios use proper sterilization and application techniques? Absolutely. And they are in place and successfully implemented in cities and counties throughout the country, including Sussex County right next door. I know this because that is where my husband, Matthew Amey, owns two successful studios where he works," Tossey stated in the letter.

"Due to Worcester County's regulations, which require a medical practitioner to be present during tattooing, he has never been able to contribute to the local economy here in Maryland in his 26-year career. Because of these prohibitive restrictions, he was forced to open his first tattoo studio just outside Ocean City, in West Fenwick Island, over 20 years ago — a shop he still runs today, along with a second shop in Lewes, Delaware. These shops have excellent reputations locally, both for the quality of the work done and their cleanliness. In fact, Delaware health officials used his original shop, Independent Tattoo, as a model when they implemented their health guidelines for tattooing in 2002."

She said his clients, 55 percent of which come from Worcester County, regularly travel to Delaware to visit the

studios.

The couple recently opened the Wooden Octopus gallery on Jefferson Street in Berlin together. Amey said tattooing would not be a part of that business, which sells fine art and jewelry, but he and his wife argued for the right to run a business in Berlin.

"This is a great opportunity to start a conversation within our community to further understand this art form, the process behind it, and develop common-sense regulation that countless other municipalities have nationwide," Tossey stated. "You have some excellent local resources who are more than willing to be a part of that discussion."

Mayor Gee Williams complimented Amey for his professionalism and said no one questioned his experience or reputation.

"I wish everyone was good. I wish everyone was honorable and was out for the benefit of the public," he said. "We are ultimately responsible for public safety."

Williams said he worried a "ne'er-do-well" would read about the lack of standards and try to take advantage of the town.

"We don't have anything to keep them from doing, basically, exactly the opposite of what your objective is," he said.

"I have been considered a ne'er-do-well in the past because of my chosen profession, and I have had to deal with that my entire adult career," Amey said. "I don't think there is as many ne'er-dowells who are professional tattoo artists as you may think. I understand the town's concern, and that's why I'm here — to try to share my professional experience with the town to help integrate a policy that would be beneficial for both the public health and a thriving industry."

Williams said, and Town Attorney David Gaskill confirmed, the emergency ordinance could be adopted to protect the town and later repealed in favor of more lenient standards. Amey, however, worried that would simply "push the can down the road."

Many of those in attendance also spoke against the proposed ordinance, and defended tattooing as an art form and a form of self-expression.

James Coltellino said some people get tattoos to cover up scars caused by cancer and other illnesses and injuries. He said some of his tattoos cover up severe burns on 29 percent of his body.

"A lot of my scars have been covered up with tattoos, by Matthew Amey," Coltellino said. "I think you need to look at things like that — it's just not the hoodlums that are getting tattoos and causing problems."

Jeremy Blackford, a Berlin resident and the general manager of Burley Inn Tavern, argued too-strict codes would only lead to dangerous, backroom practices.

"It's happening ... in hotel rooms [in Ocean City] in unsafe places. The night-

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Berlin Council puts moratorium on new tattoo businesses

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more that you're talking about is already happening," he said.

Blackford said asking a doctor to be present during tattooing was like requiring "a fire marshal to stand in my kitchen while the chef is cooking."

Councilman Dean Burrell said the point was not to "discuss or give pro and con opinions about the virtue of tattooing."

"My son's tattooed. My wife is tattooed. My daughter is heavily tattooed, and so is my daughter-in-law. If I wasn't chicken, I would probably be tattooed," Burrell said. "But there are fly-by-nights in any profession. We're here trying to protect the health and safety of the public — that's our only intent."

Williams inquired about setting a temporary moratorium on tattoo and microblading businesses, with the intent to develop reasonable town standards. Councilman Zack Tyndall proposed a motion to pass a 90-day moratorium and establish a committee to develop guidelines.

Burrell proposed an amendment that set a 120-day moratorium and asked Allen to lead the committee. The amendment passed unanimously.

Burrell added to Amey, "Rest assured, I would expect that Mrs. Allen will be contacting you to participate in this endeavor."

"I would be happy to," Amey said.

Many in attendance applauded at the outcome.

Reached for comment after the meeting, Tossey said she was pleased by what occurred.

"I'm optimistic that the council is willing to move forward with a committee that will take a realistic look at regulations that work," she said. "It's been so frustrating to see Matthew's profession grouped with nuisances, litter, and junk cars in Worcester County's municipal code. It was apparent this evening that Berlin's council members are more progressive in their thinking and open to discussion to create regulations that are both realistic for artists to comply with and serve to protect their own health along with that of their clients."

Moroney: we've gotta look forward

■ MORONEY continued

evitable, but the directors should show unity once a vote is cast.

"We can't be re-litigating or holding a series of bad feelings or grudges," he said. "Having a 6-0 vote [to approve his nomination] indicates to me that there might actually be an opportunity to move us forward."

He said he was excited to work with a new general manager and a board that is essentially starting from scratch after the August election.

"To me, the biggest [thing] that we have to make sure we do is have good communications, not only from us to the GM, but back. And it has to be more of a partnership," Moroney said. "He takes ... direction from us, but he has to be the implementer. We need to stay out of the weeds, but we need to hold him accountable."

Moroney said his initial goal was

to give new General Manager John Bailey "some time to breath," while also working to get himself up to speed as a director.

"The second thing would be to just get organized," he said. "We used to have a pending action list here and I'm going to ask that we bring that back. That lists everything that we've approved, everything that we want and everything that we have coming up."

"It's not real work, it costs no money, but it keeps the board focused on board business," Moroney added. "That's what we have to do."

The prior board and general manager faced no small amount of contention and controversy. Despite being well aware of that, Moroney said his trepidation in joining the board was minor.

"I kind of felt, we've got a president [Doug Parks] who is middle-of-

the-road and is interested in [moving forward] and ... I looked at it and thought this was a time when I could possibly make a difference," he said. "We see what the financials are and we see what the turmoil on the board is and the turmoil internally — I don't want to look back. We've gotta look forward."

For now, Moroney said he was focused on serving the one-year duration of his appointed term. He would be eligible to run for a three-year term, next year.

"In the spring if I think I'm making a difference and if we're heading in the right direction, then I'll reconsider," he said. "Knowing that I don't have a huge desire to serve on the board beyond this gives me an opportunity to, hopefully, affect things without bringing in an agenda or running for reelection."



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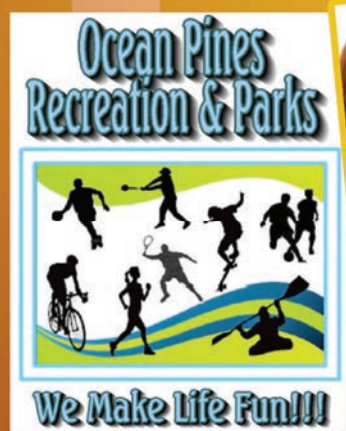
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Brushmiller defends Burley Oak construction

Brewer calls town officials immature and inconsistent over fence modifications

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Sept. 28, 2017) Burley Oak Brewing Company owner Bryan Brushmiller last week took issue with Berlin officials who accused him of pulling down or ignoring several stop-work orders.

He said the incident was being overblown and called the behavior “immature.”

The Berlin Planning Commission last Wednesday discussed the orders, which Planning Director Dave Engelhart said he posted after noticing that an outdoor expansion at the brewery was not being done according to the site plan the commission approved in April.

Brushmiller said he missed last Wednesday’s commission meeting, which started at 6 p.m., because he thought it started an hour later. He said he pulled up to Town Hall that

night just as he received a text message from a member of the planning commission.

“Ron Cascio had texted me and said ‘there’s a lot of people that are upset you didn’t attend our meeting. Care to comment?’” Brushmiller said. “I thought I was running late, but I didn’t think it was that late.”

Brushmiller called reports he removed several stop-work orders “very accusatory.”

“I wish I was there to say, ‘did you see me take down the signs?’” he said. “They’re in a [commission] meeting accusing me of doing something where they have no proof. For one, I didn’t take down any stop-order signs.”

After the brewery’s plans for a four-foot fence were approved in April, Brushmiller said he was asked by the county liquor board to raise the height to five feet. He said he was not aware he needed to ask the Berlin Planning Commission to approve the modification to the original plan.

“I had an architect that I paid thousands of dollars to design a proj-

ect that I got approved by the [commission], and then, when we were building the fence, I told my carpenter the liquor license [board] wants it at five [feet], let’s just be a good neighbor and put it at six to make sure we’re not a nuisance,” he said. The higher fence, he said, would benefit the neighbors because it would further reduce noise from the new outdoor stage.

“The fact that we went two feet higher ... it never even occurred to me that I had to get a permit. They already approved the fence being built,” he said.

Brushmiller said he got a town permit for the fence just before receiving the order to stop work.

“That was the very moment they came out – the very moment that the town came out cussing at me and yelling,” he said. “Dave Engelhart was dropping the ‘f bomb’ at me and stuff. It was ridiculous. His face was all red.”

Brushmiller said he didn’t understand why Engelhart was upset.

“[He said], because you don’t

know how to get your f***ing permits,” Brushmiller said. “I went to the planning and zoning. I got everything approved. Now I’ve gotta get a fence permit to built a fence that was already approved?”

No one, Brushmiller said, told him to resubmit the site plan to the planning commission as he was filling out the fence permit.

“It’s so inconsistent ... I filled everything out [for a six-foot fence], they take my money, they give me a receipt, and then I come back and I remember I was so excited. I was like, ‘alright guys, we can [finish]!’” he said. “And, literally, the fence was already done. So there was no work to actually be stopped ... we basically were just putting up a door. The fence was built already, a day before.

“They come out again, Dave Engelhart, yelling, pissed off,” Brushmiller said. “I said I just filled out everything and he said, ‘but you’ve gotta get it approved.’ So you took my money, I filled out all the paperwork, at no point did you say ... you can’t start

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Town met with brewery over EDUs, wastewater

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work again. They gave me the f***ing receipt.

“Him going in there saying I pulled [the order] off the fence – he’s actually lying,” he continued. “It’s slanderous and it makes me look bad. You’re portraying me as this bad person that doesn’t care about what the town has to say and now you’re going into the planning and zoning meetings ... with no proof.”

The original order, he said, was blown off by high winds.

“That sign is still in my bush. We never touched it,” he said. “For them to say I ripped down things is super accusatory – and pretty immature.”

The planning commission eventually voted 4-2 to allow the fence, although several commission members expressed their trepidation.

Brushmiller met with town officials on Sept. 13 to discuss other issues, including noise complaints, parking concerns, the need for three additional EDUs and the possible need to install a pre-treatment sys-

tem to reduce pollution from the brewery into town wastewater.

He described the session as “a nice meeting with the town,” but said reports of noise complaints were exaggerated.

“We had one national act – a national artist that we brought to Berlin, this town of the arts – and our [liquor] license says to stop at 10 [p.m.] – we stopped at 10. There’s no reason for complaints,” Brushmiller said. “We did everything right.”

“There was one lady that complained and there was one event – it’s not plural,” he added.

Brushmiller said he spent \$50,000 to buy three additional EDUs two years ago “and they want me to buy more.”

He was also told Burley Oak couldn’t use public parking at Berlin Falls, across the street, for personal financial gain.

“That’s totally fair,” Brushmiller said. “I’m happy to rent that from you. I’m happy to contribute to the town ... if I use it, I’m happy to pay for

it and complete maintenance on it.”

Brushmiller declined to comment on the record about the pre-treatment system.

He did say he was baffled by the onslaught of issues being presented to him.

“What does a small business do?

I’m literally being contacted by state officials to [give] seminars for how towns can work better with small businesses – they’re calling me to give a speech on this as a model,” he said. “I’m the biggest proponent for working together with the town. I’m even actually going above and beyond and giving f***ing talks about how to do it better!”

In an interview last week, Mayor Gee Williams said discussion of the pre-treatment system occurred after Public Works Director Jane Kreiter tested of all the wastewater collection systems along Old Ocean City Boulevard, where Burley Oak is based.

“There appears to be higher level of pollutants in the wastewater nearest to the lift station where the brew-

ery is,” Williams said. “She and Bryan are working together ... and they are trying to determine what pre-treatment, if any, may be necessary by the brewery so it does not have an adverse impact on our wastewater collection system.”

Williams said those discussions were preliminary and a potential cost was not clear, although he added, “I don’t think any solution is inexpensive.”

“From what limited knowledge I have, based on being a resident, a council member and then mayor, there is rarely any inexpensive solution,” he said. “Pre-treatment usually involves purchase of equipment on-site by the business to address the issue.”

As for the noise complaints, Williams said he and several council members received calls after Burley Oak held its first outdoor concert, last month.

He said he expected the Berlin Planning Commission to help resolve those issues, along with the matter of the expansion that was not in line with what the commission originally approved.

“The mayor and council are not the planning commission and any issues with the planning commission need to be discussed directly with them,” he added. “Apparently that didn’t happen.”

Multiple agencies investigate missing Ocean Pines funds

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Sept. 28, 2017) A multiple-agency investigation into missing funds in Ocean Pines is ongoing.


Details are scarce, but several sources said Ocean Pines Police and the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office were involved in an investigation that occurred at the Ocean Pines Administration building on Sept. 14.

“It’s an investigation,” Ocean Pines Association General Manager John Bailey said, last Thursday. “Let that play out and let’s see what happens in the end. Nobody wants to influence it one way or the other and get out ahead of stuff.”

Lt. Edward C. Schreier with the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office sent the following email last week.

“The County Bureau of Investigation has several ongoing investigations. As with any investigation it can cross several jurisdictions and touch several different areas. The County Bureau of Investigation will release information as soon as practical,” Schreier said. “We respectfully request that you please be patient and we will be forthcoming as soon as possible.”

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



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Berlin Electric Co. helps with hurricane relief

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Sept. 28, 2017) Three members of the Berlin Electric Department recently returned from a trip to Orlando, Florida, where they and scores of others from across the country lent a hand in Hurricane Irma relief efforts.

American Municipal Power (AMP) and the American Public Power Association coordinated a nationwide effort of utility workers in the storm-ravaged state.

Berlin, which operates its own electric utility and is a member of AMP, sent Electric Utilities Director Tim Lawrence, Chief Lineman Alan Parkinson and First-Class Lineman Claude Littleton. The three men left on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at about 7 a.m., taking with them two bucket trucks, a digger derrick (or crane truck), and a pole trailer.

They were originally headed to Clewiston, Florida, but found out about a day into the trip “they had enough help down there,” according to Lawrence.

He said flooding appeared to be minimal upon arrival, but the wind damage was severe. Driving through Georgia, Lawrence said they noticed many of the large billboard signs had been knocked over, “poles and all.”

AMP officials redirected the crew to Orlando, where Lawrence said about 150,000 people were initially without power. He said about 12,000 were without power when the Town of Berlin workers arrived.

“We got there at about 7 o’clock at night on Thursday [Sept. 14] and we had to sit through a safety orientation, where they basically handed us a set of specs on how they built their power lines,” Lawrence said. “They went over how everything would work and where we would park our vehicles — things like that.”

Simple enough, only the next day started at 4 a.m. and a bus to headquarters left at 5 a.m. Workers were assigned tasks and a member of the Orlando electric utility was appointed as a guide and helper.

By 7 a.m., the crew was literally dealing with a live wire.

“The very first day that we did hands-on work would’ve been Friday [Sept. 15],” Lawrence said. “We had to replace a three-phase, vertical-angled pole, which was energized — we had to do it while it was still hot.”

Further complicating the situation, Lawrence said the temperature was oppressive, close to 100 degrees, with about 92 percent humidity.

“When you’re working on energized primaries you have to wear safety gear — the rubber gloves and all of that — so, that made it very difficult. It was very hot,” Lawrence said. “About three quarters of that day we spent replacing that pole.”

“It was almost unbearable,” he continued. “Some of the linemen were getting sick from the heat and getting heat exhaustion. You had to

be really careful about how many hours you could work without taking a break to cool down.”

The extreme heat wasn’t the only danger crews faced. Workers were warned about water moccasins spotted hanging from trees in residential areas, not to mention alligators near large bodies of water.

“The first day of work, they put us on that pole next to a big runoff pond. We’re trying to work on the pole, but we were also looking out for the alligators on top of that,” Lawrence said.

There were also other hazards associated with the nature of the electrical work. Lawrence said two out-of-state linemen were electrocuted and suffered severe burns during the relief effort in Florida, and another worker died after falling from a five-story building in Georgia.

After spending the majority of day literally sweating it out while tending to a precarious pole flowing with electricity, the crew was put on “rear lot” duty, which meant repairing downed power lines on the back-end of properties.

“With up to 115-mile winds, they had a lot of trees down on the power lines, so they actually assigned a tree crew to work with us,” Lawrence said. “Anywhere we had to get in to work on the power lines, if it had trees and stuff down on it we ended up killing the power to the line to allow the tree trimmers to get the trees off the wires, then we would go in behind them and put the wires back up.”

Lawrence said they probably restored power to about 10 homes on Friday, and the crew spent the next two days doing more rear-lot work.

By the time they left, Sunday night, Sept. 17, only about eight customers were still without power in Orlando.

“It’s a really good feeling,” Lawrence said. “One man that we met out there had been without power for seven days. We were just driving down the road and he came running out of his driveway to stop us, and you could just tell he was in desperate need.”

Lawrence said a large tree limb fell across the secondary service line, knocking out power to the man’s house.

“It ripped out his meter base and the mask off his house. He had an electrician replace all of that, but the power company hadn’t been there to put the overhead service back up yet,” Lawrence said. “When we found out what was going on, we stopped and put a new service up for him to get his power restored. He was very grateful.”

He said the entire ordeal had a noticeable impact on the rest of the crew.

“It was an experience for them,” Lawrence said. “I think they realized what it was like for people to be in desperate need of help. Everybody really came together. We worked with different people from Alabama,



First-Class Lineman Claude Littleton, left, Chief Lineman Alan Parkinson and Electric Utilities Director Tim Lawrence represent the Berlin Electric Department in Orlando, bringing several vehicles, heavy equipment and their own expertise to Hurricane Irma relief.



A Berlin Electric Utilities worker repairs a power line in storm-ravaged Orlando. Three members of the department represented the town during Hurricane Irma relief efforts, last week.

Pennsylvania, Missouri and Arkansas.”

The return trip took about 25 hours, but Lawrence said “it was well worth” the effort.

He asked to thank the remaining members of the Berlin Electric team, who held down the fort “and made sure everything ran smoothly” during his absence.

Lawrence told part of his story during a Town Council meeting on

Monday night. After which, Councilman Dean Burrell, clearly moved, said, “I feel like I should applaud.”

Those in attendance at Town Hall inside the council chambers did so.

Mayor Gee Williams said the entire community was grateful for the efforts of Lawrence, Parkinson and Littleton.

“Please pass on ... how much we all respect what you all did,” Williams said.

Stay always meant to be temporary, Viola says

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Sept. 28, 2017) Former Ocean Pines Association Finance Director John Viola said his resignation last week was because of family reasons.

He took over following the abrupt resignation of Mary Bosack in May.

Viola, 60, said his appointment to the position was always meant to be temporary. That contrasts somewhat with reaction from several association officials, who appeared caught off-guard by his resignation.

He said former director and interim General Manager Brett Hill and current directors Tom Herrick and Pat Supik were aware his stay was meant to be temporary.

"I was hoping they would come forward with that. I don't know why they didn't," Viola said.

Viola said it was his understanding his tenure would end when a permanent general manager was hired and could oversee the search for his replacement. John Bailey officially took over as the association general manager on Sept. 11.

"The new person was hired and I made the decision and thought that would be the right time," Viola said. "I spoke to [Bailey] and told him it was about family and there were family considerations, and he understood. He is a man of integrity and asked me to stay on for a week and I said I would."

He promised to be accessible to Bailey and other Ocean Pines officials, should they need him.

"I said I would be five minutes away, at the golf course," Viola said with a laugh.

During his tenure, Viola said he worked on monthly financial reports and assisted with the year-end audit, performed by SC&H Group Inc. from Ellicott City.

A more in-depth version of the original audit was later ordered by the board of directors, sometimes referred to as a "deep dive." Viola also assisted with that.

Initially, Viola said he asked to work as an unpaid volunteer.

"In the beginning I wasn't taking salary, but then I was told that I had to take a salary in order to be covered by insurance," he said. "That's a fact. I did get paid, but numerous times I said I would take less."

He laughed at reports that he became "burned out" by the job.

"My favorite [rumor] was that I was stressed out over an antiquated financial system. I'm not saying it was the most current financial system I ever saw, but it didn't stress me out," Viola said. "It kinda gets the job done, somehow, some way."

Viola said suggestions that former director Pete Gomsak played a large role in the finance department were overblown. He said Gomsak, with the blessing of Hill and Supik, simply assisted with the finalization of the audit while he was away on vacation, in July.

At Viola's request, Gomsak was also involved "in helping with several other matters which were discussed with the board president and acting general manager," in August and September, he said.



John Viola

Viola said the financial report delivered during the annual meeting, in August, was his own.

He stepped into the role during a time when, reportedly, working conditions in the administration building were not ideal. Still, Viola said he had a largely positive experience during his brief tenure.

"I have mixed emotions [about leaving]," he said. "I will miss all the good people. I think I got along really well with all the department heads."

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[about leaving]. I will miss
all the good people.'**

Former Ocean Pines
Finance Director John Viola

Viola also left open the possibility of returning to the budget and finance committee, where he served for several years, including as committee chairman.

As of last Thursday, Bailey said the director of finance position was already being advertised online and in local papers, and the deadline for applications is Oct. 9.

According to a statement released by the association last week, "Sharon Davis, who has worked for the Association since 1978 and most recently as an Accounting Manager, will serve as interim Director of Finance as the Association searches for Viola's replacement."

Bailey said in-house candidates were being considered for the job.

"I'm not opposed to promoting from within. I think that's healthy for an organization, but we always want to go through that process of due diligence," Bailey said.



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Former Commissioner Purnell pens new book

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer
(Sept. 28, 2017) Former Worcester County Commissioner James Lee Purnell Jr. will be signing copies of his recently-released book, which

was co-authored with Kimberly Chase and traces Purnell's roots back to his birth.
"I was born in Worcester County and I live less than a quarter mile from where I was born, right now," he said.

Born in July 1937 to James L. Purnell Sr. and Hulda Purnell, he was raised on the Purnell Dairy Farm in what was then called Briddletown.

In more recent times, the stalwart community member served five terms as a county commissioner from 1994-2014, and was also president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Worcester County branch. He was also a member of the Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland and a member of the county Board of Health for a decade.

For the last several years,

Purnell said numerous old cohorts have urged him to compile a memoir.

"My response was I probably will in due time," he said. "I'm the type of person that you're not going to make me do something if it's not in my heart."

Keeping it under wraps, Purnell said few, if any, of those who encouraged the literary pursuit knew the volume was forthcoming.

"No one knew the book was even being worked on until it came out," he said. "Then people asked when did you start it and why did you write a book?"

As evidenced by the books title, Purnell sought to author a work that encompassed the cultural struggles that have occurred in his lifetime.

"I was the type of person that never blabbed about what I achieved and never blabbed about what I was doing," he said. "This book is not all about me because we as a people ... endured a lot of ill treatment by others."

Appreciating his position as an elder statesman for the African-American community on the shore, Purnell said enlightening today's youth with a reality-based narrative about race relations was another primary motivator.

"I hope it reaches out to the young people in Worcester County and young people beyond," he said. "It's something that some [older] people who read the book will know about because some of the people went through it. They didn't dream about it, they witnessed it."

Recalling a lifetime filled with troubling memories wasn't difficult for Purnell.

"You have to realize, it wasn't hard to document it in your mind back then," he said. "When you lived through some of the racism and issues it would be very hard to forget it."

As a devout member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Berlin, Purnell's faith has provided insight on approaching issues laden with emotion.

"To talk about this racism and write about it you have to do it without hatred in your heart," he said. "If too much hate wheels in then you'll get off in left field."

Although residual anger could be understandable, Purnell looks back on more than half a century of struggling for equality with an inner peace

derived from scripture.
"We had every reason to have hate in our hearts for our enemy but then my enemy became my footstool," he said. "The Bible [Luke 20:43] said that, your enemy may become your footstool."

During his lifetime, Purnell has been a political trailblazer for the local African-American community.

"When I was elected county commissioner there had never been a black county commissioner in the county in over 275 years," he said.

In addition to earning the respect of constituents, in time Purnell gained the trust of fellow commissioners, regardless of racial distinction.

"[In 2005] I became the first black president of the county commissioners in its history," he said. "For me to gain the trust of six other commissioners, to become their president and run this county, it didn't happen overnight."

Previous involvement campaigning for racial equality related to job opportunities and school hiring practices helped Purnell learn how to build consensus among his peers.

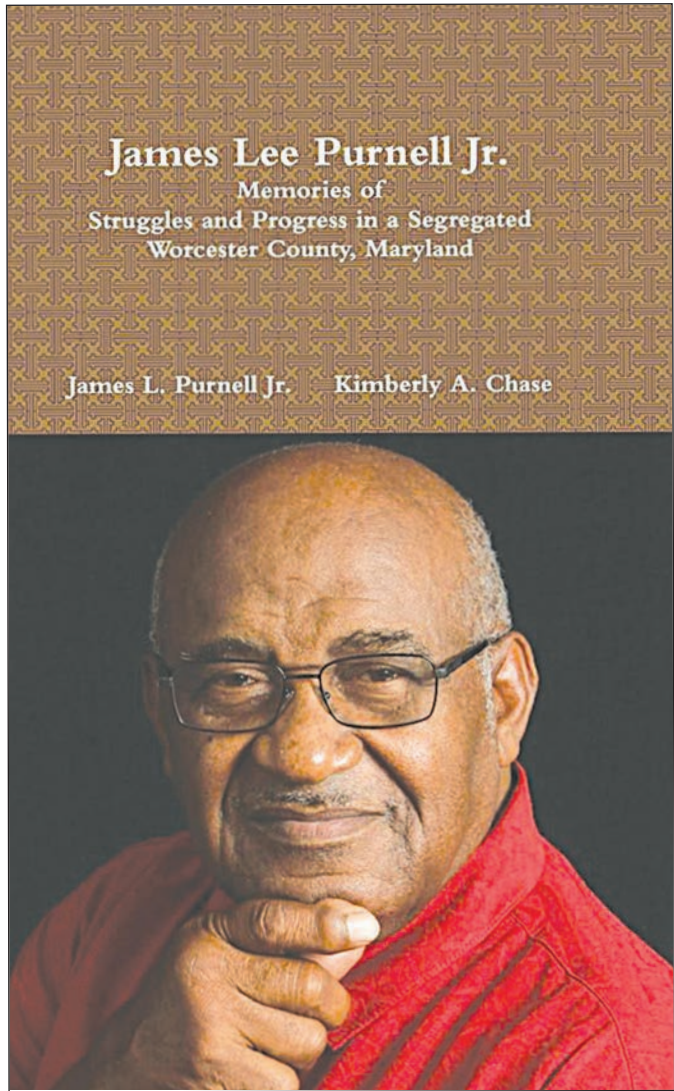
"It happened because of my ability and willingness to work with others," he said. "There were times we didn't see eye to eye, but the bottom line is we all worked together."

To open Saturday's book signing, Purnell will make a brief speech to, among other things, address the importance of selecting the Germantown School for the occasion.

For now, Purnell is remaining elusive on many of the topics covered in his new volume.

"I want this book to be like a mystery," he said. "Once people purchase it and read it they'll find out, it's not a mystery, this is reality that was lived and acted upon from way back when."

Purnell's first book signing begins at 5 p.m. at the Germantown School, 10223 Trappe Road in Berlin. Limited copies of the hardcover, \$24, and softcover, \$15, will be available for purchase. Pre-ordering books at Ancestorybook.com/books-for-sale is recommended.



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Snow Hill hot pepper challenge raises funds

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 28, 2017) Raising funds for hurricane victims was the reason three brave souls agreed to consume the world's hottest hot pepper on the courthouse steps in Snow Hill on Sept 15.

The event stemmed from a dare between Attorney Mike Farlow, Assistant State's Attorney Billy McDermott and Lt. Timothy Mulligan, who works at the Worcester County Jail. The trio began the foray into taste bud torture after Farlow recently harvested a lone Carolina Reaper pepper from his home garden.

"This is easily the stupidest thing that I'm going to do this week," Farlow said.

The Carolina Reaper pepper has been certified top of the heat scale by the Guinness Book of World Records since 2013. Cultivated by "Smokin" Ed Currie, founder of PuckerButt Pepper Company in Fort Mill, South Carolina, it unseated the previous titleholder the Trinidad Moruga Scorpion pepper.

Prior to ingesting the truly red hot pepper, McDermott admitted the challenge was intimidating but gained special significance when Farlow proposed turning the good-natured dare into a fundraising event for hurricane victims being assisted by the American Red Cross.

"I'm terrified out of my mind," he said. "The truth is we probably would have done this on our own accord but Mike had the brilliant idea to do this for charity."

Rated on the Scoville scale, which measures the pungency, or spicy heat, of chili peppers or other foods, a Carolina Reaper can measure more than two million Scoville units. By comparison a Jalapeno pepper averages 6,000 Scoville units.

Because of less-than-ideal growing conditions, Farlow was surprised when his garden yielded a single Carolina Reaper.

"It's not exactly the ideal climate for it," he said. "They needed it a little bit cooler."

Discussing the surprising harvest, the three friends began daring each other to consume the sole scorcher. Shortly thereafter the idea turned into an attempt to render aid after Mother Nature slammed Houston with Hurricane Harvey and then walloped Florida with Hurricane Irma, causing widespread destruction and devastation.

"All those people down in Texas and Florida they're suffering and we wanted to do something ... to help them out," Farlow said.

To facilitate support for hurricane victims, Farlow set up a webpage, www.hotpepperchallenges.com, where donations can be made to the

American Red Cross.

"Our goal is to try to get about \$1,000 and we've already raised in the neighborhood of \$500," he said.

Initially, the fundraising pledge involved consuming ghost peppers, which measure a few clicks lower on the Scoville scale.

But during Friday's event, Farlow unveiled a trio of Carolina Reaper's he procured for the occasion. Chiding the assembled crowd, he raised the possibility of upping the ante.

"I don't know about them," he said of his compatriots, but if we can get one hundred bucks in cash here today I'll eat one of these peppers," he said. "Guaranteed to make us at some point bleed out of orifices we don't want to bleed out of."

Farlow also noted funds raised during that day's event would be earmarked for the National Volunteer Fire Council's relief fund for its cohorts whose homes were destroyed by either hurricane.

After more than three hundred dollars floated up from assorted wallets, the culinary daredevils jumped into the fire, frying pan and all, and entered what can only be described as a state of near-delirium.

"There's nowhere to go," McDermott exclaimed. "You can't run from this."

Noting that the capsaicin overdose (capsaicin is the active ingredient in

peppers) mad breathing difficult, Farlow said the experience was, "as bad as I expected."

"It'll burn for an hour or two," he said.

After milk, bread, cheese and ice cream failed to douse the flames, Farlow found partial relief after sucking down a packet of sugar.

"I don't think I'm going to grow those next year," he said.

For his part, Mulligan said the eye-watering experience started slowly before becoming nearly overwhelming.

"It started out with hiccups for the first minute then it hits," he said.

McDermott said he was happy to take part

"People have lost their homes and people are actually hurting," he said. "If this draws even a little bit of attention, and Mike's already raised a couple hundred bucks, its fantastic."

McDermott said he also offers the experience as a lesson for others to avoid social media challenges.

"This is a great cautionary tale for the youth of our community — do not run your mouth on Facebook lest someone call you out and start a charity event."

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OPA entrances could get makeover

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Sept. 28, 2017) Plans are in place to create two temporary signs commemorating the 50th anniversary of Ocean Pines, next year, as well as one permanent sign at the Cathell Road entrance to the community.

Public Works Director Eddie Wells and other Ocean Pines staff were on hand during the most recent committee meeting, Sept. 18, to discuss the signs.

Wells recommended lumber signs at the north and south gate entrances, which he said would be cheaper to make, but would last the duration of the yearlong golden anniversary celebration.

For the permanent structure on Cathell Road, Wells said a material like azek could be used to create a

lasting “welcome” sign. He also said there were plans to put the 50th anniversary logo on public works trucks, next year.

Committee member Sharyn O’Hare said the signs would be unveiled during a dedication ceremony on Saturday, Jan. 6, at 10 a.m. General Manager John Bailey and Committee Chairwoman Jenny Cropper-Rines are expected to say a few words during the unveiling.

The committee also continued its discussion for additional events next year, including a parade on June 2, a golf tournament on June 30, a racquet sports tournament in August and a winter ball on Nov. 10.

Additionally, Marketing and Public Relations Director Denise Sawyer said she would submit an application

for a commemorative 50th anniversary license plate with the slogan, “Timeless Tides,” as chosen by the committee.

Bailey, in just his second week of work, sat in during the meeting. He promised to be a regular visitor to the various advisory committees, as time allows.

“I’m not one to sit behind a desk and let the dust settle – I’m more likely to kick the desk,” Bailey said, drawing laughter from the committee members.

He said Lake of the Woods in Virginia, a community Bailey formerly managed, recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. Like Ocean Pines, Boise Cascade built Lake of the Woods.

The 50th Anniversary Advisory Committee will next meet on Oct. 23 at 10 a.m. at the Tern Grill.

Berlin Briefs

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Sept. 28, 2017) The Berlin Mayor and Council discussed the following items during a public meeting at Town Hall on Monday.

Oceans East update

The council unanimously approved the purchase of 36 EDUs, or equivalent dwelling units measuring water consumption, for the new Oceans East apartment complex on Seahawk Road. The total cost is \$600,696.

Developer Blair Rinnier of Rinnier Development Company said the EDUs would be allocated to a new 36-unit building with an elevator.

In January the council approved the sale of 48 EDUs for two new apartment buildings at the site.

Rinnier said the project was going well and many inquired about space in the complex, which includes one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments. He said the first building could be finished later this fall.

For more information, visit www.oceans-east.com.

Salt agreement

The council also unanimously approved a three-year agreement with the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) to purchase salt and aggregate materials to combat ice and snow on town roads.

Town Administrator Laura Allen said the agreement was routinely done about this time each year. She added SHA requested the three-year agreement.

The cost was not to exceed \$4,500.

Rescheduled

Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen said two movie screenings, postponed by rain, would be made up during the next two weeks – weather permitting.

The coming-of-age baseball tale, “The Sandlot,” was moved to Saturday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. in Dr. William Henry Park.

Oscar-winning time travel romp “Back to the Future,” starring Michael J. Fox and Christopher Lloyd, will screen on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. in Stephen Decatur Park.

Bohlen added the next Town Council meeting would be held Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. in Town Hall, because of the Columbus Day holiday on Oct. 9.

Berlin Falls grant applications

Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said she was working with Dave Wilson, from Community Conservation Consultants, to write a pair of grant applications through the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, for Berlin Falls park.

Wells said she was acting on behalf of project coordinator David Deutsch, who was out of town. Deutsch was recently named the interim town manager of Sykesville, Maryland, but remains under contract with the Town of Berlin.



Ocean Pines Association General Manager John Bailey addresses the 50th Anniversary Committee during a meeting on Sept. 18. The committee is planning a series of events to celebrate the golden anniversary of the association.

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Pocomoke golf numbers promising

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 28, 2017) The first round of fiscal-year 2018 revenue numbers from the Winter Quarters Golf Course were reviewed by Pocomoke City Manager Bobby Cowger during the city council meeting, last Monday.

Continuing operations at the 45-acre course, which has existed more than 80 years, was a source of contention during the budget approval process this summer. After losing roughly \$180,000 during fiscal 2017, the council opted to maintain the municipal operation for six months and revisit the topic after December.

During July and August, Cowger said the course collected more than \$26,000 in revenue, but recorded expenses of more than \$31,000, creating an operating loss of about

\$5,000.

However, Cowger said that compared favorably to the same period

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City Manager Bobby Cowger

last year, when course revenues were more than \$22,000, but expenses totaled more than \$42,000.

"At this time last year they were at about a \$20,000 loss in two months," he said. "It's on a better track than it was, by far."

Cowger also said golf cart rental fees jumped from roughly \$7,800 last July and August, to more than \$15,000 during the first two months

of this fiscal year.

"The play was double what it was last year," he said.

Councilmember George Tasker attributed that perception to recent marketing efforts aimed at luring in more golfers.

"It's obvious that it was never advertised enough," he said. "I think it's a good idea [if] we find some revenues to be able to do the same thing again."

Mayor Bruce Morrison agreed the revamped advertising campaign should be continued.

"That's the only way it's going to work," he said. "You've got to advertise it."

Cowger said he would provide the council additional updates as more financial data becomes available, prior to reexamining the topic early next year.

Pocomoke River St. Park turns 50

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 28, 2017) Pocomoke River State Park will observe its 50th Anniversary with a full slate of festivities this Saturday, starting at 1 p.m.

Park Manager Cineva Smith said the park boasts amenities, including an Olympic-size swimming pool, nature center, park store, and campsites. It also has a unique ecosystem of wetlands that provide habitat for diverse wildlife, like bald eagles, river otters and muskrats.

"It's more than just fishing and boating," she said.

An open house will be held at the Shad Landing Area on 3641 Worcester Highway in Snow Hill, beginning at 1 p.m. Scheduled events include speeches from state and local dignitaries, various displays related to out-

door pursuits, Native American crafts, guided hikes, complimentary barbecue and cake, and music provided by student DJ's from Salisbury University.

The Maryland Park Service and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources will sponsor an all-day "Team Up to Clean Up" event, starting at 9 a.m., gathering volunteers to perform landscaping and other tasks to commemorate National Public Lands Day.

The day also coincides with the 2nd annual Delmarva Paddling Weekend. Participants will convene at the park at 9 a.m. to be transported to a launch site in Snow Hill.

"They will go down the Nasawango Creek into the [Pocomoke] river and land in the park about 1 p.m. for the festivities," she said.

The park opened in 1967 as the Shad Landing State Park. Five years later it was combined with what was previously Milburn Landing State Park to form the Pocomoke River State Park.

The site covers 916 acres within 15,000 wooded acres of the Pocomoke State Forest.

In addition to being home to the northernmost Cypress trees in the U.S., Pocomoke River State Park also features the Maryland champion Loblolly Pine tree, which is 113 feet tall.

Other amenities include the Shad Landing Marina, which features 23 boat slips with electric hookups for electric boats, and canoes and kayaks available to rent. There are also 175 campsites and washhouses that include hot showers, flush toilets and electric hookups.

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Pocomoke Briefs

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 28, 2017) The Pocomoke City Council discussed the following items during a public meeting at City Hall last Monday.

Street sweeper

The council approved the purchase of a refurbished 2008 Elgin Pelican street sweeper for about \$46,000, to be largely financed by a UDSA grant.

City Manager Bobby Cowger said Pocomoke had two street sweepers, including one that was three-decades old.

"The thing is just barely going by," he said. "Every time it goes out it almost has to be towed back in."

He said the other sweeper was still functional, but was more appropriate for parking-lot applications.

The original grant would have awarded the town \$50,000 towards the purchase of a new model, priced at more than three times that amount.

"We can't justify \$190,000," he said.

After further inquiries, Cowger said the grant could also be applied to used equipment. The model he proposed came from Maryland Industrial Truck in Linthicum Heights.

"If we maintain and keep it right, the one that we got now we've had for 30 years, so that one would have at least 20 more years of life on it," he said.

The USDA grant will cover 75 percent of the cost, leaving Pocomoke to spend roughly \$12,000, Cowger said.

"They are going to paint it and re-decal it," he said. "It will look almost like a brand-new one."

Sandpiper repairs

Cowger also provided an update on ongoing gas-line repairs by Sandpiper Energy.

"I had a meeting with Sandpiper reps about the gas-line [work] they're doing around the Heights," he said. "They're replacing the main lines and

then they're putting lines up to the property owners."

Cowger said the Pocomoke Heights neighborhood was nearly completed.

"The 600 block of Walnut Street is done," he said. "They do have Cemetery Avenue, behind the library here, [to do]."

Cowger said Sandpiper planned to abandon old lines, opting to leave them in place as opposed to performing additional unearthing.

"They ... will be all done by the end of this month and ... they plan to start paving all the trenches," he said. "They should have everything done by the end of October."

Discovery Center

The council supported a request from Delmarva Discovery Center President and CEO Stacey Weisner to pursue of state funding for future expansion.

"We're going to be asking for the State of Maryland for \$78,000 in bond bill funding this next legislative session," she said. "The purpose is capital improvements, which would include the agricultural and farm exhibits."

In addition to providing permission to apply for funding, Weisner sought Pocomoke's involvement as co-grantee, because the town retains ownership of the Discovery Center building, on 2 Market Street.

"We would both apply for the bond bill," she said. "You also would have to sign it as the city, as a co-applicant."

The council approved a letter of support for the bond bill from, which will be presented to the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee during the next legislative session.

Berlin posts town progress reports, updates on web

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Sept. 28, 2017) Berlin officials are promoting part of the official town website addressing ongoing projects.

"That's a resource that folks have, if they're curious to know where we are with various projects or what we're doing in their neighborhood," Town Administrator Laura Allen said. "There are photos as well as an explanation of what the project's all about, and we'll update that periodically."

The latest update addresses the William Street Culvert Replacement Project. According to the site, traffic on William Street will be closed between Cedar and Powelltown avenues for several weeks during construction.

The project was scheduled to start on Sept. 5 and finish by Oct. 31.

"This is the second phase of our stormwater projects, which have already reduced flooding in our community," Mayor Gee Williams said in a statement. "It's a temporary inconvenience for a permanent solution to our flooding problems."

"Working hours will generally be 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. with some longer days as we work to move the water and sewer utilities," Allen said. "The roadway will be open to residents during construction, but it will be closed to through traffic. We have a temporary walking path to enable residents to walk to and from downtown."

For more information on Town of Berlin projects, visit www.berlinmd.gov/maryland-government/town-projects.



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FiberFest! returns to Snow Hill this Saturday

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 28, 2017) The Julia A. Purnell Museum in Snow Hill is inviting the community to attend its traditional arts celebration, FiberFest!, this Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.

Museum Executive Director Dr. Cindy Byrd said the event has several new wrinkles added to expand its appeal.

"We've tried to focus a little more on our activities and demonstrations this year," she said.

Although knitting supplies and other items, such as jewelry and pottery, will be available for purchase, Byrd said event organizers want to enlighten minds not just lighten wallets.

"We welcome any vendors, but I tried to make it more about our mis-

sion and education as opposed to shopping," she said.

Children can look forward to interacting with a number of furry friends. There will be a sheep-shearing demonstration, which has become a staple during the annual celebration. Also, for the first time, a baby alpaca will be on hand, "which is something different and adorable," Byrd said.

"A lot of people aren't familiar with the animal so it's another chance to see a wool-bearing creature," she said.

Starting at 11:30 a.m., Monika Lilley will conduct a workshop to demonstrate how silk is produced.

"She brings the silk cocoons and people can see how the silk is extracted and made into silk thread," she said. "As usual, we'll have people there spinning and knitting and doing those kind

of works."

Also new this year is musical entertainment.

"Our local rock and roll king, Nick [Haglich], is going to come and play at 2 p.m.," she said. "He's going to be playing outside."

Besides listening to a set of choice rock covers by Haglich and viewing artisan demonstrations, children who attend can also create a keepsake to take home.

"We have two kid's craft activities ... where they can make a craft and take it with them," Byrd said. "It's very family friendly especially with the animals."

The afternoon event will also cater to empty stomachs.

"We've always had a bake sale, but this will be the first year that we'll have

hot dogs and more substantial food," she said.

Museum admission will be free on Saturday and Byrd said numerous guided tours will be provided.

"I will do them throughout the day as we get people interested," she said.

FiberFest! also marks the end of the month-long Delmarva Needle Art Show and Competition with prize ribbons awarded at 1 p.m. This year two categories have been added to appeal to a wider audience.

"We've added a children's category for the first time so that the kids aren't competing against the adults," she said. "We also have the Heirloom Pride category."

Byrd said the latter category could encompass treasured items from home collections.

"They don't need to necessarily make them [and] they could be antique," she said. "We're giving people a chance to display and enjoy some of the community's fiber art treasures that are out there."

The day concludes at 4 p.m.

"It's a fun day for everybody, even if you're not a needle artist or fiber artist yourself," she said. "If you're interested in local history, it's great for families and people of all ages."

For more information, call the museum, located at 208 West Market Street, at 410-632-0501 or visit www.purnellmuseum.com.



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Bravo on Berlin accord

It was hard not to be moved on Monday night in Berlin, when 40 minutes of vigorous debate ended in a compromise and those in attendance broke out into spontaneous applause over the outcome. It's the kind of thing you dream about seeing in Washington, but only really happens in Frank Capra films.

A large group of tattoo artists and enthusiasts turned up at the Town Council meeting to oppose implementation of emergency standards. Someone recently inquired about opening a related business in Berlin and town officials, realizing town code did not address tattoo safety standards, quickly sought to do so.

The ordinance would have adopted the same standards Worcester County uses, requiring the presence of a physician or osteopath during tattooing or tattoo-related activities, like microblading. Those who opposed the ordinance said the code was far too stringent, while town officials argued not passing any standards would encourage an enterprising "ne'er-do-well" to take advantage of the town.

Mayor Gee Williams passionately argued about protecting the townspeople, while others, like tattoo artist Matthew Amey, passionately defended the practice and how far it has come.

Proponents of tattooing made the point, and rightly so, the practice isn't the seedy business it once was considered to be. For one, there's little danger if a trained professional in a clean shop is doing the work, and many, including Amey, see tattoos as an art form no different than painting and sculpture. For others, it's therapeutic to be able to cover scars caused by injury or severe illness.

The two sides struck a deal, putting a temporary moratorium on tattoo businesses, while forming a new committee, to include Amey, to work on a set of standards everyone could agree on.

If all goes well, Berlin could soon be the only place in Worcester County – or the better part of the region, for that matter – which allows for safe, legal tattooing with standards drafted by both town officials and the artists behind the ink.



Letters

High expectations for Pines Board

Editor,

With the recent resignation of Brett Hill and the appointment of Ted Moroney as his replacement, the lot owners of Ocean Pines can, and should, look forward to a year of progress under a new board majority and leadership.

From a personal standpoint, I would like to thank Doug Parks and his fellow board members for considering me as a potential replacement. I would also like to congratulate Ted on his appointment, which I support 100 percent.

As a lot owner, my expectations for the new board are high. I expect them to provide the strategic leadership and oversight that the past board leadership totally abdicated. My expectation is that the new board will work diligently with Mr. Bailey to provide transparent, efficient, and trustworthy governance to our Association.

And, as a lot owner, I expect the Board, working with the new General Manager, to address three very specific and pressing issues that cur-

rently cloud our community. Those issues are:

1. Conduct an immediate forensic audit of our HOA operations
2. Develop a plan to address the operating fund YTD negative variance to budget of \$745,911
3. Develop a viable strategy for the entire OP Food and Beverage Operations

Over the past year, the prior Board leadership and majority collectively turned blind eyes and deaf ears to calls for a forensic audit by Director Slobodan Trendic.

Red flags were present – unexplained losses, senior employee turnover, "bad optics," questionable contracts and transactions that, at best, reflected questionable judgement. Yet the Board Leadership, in a clear failure and abdication of their responsibility to provide effective oversight to the Acting General Manager, led the effort to vote down the request.

I expect the new Board Leadership and majority to revisit and approve Director Trendic's call for a forensic audit. Three law-enforcement agencies showing up at your workplace to investigate theft should be a real at-

tention grabber to the Board and eliminate any doubt as to the validity of this request. That, coupled with an obvious need to regain the trust and confidence of our 8400-plus lot owners and to give Mr. Bailey a clean slate to work with, demands a unanimous vote.

The operating fund YTD negative variance to budget of \$745,911 should also be a major focus for the new Board Leadership and majority. Some in the community have already sensed, and heard, the typical old refrain – bad things happen to good people, but these bad things can be covered by an assessment increase.

As a lot owner, I expect the Board to take a different approach.

I expect the Board to step up to their responsibility and provide budget guidance that calls for a reduction in 2017/2018 expenditures to mitigate any potential assessment increase from the disastrous operating decisions made by Mr. Bailey's predecessor.

In other words, I expect the Board to instruct the GM and his staff to conduct a

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Shore United Bank donates to AGH

Campaign for the Future receives \$5,000 toward new Burbage Cancer Ctr.

(Sept. 28, 2017) The Atlantic General Hospital Campaign for the Future received a donation of \$5,000 from Shore United Bank toward upcoming projects including the new John H. “Jack” Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center.

Shore United Bank and its community of companies has a rich history dating back to 1850. The bank is committed to the success of its communities and maintains strong ties within the communities it serves.

“We’re honored to support Atlantic General Hospital and its mission to bring services like comprehensive cancer care to the community,” said Tom Mears, Shore United Bank market executive.

“We’re extremely grateful for the commitment shown to our not-for-profit community hospital and the generous support of local businesses like Shore United Bank,” said Campaign for the Future Co-Chair Jack Burbage. “The way healthcare services are delivered is changing, but Atlantic General’s commitment to state-of-the-art medicine only grows stronger. Philanthropy plays a critical role here in our community – thanks to the generosity and support of the residents

and businesses of our community – we can help AGH meet the challenges of providing the very best healthcare services right here – close to home.”

The funds raised during the \$10 million Atlantic General Campaign for the Future will allow Atlantic General Hospital to complete \$35 million in capital projects.

Among them is construction of a new 18,000-square-foot full service cancer care center, completion of a women’s health center in West Ocean City, renovation of existing surgical facilities and expansion of emergency services within Atlantic General Hospital as well as improvements to inpatient care areas.

To date, the Foundation has already secured over \$3 million of the \$10 million goal in pledges, commitments and grants.

The new 18,000-square-foot Regional Cancer Care Center, which is to be built on hospital-owned property at the corner of Route 113 and Old Ocean City Boulevard (Route 346) in Berlin, will provide one centrally-located, convenient facility for the care and treatment of individuals with cancer and blood disorders.

In addition to existing medical oncology and chemotherapy infusion services and integrative therapies, the new center will include radiation oncology; PET imaging; laboratory services; community education and

support facilities; and telemedicine technology that will allow patients and their physicians to consult with other cancer care experts, preventing unnecessary travel for consultation and follow up care for patients who may require more intensive cancer care services.

Construction will be complete in early 2018.

Atlantic General Hospital has been providing quality health care to the residents of Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties in Maryland and Sussex County, Delaware since May 1993.

Built by the commitment and generosity of a dedicated community, the hospital’s state-of-the-art facility in Berlin, combines old-fashioned personal attention with the latest in technology and services.

It provides quality specialty care such as weight loss surgery, orthopedics, outpatient infusion and chemotherapy for individuals with cancer or blood/autoimmune disorders and a comprehensive women’s diagnostic center.

Atlantic General Health System, its network of more than 40 primary care providers and specialists, care for residents and visitors throughout the region.

For more information about Atlantic General Hospital, visit www.atlanticgeneral.org.

Letters

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line-by-line budget review with a targeted reduction in actual expenses for the upcoming fiscal year.

Tough stuff. But somebody has to pay for the ineffectiveness of the past leadership and that responsibility should not fall 100 percent on the shoulders of the lot owners.

I believe that the new board, working with Mr. Bailey and his staff, can find ways to cover any potential assessment increase resulting from the operating fund negative variance. This is not the easy way out; that would be raising the assessment.

The third area that requires immediate attention and action is the Food and Beverage Operations. The OP track record with these operations is dismal at best – big year-after-year losses, coupled with mediocre quality and service. I expect this Board, working with the input of the GM, to develop a viable strategy for the entire F&B operation that makes sense, is measurable in quantitative terms, and takes into account all possible options including leasing the entire F&B Operation.

Ocean Pines continues to be a great place to live. As a lot owner, I expect the current Board and GM to put the 2016/17 abysmal year behind us and to move forward with positive proactive steps to benefit all lot owners and residents.

*Frank Daly
Ocean Pines*

Weekly

OPEN HOUSES

Sept. 28 - Oct. 5

DAY/TIME	ADDRESS	BR/BA	STYLE	PRICE	AGENCY/AGENT
Daily	Assateague Point, Berlin	1BR/2BR/3BR	Mobile	From \$100,000	Tony Matrona/Resort Homes
Daily, 10-5	Gateway Grand – 48th Street	3 & 4BR, 3BA	Condo	Inquire	Fritschle Group/Condominium Realty
Fri.-Sun. 11-5	West Harbor Village	New Construction	Single Family & Townhomes	From \$300,000	Kathy Clark/Monogram Realty
Sat-Mon, 11-4 pm	Heron Harbour, 120th St., Bayside	1BR/2/BR/3BR/4/BR+	Condo, Towns & SF	—	Nanette Pavier/Holiday Real Estate
Sat., Sept. 30, 12-3	203 Breezy Creek Ct., Ocean Pines	4BR/3.5BA	Single Family	\$629,900	Cindy Poremski/Berkshire Hathaway/PenFed

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Berlin Fiddler's Convention



The Last Minute Men, winners of the 2016 Berlin Fiddler's Convention, play on Friday night as the opening act of the 2017 event.



Nate Clendenen takes a break from his duties as Berlin Fiddler's Convention emcee to say hi to mom, Patty, on Saturday. In addition to shepherding along dozens of musicians, he also celebrated his 38th birthday over the weekend.



Vio Trio receive a first-place ribbon as the best youth band during the 2017 Berlin Fiddler's Convention. Giving the award is Berlin Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Larnet St. Amant, left.



Psycho Exploding Orangutans earn the best adult band award during the 2017 Berlin Fiddler's Convention. Also pictured are event emcee Nate Clendenen, left, and Berlin Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Larnet St. Amant.



Kayla Brady wins first place in the youth guitar category during the 2017 Berlin Fiddler's Convention. Giving the award is Berlin Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Larnet St. Amant.



Wes Parks wins the inaugural Maryland State Flatpicking Guitar Champion, taking home \$200 and a new Eastman acoustic guitar.

Ocean Pines Players to travel back in time with 1940's hits

(Sept. 28, 2017) Nearly everyone has at least one favorite song from the 1940's – "Stormy Weather," "All of Me," "Blue Moon," – so come take a Sentimental Journey with the Ocean Pines Players at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ocean City and hear 30 hits from what many critics call the best decade of music in modern times.

All proceeds from these shows, slated for Sept. 29 through Oct. 1, will be split between the Ocean Pines Players Youth Performing Arts Scholarship and the community service programs of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, which include the Cold Weather Shelter, Open Kettle lunches and clothing and food drives.

A talented cast of seven will perform some favorites as well as a few songs that may not be so familiar, and the show will include the exuberant spirit, wit and humor that have come to characterize recent performances by the Ocean Pines Players. As a bonus, enjoy a pre-show serenade by Charlie ("Uke Ellington") Flagiello, playing even

more songs from the 40's. The Players will provide complementary wine, snacks, coffee and desserts, and there may be other goodies as well.

Evening shows on Friday, Sept. 29, and Saturday, Sept. 30, begin at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6 p.m. for pre-show entertainment and snacks. The Sunday, Oct. 1, matinee begins at 4 p.m.; doors open at 3 p.m.

Admission is \$15. Save money by booking a large group in advance. All pre-registered groups of 12 or more will receive \$3 off each seat. Call Judy at 410-208-6787 for reservations and questions. Seating is limited, but parking at St. Peter's, located at 10301 Coastal Highway, is not.

The Ocean Pines Players is an all-volunteer local 501(c)3 nonprofit arts organization. Funding for this event is provided in part by the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts, organizations dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.

Ocean Pines Fall Flea Market to take place this Saturday

(Sept. 28, 2017) The Ocean Pines semi-annual Indoor/Outdoor Flea Market will take place on Saturday, Sept. 30, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Bargain shoppers are encouraged to hunt for deals at the flea market at the Ocean Pines Community Center at 235 Ocean Parkway. Gently used clothing, children's items, household items, collectibles, delectable food and more will be for sale.

The flea market will take place in conjunction with the Ocean Pines Farmers Market at White Horse Park, located next to the community center.

The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department is seeking residents and nonresidents who are looking to sell gently used or new merchandise at

the community-wide flea market. An indoor space is \$15 for Ocean Pines residents and \$20 for non-residents and includes an eight-foot table and a chair.

Outdoor spaces, which will be located in the parking lot in front of the Ocean Pines Administration Building, are \$10 for all vendors. Outdoor vendors will need to provide their own tables and chairs.

Admission is free and open to the public. Free parking is also available at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

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

Commissioner Bertino will hold town meeting, Saturday

(Sept. 28, 2017) Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino will host a town meeting on Saturday, Sept. 30 at 10 a.m. at the Ocean Pines library.

He will discuss issues and developments impacting the Ocean Pines district. Commissioner Bertino's guests include Superintendent of Schools Lou Taylor and Board of Education member Elena McComas.

Since assuming office, Commissioner Bertino has worked hard to help improve relations between the Commissioners and the Board of Education.

"Lou has been an excellent partner

to work with. He cares deeply about our students and our school system," Commissioner Bertino said.

McComas represents District 5 and was elected to the school board in November 2016.

"As an educator herself, Elena brings a knowledgeable perspective to the board. I look forward to hearing her comments," Commissioner Bertino said.

Commissioner President Jim Bunting will join the meeting as well.

For more information, email cbertino@co.worcester.md.us.



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WELCOME BACK!

Lou Taylor, superintendent of Worcester County schools, visits Buckingham Elementary School in Berlin on Tuesday, Sept. 5, as the 2017-2018 school year began.



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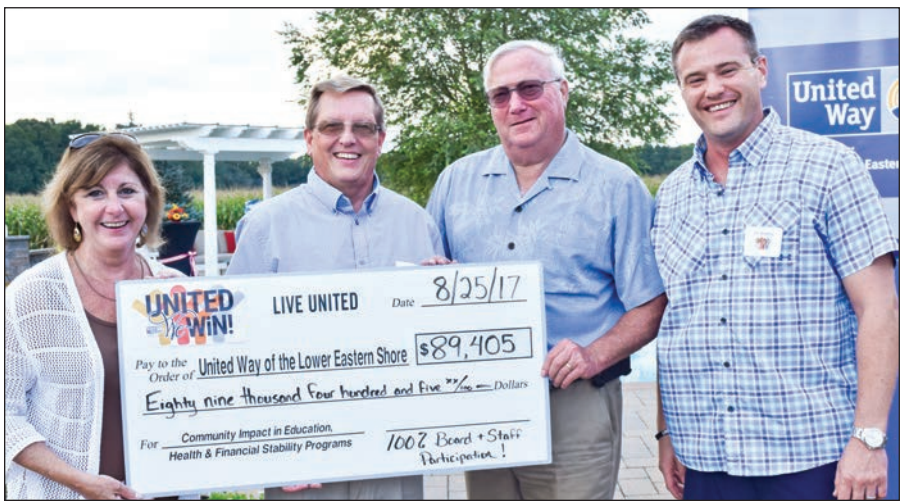
The Republican Women of Worcester County present a check for \$300 to Showell Elementary School for the "Paper Back Book Library Project" established by the club. Pictured in the school's lobby, from left, are Kate McCabe, Showell media specialist, RWWC Literacy Chair Sharon Byerly and Principal Diane Shorts.



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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Agents at Shamrock Realty Group gather for a post-Labor Day celebration of two years at their Ocean Pines location. The brokerage opened in 2006 on Route 50 near Berlin, and moved to Route 589 in early September 2015. Co-founders Gary James and Pam Wadler are pictured front left.



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RECORD YEAR

United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore recently held its annual board and staff kickoff event, generating a record-breaking \$89,405 for the upcoming campaign year. Pictured, from left, United Way's Executive Director Kathleen Mommé, Campaign Chair Dana Seiler, past Board President Rick Nelson, and current Board President Jim Hartstein present a board and staff donations totaling \$89,405 to the upcoming 2017 United Way Campaign. The goal for the 2017-2018 campaign is set at \$2.2 million, to provide funding for local community impact programs in education, financial stability and health across the Lower Shore counties.



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HELPING WOUNDED TROOPS

Pam and Macky Stansell, owners of Macky's Bar and Grill, 54th Street in Ocean City, have donated \$10,000 to the Ocean City Lions' Wounded Troops Fund and the 12th annual "Wounded Troops" Golf Tournament, slated for Wednesday, Oct. 11, at the Ocean City Golf Club. The Stansells have financially supported the fundraiser and tournament from its inception. Pictured, from left, are Lion Ben Dawson, Macky Stansell and Lion John Topfer. The tournament benefits U.S. wounded troops from current military conflicts. To date, the Ocean City Lions have donated over \$339,000 to the U.S. Army Medical Center/Pastoral Services in Landstuhl, Germany, where wounded troops are sent for treatment before heading home. To make a donation or participate in the "Wounded Troops" Golf Tournament, contact Dawson at 410-603-2205 or e-mail bendawson@beachin.net.



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WORCESTER NAACP

Worcester County NAACP members and guests gather at the Berlin Multi-Purpose Building in August to hear a presentation by Charles Weaver, president of the Worcester County Historical Society, and Dr. Kirkland Hall, former baseball coach at UMES and Negro League ball player. Proposal is to build a memorial to Snow Hill native, William Julius "Judy" Johnson, a highly regarded baseball player.

Tee Off for Youth Golf event slated for Oct. 6 at OCGC

(Sept. 28, 2017) Worcester County Recreation & Parks is partnering once again with the American Legion Riders to host the Tee Off for Youth Golf Tournament and fundraiser Friday, Oct. 6, at the Ocean City Golf Club.

This tournament benefits the youth of Worcester County with proceeds going toward Worcester County Department of Recreation & Parks Youth Scholarship Fund and American Legion Riders Post 166 charities.

The costs to participate is \$65 per golfer for all Worcester County em-

ployees, and OC Golf Club and American Legion members, and \$75 per golfer for all other participants. The registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 29.

Hole sponsors, auction baskets and donations of any kind are welcome from the community and needed to run a successful fundraiser. For any questions regarding registration or donations, email tee-off-for-youth@hotmail.com or contact Legion Rider member Matt Rados at 717-903-8436.

Worcester County Humane Society seeking volunteers

(Sept. 28, 2017) Worcester County Humane Society is currently seeking volunteers to serve in a variety of roles to help the cats and dogs at the no-kill shelter.

Volunteer opportunities include adoption events and fundraising, in-shelter volunteers, fostering shelter cats and dogs, and helping to take care of cats being housed at Petco in West Ocean City.

Worcester County Humane Society is a private, nonprofit that depends on donations and fundraisers to care for the many cats and dogs that find their way to the shelter.

Volunteers are needed to take part in the shelter's Ways and Means Committee. This committee is in charge of all of the shelter's fundraisers and adoption events which are held mostly on weekends.

There are various ways to help on this committee including chairing an event, working at an event, collecting donations for raffles and auctions, baking sweets for bake sales and making dog biscuits to sell at events. Those interested in joining the Ways and Means Committee can call Sandy Summers at 443-235-5647.

In-shelter volunteer opportunities are very much needed for care of the shelter animals. It is preferred that volunteers who are interested in being an in-shelter volunteer be able to commit to a set weekly schedule. Volunteers are needed seven days a week. Some in-house volunteer duties include cleaning kennels and cages, cleaning cat areas, walking dogs, doing dishes and laundry, and office help. Volunteers who apply for this position must be 18 years old and must be able to work independently.

With kitten season in full swing and an influx of senior cats and dogs being surrendered, the shelter is in great need for foster families. The shelter provides all food, medical care and training for foster families. Any personal pets in the foster home must be spay/neutered, current on vaccines, and FeLV negative (cats). No matter the situation or lifestyle, there is a foster animal suitable

for almost everyone.

Foster animals could include nursing cats with litters of kittens, abandoned kittens with no mother at all, animals who need to be socialized, senior animals who would fair much better in the comforts of a home or animals recovering from surgery or illness.

Foster parenting can be more flexible than other volunteer jobs that require people to show up for a specific shift during limited times of the day and for a committed length of time. When an animal goes into a foster home, it frees up a spot in the shelter for another animal. At the same time, foster animals are able to live in a comfortable, safe environment, which makes them much happier and more likely to be adopted.

"Fostering shelter animals is very fulfilling," said Debbie Sass, who is a permanent foster mom for senior dog, "Flynn." "The most rewarding part is seeing the look of gratitude in the eyes of the animals. They know they are safe and loved and you can tell they are grateful."

For those interested in volunteering for the shelter but don't necessarily want to physically go to the shelter, there is an opportunity to help care for shelter cats while they are being housed in the West Ocean City Petco kitty condos.

This opportunity requires the volunteer to commit to a set weekly schedule one or two mornings or evenings a week. The duties include cleaning the kitty condos, scooping litter pans, feeding and giving fresh water. These duties take about 30 minutes to complete. Call Tina Walas at 443-664-2085 if interested in this volunteer opportunity.

Those interested in becoming a volunteer can fill out a volunteer application on the shelter website, www.worcestercountyhumane.org or stop in at the shelter during regular hours Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information on events or available pets, visit the shelter's website. Follow the shelter on Facebook and Instagram.

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Funding for this event is in part provided by the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts, organizations dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.



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Oct. 4: Old School, 6-9 p.m.

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5909 Coastal Highway
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410-524-2305
www.thebigeasyon60.com
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Every Friday: Ellsworth Wheatley, 6-9 p.m.
Sept. 30: Island Fusion and the Drum Lady, 3-6 p.m.

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116th Street, behind Fountain Head Towers Condominium
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443-664-2896
www.bourbonstreetonthebeach.com
Sept. 29: Jack Worthington, 8-11 p.m.
Sept. 30: Chris Button Duo, 8-11 p.m.
Oct. 1: Randy Jamz, 6-9 p.m.
Oct. 4: Open Mic, 9-11 p.m.
Oct. 5: Chris Button, 7-10 p.m.

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p.m.; Monkee Paw Trio, 9:30 p.m to 1:30 a.m.

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410-289-6846
www.castleinthesand.com
Sept. 29: The Vigilantes Duo, 4-8 p.m.
Sept. 30: Kevin Poole & Joe Mama, 4-8 p.m.
Oct. 1: Lauren Glick Band, 3-7 p.m.
Oct. 5: Kevin Poole & Joe Mama, 4-8 p.m.

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Sept. 29: Bob Hughes, 5-9 p.m.
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Oct. 4: Bryan Clark, 6-9 p.m.

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Sept. 29: Kaleb Brown, 3-7 p.m.
Sept. 30: Blind Wind Duo, 4-7 p.m.

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Sept. 29: Beats By Jeremy, 10 p.m.
Sept. 30: City Painted Green, 10 p.m.
Oct. 5: Beats By Wax

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Sept. 29-30: CK the DJ/VJ, 2 p.m.; Total Distraction, 10 p.m.

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www.seacrets.com
Sept. 29: 19th Street Duo, 5-9 p.m.; Nowhere Slow, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Kristen & the Noise, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Sept. 30: Rew Smith, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Flowers for Taco, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Under the Covers, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Oct. 5: John McNuff Band, 5-9 p.m.

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66th Street, bayside
Ocean City
410-723-6762
www.skyebaroc.com
Sept. 29: Test Kitchen, 4-8 p.m.
Sept. 30: Marcella Peters, 4-8 p.m.

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410-208-3922
www.whiskersbar.com
Sept. 29: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey



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Wednesday, October 4, 6-9 p.m.



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DESIGN CONTEST WINNER

The Worcester County Art Council announces that Emily Sandt, who participated in this year's Summer Arts Camp for children, has been named the winner of the T-shirt logo design contest. Her design was selected out of 25 entries submitted. It will be printed on T-shirts and worn by all campers who participate in 2018 Summer Arts Camp for children.



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Cuisine

Try ‘old dough’ method out on grilled pizza

This column originally ran in a Sept. 10, 2015 edition of the Gazette.

The kids are back in school, the grilling season is over for most (bite your tongue), and as I’m fond of saying, it’s now time to start getting ready for next summer!



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

My wife and kids are thrilled that the season of the pumpkin is among us, and I guess to a certain extent I’m pretty excited for the treats that come to us in the fall. Pumpkin ‘everything’ from latte to coffee to pie to cookies to cakes to cake pops to

white-chocolate truffles to...

I just went into sugar overload just writing that. Shaking myself out of my hypochondriacal diabetic fit, I get back to the task at hand, which is having a little fun making a special treat on the grill; grilled pizza.

I wrote about grilled Piadina years ago, the little Italian sandwich squeezed in a mini-grilled pizza crust, and this is just the grown-up version.

Simply make some pizza dough (preferably well-ahead of time) and roll it out. Here comes the tricky part, but after you do it a few times, you’ll see how easy it is. You will need a pizza peel or flat sheet of some kind so you can put your perfect circle on it and then transfer it to the grill by shimmying it off. That’s it.

Now for a word on the dough, the best advice that I can give you is to use the Old Dough Method. This method implies that you have pizza on the docket on a regular enough basis that it makes sense. Simply take a chunk of today’s dough and save it until the next time. Freezing is acceptable if there will be a good bit of time in between batches.

Add this chunk to the new batch, and continue this method for all eternity. After a dozen batches, your dough will take on a life of its own and you will be the envy of all of your baking friends as they try to recreate your masterpiece.

It is similar to making a good remouillage (‘remi’) when you make stocks. After you make a stock, you drain it and then top the bones and spent vegetables with water and simmer for a few hours. Strain this and start your next batch with this, and so on and so forth.

In this way are remouillage and old dough similar. Developing flavor over time is an overly simplistic task, but it takes great patience and a certain amount of planning. Many of us simply don’t have the facilities at home to accommodate this type of activity. We just have to do the best that we can.

For now I will stave off the pumpkin ‘everything’ and stick with the grilled pie. We are only weeks away from being inundated with holiday sweets, and I shall remain strong.

Grilled Pizza

Makes four 10-inch pizzas

2 pounds Pizza dough*

1/2-3/4 cups Pizza sauce

Cheese blend (mozzarella, provolone, parmesan)

1. Make your dough a day or two ahead of time. If you are able to use the Old Dough Method, do so!



2. When you are ready to make the pizza, pull the dough out and divide into 4 equal 8-ounce pieces

3. Form them into balls and then allow to rest on a floured surface, covered with plastic wrap or a damp towel, for half an hour

4. While the dough is resting, turn your grill onto medium heat and season if it is a bit rusty since its last use

5. Roll the dough out and form a circle, and then toss the dough to make your 10-inch diameter

6. Dock the dough (poke holes in the center) to prevent the main portion of the pizza from bubbling up

7. If you have a pizza peel, you can use cornmeal on it to prevent the dough from sticking

8. Place your dough on the peel and transfer it to the grill surface so as to maintain its round nature

9. Grill for about a minute or until it sets up. You will start to see bubbles on the surface

10. Making sure that you don’t burn the pizza crust, carefully flip the dough over. I use a palate knife for this (a big, long, thin spatula)

11. Grill for another minute or two and then remove to a pizza pan

12. Top your pizza with the sauce and cheese. If you’re like me (well, me on occasion), you will also have sautéed mushrooms, blanched and drained spinach or bacon bits laying around so use whatever you want. It’s your pizza!

13. Place back on the grill and close the lid. If the grill is too hot, turn off the burners on one half and place the pizza there. This indirect method (with the lid closed) will act much more like an oven instead of a char-broiler, leaving you with a perfect crust and nice, gooey toppings

14. Remove and serve immediately

**Use any pizza dough recipe that you like, but a great tip is to make it a day ahead. The more that the bread can sit and develop, the better the flavors will be. Just make sure to punch it down and refrigerate, covered. For today’s pizza, I went by the Fleishmann’s recipe on the back of their Pizza Crust Yeast, but there are plenty of recipes out there.*

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

Calendar

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

THU, SEP. 28

PATRIOT DAY FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON
Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10:30 a.m. Support local vendors, take a chance on a Mystery Envelope and try your luck on the “Lucky Surprise Boxes.” Fashions by the Dress Barn. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$33. Sponsored by the Republican Women of Worcester County. Reservations: Pat Addy, gorpataddy@aol.com, 410-208-0171

PLAY TIME
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 10:30 a.m. Learn new skills while playing with educational toys. For infant to 5 year old children. 410-632-3495

STORY TIME ‘CLOTHES’
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. 410-208-4014

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

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP
Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 2 to 3 p.m. Providing physical and emotional support for survivors and caregivers to share personal experiences and challenges. Coping strategies also discussed. Anne Waples, awaples@atlanticgeneral.org, 443-614-5720

WRITING FOR WELLNESS
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 2 p.m. Writing about stressful experiences is therapeutic and promotes physical and emotional healing. No prior writing experience necessary. 410-632-3495

BEACH SINGLES
Harpoon Hanna’s, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE, 3 to 6 p.m. Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577; Kate, 410-524-0649; or Diane, 302-541-4642. <http://www.BeachSingles.org>

FIRESIDE CHAT
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 3 p.m. Explore new authors and genres while sharing favorite good reads. 410-641-0650

FAMILY TIME ‘MUSIC’
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Fun for the whole family. 410-641-0650

FRI, SEP. 29

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

WINE ON THE BEACH
Ocean City Inlet Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, MD, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. In addition to a vast array of wine offerings, there will be several vendors offering an array of regional cuisine, arts and crafts and assorted micro-brewed beers for purchase and live entertainment. Take a chair or blanket for seating at the sand stage. Cost is \$35 and includes a commemorative wine glass and sample coupons or unlimited soft drinks from the designated driver location. Children ages 13-20 are \$15 and must be accompanied by a parent. Children age 12 and younger are admitted free. For advance tickets and hotel information, call 800-626-2326. Visit www.winefest.com for discount coupons. Info: 410-280-3306.

RIBBON CUTTING
Hotel Monte Carlo Oceanfront, Atlantic Avenue and 11th Street, Ocean City, MD, 4 p.m. The 54 unit hotel includes employee housing, a ground level indoor pool, a roof top outdoor pool and bar and commercial tenant space along the boardwalk.

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

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

‘SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY’
St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD, 7 p.m. Doors open one hour before showtime. The Ocean Pines Players present “Sentimental Journey” a celebration of the fabulous ‘40s. Complementary wine, snacks, coffee and desserts provided.. Admission cost is \$15 at the door. All pre-registered groups of 12 or more will receive \$3 off each seat. Reservations: Judy, 410-208-6787.

ASSATEAGUE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP
Assateague Island Environmental Education Center, 7206 National Seashore Lane, Berlin, MD, 7 to 8:30 p.m. The workshop will utilize Assateague for photography fieldwork focusing on strategies and technique required to produce high quality wildlife images while capturing moments in nature. Registration costs \$300 and includes all instructional sessions, use of classroom space, drinks and snacks. Visit AssateagueIslandAlliance.org for details and registration.

SAT, SEP. 30

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

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

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

POCOMOKE RIVER STATE PARK 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Pocomoke River State Park, 3461 Worcester Highway, Snow Hill, MD, 9 a.m. This all-day celebration kicks off with a “Team Up to Clean Up” volunteer park beautification project from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Delmarva Paddling Weekend will have participants launch from the Shad Landing Marina at 9 a.m. An open house gets underway at 1 p.m., featuring a complimentary barbecue and music. Official presentations begin at 2 p.m. as well as the Scales and Tales program. Multiple displays inside and out, from 1-

4 p.m., include: boating safety featuring Maryland Natural Resource Police mascot Splash; the Civilian Conservation Corps; the Firewise Maryland featuring Smokey Bear; Fishing for Fun led by the Fishing and Boating Service; a Trail of Change guided hike led by park naturalists; Native American crafts by the Pocomoke Indian Nation; along with arts and crafts and other offerings. Wrapping up with a cake cutting and opening of the park’s Nature Center to visitors for the remainder of the day. 410-632-2566, <http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/eastern/pocomokeriver.aspx>

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

OC TENNIS ON CAMPUS INVITATIONAL
Ocean City Tennis Center, 104 61st St., Ocean City, MD, 9 a.m. Featuring 12 college club teams represented by about 100 players. rdulany@oceancitymd.gov, 410-524-8337

BERTINO TO HOLD TOWN MEETING
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino will discuss issues and developments impacting the Ocean Pines district. Guests will include Superintendent of Schools Lou Taylor and Board of Education member Elena McComas. Commissioner President Jim Bunting will join the meeting as well. Chip Bertino, cbertino@co.worcester.md.us, 443-783-3248

OC COIN AND CURRENCY SHOW
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thirty dealers will be buying and selling U.S. and world coins and currency. Free admission and free appraisals. Carl Ostiguy, ceocoins@comcast.net, 443-623-7025, <http://www.coinshows.com>

CHICKEN AND DUMPLING DINNER
St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, MD, 11 a.m. Chicken and dumpling dinner with candid yams and greens. Cost is \$9 per person. Baked goods also for sale. Sponsored by the church’s 2017 Homecoming Committee. Pre-order apple dumplings no later than Wednesday, Sept. 27 by calling Eloise Henry-Gordy, 443-235-3214

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JAMES LEE PURNELL JR. BOOK SIGNING
Germantown School Community Heritage Center, 10223 Trappe Road, Berlin, MD, 5 p.m. Release and first book signing of “James Lee Purnell Jr.: Memories of Struggles and Progress in a Segregated Worcester County, Maryland” by James L. Purnell Jr. and Kimberly A. Chase. Advance purchase of books is strongly suggested at <http://www.ancestry-book.com/books-for-sale/>.

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OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT
Henry Park, 127 Flower St., Berlin, MD, 7 p.m. Featuring “Sandlot.” Take a chair or blanket and snacks and drinks (no alcohol). Free event. Any cancelations will be posted on Facebook at Town of Berlin Maryland. <http://www.berlinmd.gov>

SUN, OCT. 1

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Ocean City Tennis Center, 104 61st St., Ocean City, MD, 9 a.m. Featuring 12 college club teams represented by about 100 players. rdulany@oceancitymd.gov, 410-524-8337

CHURCH CELEBRATION
First Presbyterian Church, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 9:30 a.m. A homecoming celebration will begin with Bible study at 9:30 a.m., followed by traditional services at 11 a.m. At noon, there will be picnic and games. All are welcome to attend any or all of the events. 410-289-9340

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MID-ATLANTIC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Performing Arts Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 2:15 p.m. Pre-concert lecture begins at 2:15 p.m., concert begins at 3 p.m. The soloist for the concert is violinist Virgil Boutellis and he will be playing Ernest Chausson’s Poeme and Camille Saint-Saens Dance Macabre. Tickets cost \$40 and \$45 and can be purchased at the Ocean City convention center’s Box Office or through TicketMaster, 800-551-SEAT. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://ocmd-performingartscenter.com>

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MON, OCT. 2

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

HYPERTENSION CLINIC
Apple Discount Drugs, 314 Franklin Ave., Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Monday of every month. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268

LAP TIME
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 10:30 a.m. Children, under 2 years old, will be introduced to songs, games and finger plays. 410-632-3495

DIGITAL LIBRARY AND YOU
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 2 p.m. Free downloads of books, magazines, audiobooks, music, movies and TV. Take your library card and device to get started. 410-641-0650

LOCAL GENEALOGY
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 2 p.m. Renowned genealogist M.K. Miles will showcase his “Miles Files” and do demonstrations of Ancestry Live. “Miles Files” is housed online at the Eastern Shore Public Library. 410-208-4014

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 2:30 to 4 p.m. The group meets twice a month to discuss both

classic and modern reading selections. This week’s selection is Herman Melville’s short story “Billy Budd.” 410-208-4014

CREATIVE WRITING MEET-UP
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 4:30 p.m. Get inspired, share ideas, learn about contests and offer friendly critiques. Will work on fiction, nonfiction and poetry. Also, pizza. For ages 13-18. Contact Brittney, 410-524-1818, if interested in joining. 410-524-1818

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

TUE, OCT. 3

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

STORY TIME ‘BIRTHDAYS’
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. 410-641-0650

YOUNG AND RESTLESS ‘OUR COMMUNITY’
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 10:30 a.m. Learn about people and places in our community. For 3 to 7 year old children. 410-957-0878

‘HEALING OF A DIFFERENT SORT’
Fenwick Crab House, 100 Coastal Highway, Fenwick Island, DE, 12:30 p.m. Lunch begins at 12:30 p.m., followed by a presentation by Dr. Tracy Rush at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$22 and includes lunch. Advance registration and payment is required: Gretchen Boggs, 302-436-0254, apllc@hotmail.com. A full brochure is available at www.apllc.org.

SOOTHING STORIES
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 4:30 p.m. All children of all abilities are welcome to the Soothing Stories program every other Tuesday night. Featuring a calming story, along with playtime using sensory toys and activities. 410-524-1818

WED, OCT. 4

FLU CLINIC
Taylor Bank, 108 W. Market St., Snow Hill, MD, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Individuals must be at least 13 years old to receive the vaccine at this clinic. Donations made during the flu clinic help offset the cost of future flu clinics. CDC recommends that everyone 6 months of age and older get a seasonal flu vaccine. To avoid long lines, community members are encouraged to contact their doctor’s office to receive their vaccine. Flu vac-

cine is covered at 100 percent by most insurances. Community members can also receive flu shots at Townsend Medical Center on 10th Street in Ocean City, no appointment necessary. Atlantic General Hospital, 410-641-9FLU (9358)

YOUNG AND RESTLESS ‘OUR COMMUNITY’
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10:30 a.m. Children, ages 3-7 years, will learn about people and places in the community. 410-524-1818

BASIC COMPUTER TRAINING
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 11 a.m. Class includes basics such as starting up and shutting down a PC, using the task bar and basic e-mail instruction. Registration is necessary: 410-957-0878

SIT-N-STITCH
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 5 to 7 p.m. Join others for an evening of knitting, crocheting and other needle arts. Take your own materials. 410-632-3495

OPEN MIC NIGHT
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 6 p.m. An opportunity for artists of all genres to gather and share their talents. All are welcome. 410-641-0650

ONGOING EVENTS

HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR SOLDIERS
Star Charities will have containers at libraries and other local locations from Oct. 1-31 to collect gifts for our soldiers. Suggested items include: chewing gum, hard candy, Slim Jims, nuts, telephone calling cards, games, puzzles, small paperback books, white or black socks, sunscreen and regular size men’s and women’s toiletries. Please no travel size items or perishable items. Monetary donations also welcomed.

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

MADE & TAKE ‘AUTUMN’
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, every Saturday in October, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Use your imagination to create something wonderful with fun supplies provided by the library. For all ages. 410-208-4014

MAKE & TAKE ‘MASQUERADE MASKS’
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, through October. The Make & Take cart will feature supplies to decorate your own masks.

HARRINGTON CASINO BUS TRIP
The Ocean Pines Boat Club is sponsoring this trip on Oct. 12. Cost is \$20 and includes \$15 slot play and a \$7 food voucher (can be used towards the \$13.95 lunch buffet). Guests welcome. Reserve a seat: Tom or Barbara Southwell, 410-641-5456 by Oct. 11.

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