

Shoplifting spree ends with arrest on Main Street

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Oct. 5, 2017) Akron, Ohio resident Pamela Andrella, 61, faces four charges of theft after an alleged shoplifting spree that involved several stores in West Ocean City and downtown Berlin on Saturday.

Several shop owners located the woman's whereabouts using surveillance footage from their stores and social media posts.

Nicole Chamberlain, who operates Back East Boutique on 9748 Stephen Decatur Highway, held a fundraiser on Saturday for a local Miss Maryland Teen USA contestant. When a rush of customers died down, she said her partner noticed a bracelet was missing.

"We both looked back on our surveillance and caught the woman on camera stealing the bracelet as she's standing there talking to my mom," Chamberlain said. "The incident happened 20 minutes prior, so I immediately starting calling other local boutiques to look out for this woman."

She also pulled a photo of the woman from the surveillance footage and posted it on her Facebook page as a warning to other storeowners. The post apparently worked.

About two hours later, Megan Cosman, owner of Patty Jeans Boutique on Main Street in Berlin, spotted the woman.

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Pamela Andrella



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Inside the Cricket Center in Berlin, the only child advocacy center in Worcester County, more than 100 handprints represent each child who has visited the center. Multiple agencies, including police and social workers, help the center fight child sexual and physical abuse, with a focus on both prosecuting criminals and helping the victims recover.

Partnerships critical to Cricket Ctr.

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Oct. 5, 2017) Officials from throughout the county and state gathered outside the Cricket Center in Berlin last Wednesday to talk about how far the only child advocacy center in Worcester County has come and what that has meant for area children.

Worcester County States Attorney Beau H. Oglesby said partnerships, like those at the center, were critical to its success.

"The task force concept works — it absolutely works. And it works in the drug [enforcement] environment and it's critical when it comes to children — what we can do to stop their abuse and what we can do to help them once the abuse has already occurred."

He said there are clear measurements to back up the center's success.

"It is with pleasure and reluctance — joy and sadness — that I tell you that, through the prosecution of individuals in Worcester County who

have abused our most precious and our most vulnerable, we have achieved an incarceration year total in excess of 1,000 years," he said. "That is a milestone ... and its something that certainly is important for us to recognize and keep in our minds, that this is a very real problem. Not only my office and law enforcement and all of the stakeholders, but the judiciary also has bought into the significance and seriousness of these offenses."

Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing said it is vital that children who experience abuse are not forgotten, and the center helps to ensure they are not.

"The pains that they have and the pains their families have are something that live on, so we can protect those other children just a little bit better," he said.

Downing said Cricket Center board members bring together "people from all different disciplines" to help with everything from forensic

equipment to family advocates.

"We really take that job seriously," he said. "I've been here since the beginning, and I'm very proud of the board that we've assembled and the work that you do."

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Pines bulkhead motion postponed after closed mtg.

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Oct. 5, 2017) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors on Friday postponed a motion on bulkhead work while the association attorney looks into the matter.

Last October, then interim general manager and director Brett Hill signed a contract for bulkhead work with Hi-Tide Marine Construction that appeared to grant the West Ocean City company five-year, exclusive rights. Hill resigned from the board last month.

However, Board President Doug Parks said last month the contract was for emergency bulkhead work – and not necessarily replacement.

“The intent was to have a contrac-



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors reconvenes, following a closed meeting, last Friday. That was short-lived, however, as a unanimous vote quickly postponed the only remaining action item and the meeting adjourned.

tor on retainer to address issues if/when they arose,” Parks said at the time. “The bulkhead replacement initiative is a separate long-term effort to address the requirements for maintaining the bulkheads as they approach the end of their product use life.”

The agenda of the regular board

meeting on Friday included a motion, to be introduced by Director Ted Moroney, that would have notified Hi-Tide “they are to continue with emergency work but are not to incur any other costs other than emergency work costs at this time.”

The motion continued, “The GM
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Pocomoke landlord committee tasked with rental regs

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 5, 2017) The Pocomoke City Council will form an advisory committee to examine three ordinances related to rental properties, following a lengthy discussion with numerous landlords during its meeting on Monday.

Last month the council held first readings on ordinances to create a rental registration program, establish a fee schedule for the city to remove bulk items left outside following evictions and define placement of empty trashcans.

Rental property owner Guy Dean questioned the abruptness of the proposals.

“I think nine or 10 months ago the city agreed to put this whole thing on hold,” he said. “Now, all of a sudden it’s turned into a priority. I’d like to know why the city has changed their posturing.”

Mayor Bruce Morrison corrected Dean, noting the earlier discussion was more than a year ago.

“It was shoved down your throats and I kind of backed off on it because of the way it was handled,” he said.

In the interim, Morrison said he was given the impression numerous landlords would contribute to improve aesthetics in town.

“It’s not happened [and] it’s getting worse,” he said. “Day by day, this city looks like crap and I’m sick of it.”

Morrison said much of the problems stem from property owners not in attendance at the meeting.

“There [are] people out there abusing us, using us and treating us like crap,” he said. “We’re the only town on the whole Eastern Shore that doesn’t have some kind of code enforcement.”

Dan Brandewie, housing and zoning coordinator, explained ordinance 433 would add a chapter to the city code addressing rental properties. The ordinance would have required landlords to register rentals with the city for a proposed fee of \$25, which would be renewed yearly.

“It would not include owner-occu-

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GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Pocomoke River State Park Manager Cineva Smith honors architect Jack Graham, who designed the park more than half a century ago, during a 50th anniversary celebration last Saturday.

White House responds to Snow Hill

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 5, 2017) Snow Hill Mayor Charlie Dorman shared a correspondence from the White House during a work session, last Tuesday.

The town invited President Donald Trump to attend the recent Blessing of the Combines event and received a reply, albeit it after the fact.

Dorman said the White House sent a note explaining that, because of the volume of requests, it was difficult to reply in a more timely fashion.

“We asked the president to come to Blessing of the Combines,” he said. “We sent him a letter and also sent the governor [of Maryland] a letter.”

The 19th annual Blessing of the Combines, which draws a large contingent of sidewalk gawkers to witness a parade of oversized farm vehicles, was held on Aug. 5 this year.

In most instances, requests to governmental leaders are routinely ignored, Dorman said.

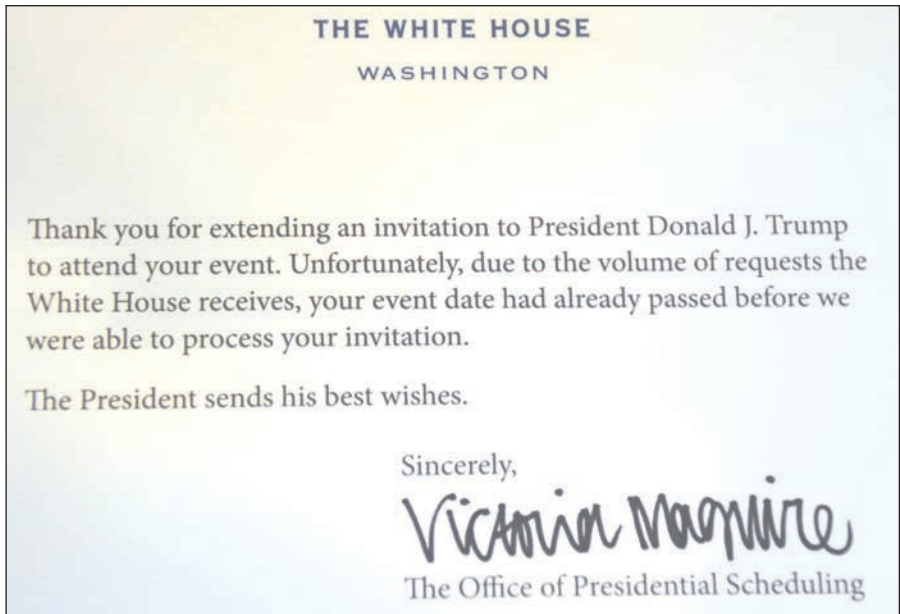
“We got a postcard back from the White House that said the invitation had already passed when they saw it,”

he said. “At least they responded to us – we can’t get the governor to respond.”

Dorman speculated on the impact an appearance by the leader of the

free world would have had on the sleepy, Eastern Shore town.

“Can you see if he had come?” he said. “It would put Snow Hill on the map, good or bad.”



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Although President Donald Trump was unable to attend, the White House did send this response to Snow Hill regarding its invitation to the executive in chief to attend the annual Blessing of the Combines event.

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OPA attorney will look over Hi-Tide bulkhead contract

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shall develop a proposed Bulkhead Replacement plan, review the existing and proposed (if any) Bulkhead contract(s) and report back with a status report in sixty days."

The background explaining the motion said, "A contract was issued that was represented as emergency work only. A review of the contract indicates that it covers all bulkhead work for the next five years."

In the motion, Moroney wrote the contract was not specific in its terms and conditions and "exceeded the spending authority allowed without Board approval."

"It is in the best interest of OPA to continue emergency work, while allowing the GM to review in detail the specifics of what is being provided, and report back to the Board," the motion stated.

Ocean City attorney Steve Rakow was present during the meeting, representing both a homeowner and Hi-Tide. Rakow said the homeowner's bulkhead had not been repaired or replaced in nearly two decades.

"It had been promised for over a year now that Ocean Pines would take care of this and nothing has been done," Rakow said. "Repeated attempts to work through Mr. Hill last year were simply met with a lot of stonewalling, delays and excuses."

"This board has a fiduciary duty to make sure that all those bulkheads are replaced in those areas that Ocean Pines is responsible for," he said. "Since my client has owned the house, [for] over 18 years, no work has been done on his bulkhead. It is failing. It needs to be done."

Rakow said Facilities Manager Kevin Layfield told him "permits were approved and Hi-Tide was ready to go" to fix the issue.

He added, "There is an enforceable contract between Hi-Tide and Ocean Pines that Hi-Tide has the emergency repair work for the bulkhead."

"That's a valid, enforceable contract executed by Mr. Hill in his apparent authority to act on behalf of the association and Hi-Tide intends

to enforce that contract," Rakow said. "I would encourage the board to follow through on that."

When the motion came up for discussion, Moroney moved to table it until "after our closed session to discuss contractual obligation."

Roughly three hours later, the directors came back into open session and Moroney moved to "postpone action on the bulkhead motion, indefinitely."

There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous. Director Cheryl Jacobs then moved to adjourn.

Following the meeting, Parks, attempted to explain what occurred.

"The information that was presented in closed session, from legal counsel, allowed us to rethink the approach in a much more effective way," he said. "The way we had thought we wanted to address the issue, by this motion, was actually advised by counsel that there was a better way to do it."

"At the end of the day, counsel is taking care of it on his end and this motion is basically just going to say 'tabled indefinitely.' It may eventually get cancelled, but for right now, until we can get more information ... we're just going to leave it on the table," Parks added.

Parks said Ocean Pines legal advisors were on the phone during the closed meeting.

"There's a different way to address the emergency repairs," he said. "We're following counsel's advice and that is being addressed as we speak ... that process is now moving forward a little bit differently, with the same goal of addressing the emergency repair."

"That was the intent of the original motion - we're just going to do it in a little bit more effective and appropriate way," he added.

Whether Hi-Tide would be a part of that is "TBD (to be determined) at this point," Parks said.

Rakow, reached for comment on Monday, said he was not part of the closed session and declined to comment further.



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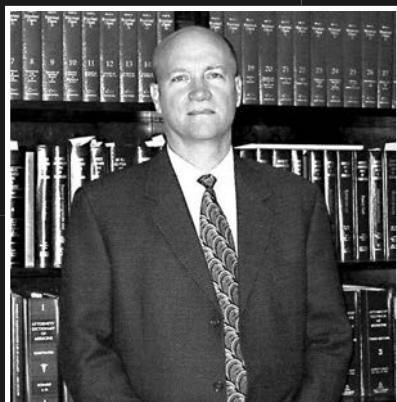


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Officials renew promise to aid Berlin's Cricket Center

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tor Abby Marsh said she spent most of her career as a prosecutor, including time at the Wicomico County State's Attorney's Office.

"I saw the before and the after of a child advocacy center," she said. "Before ... the pieces of the puzzle were all over the place ... but maybe law enforcement wasn't familiar with everything that was going on.

"When the CAC came together in the Cricket Center, it put that puzzle together," she continued. "Instead of looking through a lens at certain aspects, you saw the whole picture and we put the child first.

"Thank you — thank you — for all the people involved in making the Cricket Center possible, because it truly is a model," Marsh said. "I went from [being a] prosecutor where the focus was on getting that person and making them accountable for what they've done to our children, to seeing the other side of it, to seeing the life crisis center side where we contribute the counseling that happens from the moment that child comes in, all through the process, whether you're able to hold someone accountable or not, and even after."

The result, she said, is turning children into survivors.

"Thank you, [Cricket Center Executive Director] Wendy [Myers], thank you all of the stakeholders, and thank you law enforcement and the people who are really making an effort every day to make our community a safer, better place to be for everyone, but especially for our children," she said.

Dawn Blades, a child protective services supervisor who works out of the Cricket Center, said she spent 16 years "in the field" and recalled many of the inadequacies of past practices.

Before the Cricket Center, she said, child protective services would often follow up on reports of abuse by visiting children at schools.

"We would get the nurse's office or the guidance office, or some little vacant room that we could sit down [in] and talk with the child alone. And we would talk with them about, not only neglect or physical abuse, but we would talk to them about sex abuse — about their first sexual experience — and then we would send them back to class," she said. "We've moved so far away from that.

"Now they come to the center, they're interviewed somewhere where they can feel safe, [and] when they leave here they're not going to go back to their classroom," she said. "And their interview is video and audio recorded so they don't have to tell their story over and over and over again."

She said a family advocate walks the parents, who are often just as traumatized as the children, through the process. Blades also raved about the level of therapy available through

the center.

"We get to connect them, right away, to what they need for that healing," she said. "Our team is absolutely amazing ... everybody that's involved really cares about what we do and that makes it just right. To say that our outcomes are so much better, I think it's an understatement."

'When the CAC came together in the Cricket Center, it put that puzzle together ... Instead of looking through a lens at certain aspects, you saw the whole picture and we put the child first.'

Life Crisis Center Executive
Director Abby Marsh

State Sen. Jim Mathias said the center is a collaboration of people who "believed in a dream."

"If you close your eyes for a quick moment and think about your fondest memories, it's probably when you were a child. And not every child has those fond memories," he said. "If you look at each other, you clearly are the advocacy group, today, to make those memories better."

Mathias said children are the community's most important assets, and he vowed to do his part to protect them.

"As we stood together in the very beginning with [former state's attorney] Joel Todd and the team, we stand together, in renewal, today. You can count on me, you can count on us, through prosecution, through legislation," he said. "But more important than the work you're doing today, is the inspiration you're providing for your successors [tomorrow]."

Tours were given inside the Cricket Center, which includes a comfortable interview room. Video and audio recording equipment is set up in an adjacent room. That interview is admissible as evidence in court.

In the hallway outside of those rooms, printed on two sides of the white-tiled walls, are small handprints representing each child who visited the center.

There are more than 100 handprints.

Tickets are on sale for the second annual Cricket Center Foundation Fundraiser, Wednesday, Oct. 25 at The Hobbit Restaurant on 81st Street in Ocean City. The event is the biggest annual fundraiser for the center.

Tickets are \$65 and include hors d'oeuvres, live and silent auctions, and live music by Blind Wind and Perpetual Commotion.

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Collaboration helps catch Berlin shoplifter

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woman walking around with a small group.

Cosman said she got surveillance photos from Chamberlain and, about an hour later, heard a similar story from Fathom co-owner Devin Donahue. Fathom is based about a block away from Patty Jeans, also on Main Street.

“Devin came down and said, ‘I just wanted you to be aware this lady just stole from us. It’s on our surveillance’ and it was the same lady,” Cosman said. “All of the sudden I see them walking in front of World of Toys and Sisters [across the street] and I said, ‘Excuse me, did you ... shoplift from locals stores today?’”

When the woman denied shoplifting, Cosman replied, “You’re right here [in pictures] on my phone in two different shops, stealing today. Do you want to walk down and hand them their merchandise back, or pay for it?”

During the commotion, Donahue’s sister, Hunter Smith, called the police.

According to charging documents, Berlin Police arrived and Smith identified Andrella “as a subject that had stolen a set of earrings.” Smith showed police security footage of Andrella apparently stealing from Fathom.

A witness reportedly saw Andrella “toss the item under a sandwich board after being confronted about the theft ... [and] observed Andrella walk around the corner onto Broad Street Berlin and begin removing and stashing items in various locations about the building.”

Berlin Police Cpl. Merle Bragg re-

ported finding several of the items and two additional shop owners identified them as stolen.

“They had stolen from Bruder Hill, House by Salvaged, Back East, Fathom, and there were a couple of rings that we couldn’t identify where they were from,” Cosman said. “They had made their rounds.

“I think it’s awesome that we’re all looking out for each other,” she added. “It’s pretty awesome to live in a community that still does that, with the way the world is now.”

Chamberlain agreed.

“While the arrest was being made, we were all there together and I will say it was a nice feeling to know that

we had supported each other and came together as a community,” she said. “I’m proud of how we handled the situation.”

Andrella was charged with two counts of theft less than \$100, one count of theft less than \$1,000 and one count of theft-scheme less than \$1,000.

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Pocomoke is weighing ordinances to limit the time landlords have before removing possessions unclaimed by evicted tenants, as well as instituting a rental registration program.

Ordinance approvals put on hold while committee forms

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pied single family residences,” he said.

Rental owner Faye Fair expressed concern about the inclusion of a 60-day time frame to register properties, which Morrison said could be adjusted.

“We’re not trying to break you or hurt you,” he said. “All we’re trying to do is ... finally get some regulations involved.”

Fair reiterated her concern the council would approve the ordinance as currently written on second reading that evening.

“The tone of the meeting is very negative,” she said. “If you want us to be on board with you to help you clean up this city, this isn’t the way to go about it.”

Brandewie said the ordinance would allow the city to compile a roster of landlords to contact when issues arise.

“I believe 60 or 70 percent of our problems can be solved with a phone call,” he said. “If we don’t know who to call, problems can’t be solved.”

Except in extreme cases, Morrison said, the city would not inspect the insides of homes.

“If we see broken-out windows or trash hanging out, then we have probable cause for us to go inside and inspect it,” he said. “We’re not going to go inside a building, unless we find cause.”

Ideally, Morrison said lines of communication would be established between landlords and the city whenever evictions occur.

“I think the first thing you do is call our code enforcement officer,” he said. “All we’re trying to do is get this stuff fixed and cleaned up.”

Dean suggested putting the proposals on hold until a landlord committee could be formed to examine

the ordinance language.

“I know something needs to be done and it’s inevitable it will be done at some point,” he said. “A lot of the people out here feel this thing is being ramrodded down their throat.”

Councilmember George Tasker, while acknowledging the landlords in attendance were not the problem, seconded a motion to table the matter for a month and revisit the discussion during the council’s meeting on Nov. 6.

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“The thing is if you put a bad apple in the middle of a bushel ... that’s going to ruin everything,” he said. “It’s like everything else in this world, we have to pay for a lot of things that somebody else started doing wrong.”

Morrison said the yet-to-be-formed committee would need to give feedback to City Manager Bobby Cowger.

“We are going to pass something,” he said.

Based on discussions with a number of mayors throughout the state, Morrison said he was told introducing standards for rental housing was typically met with resistance.

“The first time you do it you’re going to have landlords coming down on you, [but] you’ve got to hold your ground,” he said. “Once it’s in place, you’ll see everybody be happy.”



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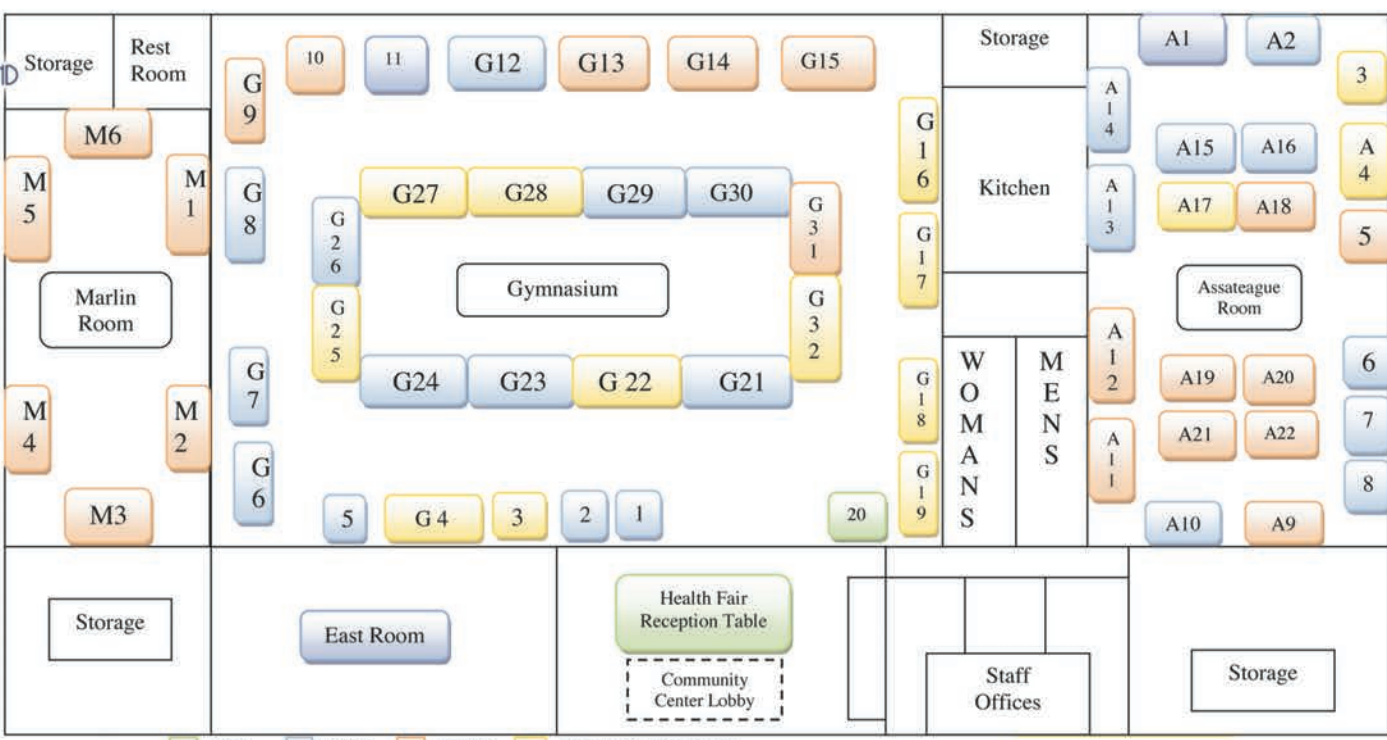
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Former director Hill also resigned from his company

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Oct. 5, 2017) Former Ocean Pines Association Director Brett Hill, who resigned on Sept. 15, also has resigned as CEO of FTS Fiber.

FTS Marketing Manager Blake Hargest confirmed Hill resigned last month, but declined to give a specific date.

“We’re not going to get into specifics of that,” she said.

She said Adam Noll, formerly the company’s chief financial officer, assumed the role of CEO and president.

“I think FTS is going to move forward,” she said. “We’ve got a great new CEO/president who has stepped in and he’s been with the company for a while.

“We’re just positively moving forward and going through a little bit of a reorganizing,” Hargest added.

Hill was elected to the board in Aug. 2016 and served as the interim general manager of the association for just over a year. John Bailey took over as general manager on Sept. 11.

Hill’s departure from the company isn’t the only issue before FTS. Kenneth Lawhorn, a senior advisor to FTS, filed a lawsuit against Hill, alleging he did not pay back the balance of an \$80,000 loan.

Lawhorn addressed the Ocean Pines Association Board last December on behalf of Hill and FTS to ask for an easement to install fiber optic internet infrastructure.

FTS had a preliminary agreement to install infrastructure in Queen Anne’s County, but that will no longer occur, according to a county news release dated Sept. 28.

“Queen Anne’s County will no longer pursue contract negotiations with Broadband firm FTS Fiber,” the release stated. “During the September 26 Commissioners’ Meeting, the board signed a letter to the firm terminating negotiations for the firm to bring Broadband to Queen Anne’s County.”

A notification letter stated, “While we understand that FTS is still pursuing funding for this and other projects, we feel that it is in both parties, best interest to terminate this project and our involvement with FTS now to avoid further project delays. We wish you and FTS the best of luck as you restructure and move forward.”

County Commissioner Mark Anderson added, in the release, “FTS said they could not provide a performance bond. The county commissioners made this tentative agreement conditioned on FTS providing other security for the county’s six- to eight-million-dollar investment. FTS was unable to provide this security. The county commissioners acted to disengage further discussions with FTS so as to move on with exploring opportunities to provide this service.”

Hill did not return calls for comment.



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Holland turns herself in; will face jury trial for theft Jan. 8

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 5, 2017) Former Snow Hill account clerk Erica Holland, 32, turned herself in to the Worcester County Sheriff's Office in Snow Hill last Thursday after being indicted last Tuesday by a Worcester County Grand Jury for felony theft over \$100,000.

The case, 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 last Tuesday, Davitt's office alleged Holland stole about \$169,000 from the Town of Snow Hill between Aug. 2014 and April 2017.

Holland, who began her employment with Snow Hill in January 2014, was removed from her position at Town Hall during business hours on April 24.

A jury trial is scheduled for Jan. 8 in Worcester County Circuit Court.



Erica Holland

Ocean City criminal defense attorney Peter Wimbrow III has been retained to represent Holland. She has been released on bond.

Prior to the jury trial in January, Holland is due in court for a motions hearing on Dec. 4.

Holland is married to Worcester County Jail Assistant Warden Fulton Holland.

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No urgency for fiber optics in Ocean Pines

Deal eyed to wire police to county, but community lines likely on back burner

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Oct. 5, 2017) Ocean Pines Association Board President Doug Parks said this week a deal to bring fiber optic internet to the community police station is being examined at a minimal cost.

A request for proposals to bring fiber to the entire association, however, likely will take a back seat, at least for the time being.

"We're looking into hooking up the police station. There's been some movement both by the county, Mediacom and us with regard to those options," Parks said. "Right now, we're doing our due diligence to make sure we're reviewing a contract with Mediacom for a dedicated circuit that does nothing else than connect the police station emergency services environment to Snow Hill."

Parks said the association attorney was reviewing the contract.

"We're talking about a service that's going to cost us \$200 a month," he said. "And it has absolutely nothing to do with the cable TV contact - it's not an addendum, it's not an amendment.

Quite frankly, all it is is an offer right now. Nothing's been signed."

Last December, officials from FTS Fiber and ThinkBig Networks offered to connect the Ocean Pines Police department to Snow Hill in exchange for an easement to build a community-wide fiber network. FTS would have installed the lines while ThinkBig connected homeowners to high-speed internet.

At the time, FTS Senior Advisor Kenneth Lawhorn said connecting Ocean Pines to Snow Hill was "an investment we're willing to make for public safety," adding it would be "probably a nonrecurring charge upfront cost to us of about \$200,000 and another \$30,000 a year over 20 years to maintain the connectivity."

Matters were complicated because FTS CEO Brett Hill was both the interim general manager and a board member in Ocean Pines. Hill was replaced as general manager on Sept. 11 and resigned from both the board and as head of the company last month.

Ocean Pines officials released a request for information on fiber lines in March, but a request for proposals was never released.

"Nothing's really changed going forward nor has anything gone forward," Parks said. "We started to put an RFP together that I wanted to get in front of the board and that's when everything started to kind of get reprioritized. Because it wasn't a pressing need at the time, we kind of back-burnered it for a little bit. That's where it sits right now."

Parks said he expected new General Manager John Bailey to address the issue, in due time.

"There's no rush on this one," he said.

"Quite frankly, with the new GM coming in, what a great opportunity to have him come in on the ground floor ... [but] there is no real push or necessity to prioritize it and get something done. Limbo is not the right word, but that's about as close as I can give to you."

ThinkBig Sales Director Judy Morgan said this week the company has

not given up pursuit of a contract in Ocean Pines.

"We're an internet service provider, so we're the final-mile folks," she said. "For Ocean Pines, we would be championing both the ISP and bringing the fiber backbone in."

She said ThinkBig would hire another company to install the infrastructure. Morgan said ThinkBig would not have a relationship with FTS "in the Ocean Pines, or future developments."

"ThinkBig Networks has never waived from our desire to come into Ocean Pines," she said. "All we have needed, from day one, is a nonexclusive easement from the association so we could put the fiber backbone in. The rest is us."

"There would be virtually no expense to the association to put this backbone in - and it's nonexclusive, so anyone else that wants to come in and play could certainly do that. We just need to be able to have the approval," Morgan added. "We will continue to reach out to the Ocean Pines Association and Mr. Parks."

Parks was less enthusiastic about the prospect of working with ThinkBig.

Asked if he had recently spoken with ThinkBig officials, Parks replied, "no, and I don't plan on it."

'There is no real push or necessity to prioritize it ... Limbo is not the right word, but that's about as close as I can give to you.'

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Berlin tattoo group not yet inked

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Oct. 5, 2017) Town Administrator Laura Allen will lead a committee that will develop standards for tattoo shops and tattoo-related industries in the Town of Berlin.

The Berlin Town Council last week voted unanimously to put a 120-day moratorium on new tattoo businesses while the committee works on codifying its regulations.

Apparently, Planning Director Dave Engelhart was asked about town guidelines when someone recently inquired about opening a microblading business. Microblading is a form of permanent makeup, similar to tattooing.

Town officials, realizing the town code did not address either practice, added an emergency ordinance to the Town Council agenda last Monday that would have adopted standards similar to Worcester County's that require a physician or osteopath to be present during tattoo procedures. When many people in attendance objected, a compromise was struck and a temporary ban was put in place while the town works to draft more lenient rules.

Allen, last Thursday, said she spoke with tattoo artist Matthew Amey before the council meeting.

"He was a little frustrated and

felt like things were being ramrodded," she said. "I said, 'well, look, [the council] will decide what they're going to do. Maybe they'll adopt it, maybe they'll change it, maybe they'll do nothing.' So, come and tell us what you think and we'll take it from there."

Amey did just that, defending tattooing as an art form and economic engine. He also talked about his experience in the indus-

'Hopefully, the outcome of our work will be mutually beneficial for not only public safety, but would also spur a thriving industry'

Tattoo Artist
Matthew Amey

try. Because of county standards, Amey can't open in a business in Maryland and instead opened two studios in Selbyville, Delaware. He and his wife, Lisa Tossey, live in Berlin and operate the Wooden Octopus fine art gallery.

After he and others spoke out, Mayor Gee Williams proposed a compromise, which the council approved.

"To me, that's the process,"

Allen said. "If we see something that needs to be addressed, our responsibility to the council is to set it up so they can address it. We moved pretty quickly, because there weren't any regulations in place and it made sense to me that there be something.

"I put what I thought was a good option in front of them. They decided they wanted to do something a little bit different," she added.

Allen said she would lead a committee of "staff and community representatives" that may or may not include elected officials.

"We haven't really determined the size and who's going to be on it just yet, but we will pretty soon," she said.

She added Amey would be on the committee, "if he wants to be."

Amey emailed a statement to the Gazette, last Thursday.

"I'm thankful for the opportunity to provide my expertise to the committee and look forward to working with them to create reasonable, conscientious and objective regulations," he stated. "Hopefully, the outcome of our work will be mutually beneficial for not only public safety, but would also spur a thriving industry that I've seen been stifled in this area for the last few decades."

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OPA Briefs

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Oct. 5, 2017) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors discussed the following items during a meeting in the community center, last Friday.

Stevens honored

At the start of the meeting, former Director Dave Stevens was honored for his nine years of service as an elected official. "Anybody that has dedicated that much time to the organization deserves a round of applause," Board President Doug Parks said. "Thank you very much, Dave, for all the work you put in over the years as a director on the board in OPA." Stevens thanked the other directors and association members for "all the support that [he] received over the years."

Seeing red

Director Pat Supik, during the monthly treasurer's report, said the current negative budget variance of about \$700,000 was likely to be far worse by the end of the fiscal year. "The projection for year-end, at this moment, is a significantly greater negative variance from budget than the \$700,000 that we're currently experiencing," she said. She later added a specific projection was not done, but her statement was based on poor showings during Ocean Pines' "big income-producing time."

"We intend to do a projection and then you'll have the numbers," she said.

Appointments

The board voted 6-1 in favor of a second term for clubs committee member Gary Miller. An effort to remove Miller from the committee was undertaken by several members of the previous board, but was unsuccessful. The directors voted unanimously to appoint Virginia Reister (aquatics, first term), Donna Hickey (clubs, second term) and Gerald Horn (marine activities, first term) to advisory committees. The board also endorsed a one-year term extension for Les Purcell (clubs). Parks appointed him the committee chairman.

GM report

General Manager John Bailey provided updates on several fronts during his roughly 10-minute presentation to the directors. He said about 30 people applied for the finance director position and that the salary would be commensurate with experience. The deadline for applications is Oct. 9. Bailey admitted there were issues with food and beverage operations, adding long-term solutions would be easier to come by than immediate fixes. "Finding a short-term solution is like solving a five-sided Rubik's Cube – it's very difficult," he said.

He said a "total review" of the yacht club, country club and Tern Grille is underway. Bailey said renovation efforts at the country club are at a standstill as plans are being reevaluated.

"We probably want to revisit those, not just for the blueprint side of it, but for the use of it and what we want to get out of the endgame," he said. Previous plans were to create additional meeting space on the second floor of the club. "While there's a push to get that done, we want to do it right," Bailey added. "My biggest concern with the club at the moment is winter coming on and how we insulate it from getting worse through that time period, while we're figuring out all these other questions." He said 26 inches of rain in August hurt golf revenues and played havoc on course maintenance efforts. September, however, "has been pretty good," drawing both members and nonresidents," Bailey said. Bailey said construction of new platform tennis courts is proceeding and a secure-entry system was installed in the administration building.

Ethics work group

The directors unanimously approved the creation of a work group of three directors and three association members to draft an ethics policy. Director Colette Horn introduced the motion and said the bylaws and resolutions committee would review the policy

before coming back to the board for a formal vote. Director Ted Moroney warned a previous policy is nebulous and was created, at least in part, as a way to conduct "witch hunts." He added an effective policy might be difficult to come by, but said, "I think we should go ahead and give it a shot and see what happens." "I don't see any harm in investigating the options of what a code of ethics would contain," Parks added. "I think it's probably time well spent to, at the very least, gather some information."

Rapid fire

The directors voted unanimously to approve a first reading of changes to Resolution C-10, governing the environment and natural assets committee. Supik said the change would refocus the committee to address the health of the St. Martin's River. Other unanimous votes approved budget and finance committee recommendations for the fiscal year 2018 budget, increased the capitalization threshold from \$1,000 to \$5,000, directed Bailey to develop a job description and salary range for a human resources employee, and created a "master list of all contracts and agreements." Additionally, the board voted to name Bailey as the resident agent for liquor licenses and to appoint Bailey, Parks, Supik and Assistant Treasurer Gene Ringsdorf as association check signers.



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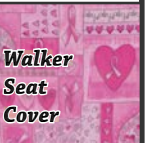
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Deutsch to do double duty, in Sykesville and with Berlin

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Oct. 5, 2017) Berlin Falls park project manager David Deutsch was recently named interim general manager of Sykesville, Maryland.

His role there is not expected to interfere with work in Berlin, where in January he was appointed project manager.

Before that, Deutsch was city manager of Bowie and interim city manager of Westminster. He is also a consultant for the Mercer Group Inc., a public and private sector management-search firm.

Berlin Town Administrator Laura Allen said she did not believe the dual roles would be an issue.

"[Mercer] is handling the Sykesville recruitment, so he's serving as their interim city manager," she said. "He's only been retired for maybe a year, so he has been an interim in another community as well. That's part of what some retired city managers do."

"Typically, those recruitments take three-to-four months, maybe a little bit longer depending on the applicant and the ability of the candidate to move quickly to fill the position," Allen continued. "I'm sure he'll be able to continue helping us with the park development."

Deutsch said he would be working in Sykesville three days out of each week.

"What I told Laura [Allen] before I started working in Sykesville is I thought I could continue to keep things going in Berlin and she said that was fine," he said. "Remember, I'm not an employee [in Berlin] – I'm an independent contractor. As long as I'm able to stay on top of things there and juggle things elsewhere, things will work out."

As for Berlin Falls, Allen said Deutsch is working with engineering firm Davis, Bowen & Friedel Inc. to get an estimate for demolition of the

main building on the property. A recent study suggested rehabilitating the building could cost more than \$2.3 million.

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

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

She said any grant money from Maryland Coastal Bays would almost certainly be used for passive park development.

"If you look at the interpretive plan [crafted by Community Conservation Consultants], the vast majority of what that covers is passive uses and the portion of the park that we're intending to leave in a natural state – at least at this point," she said.

A Berlin Falls park advisory committee is also being formed.

"The next thing that needs to happen, and I think will happen over the next couple of months, is for the mayor to appoint the committee ... so we can have an ongoing community focus on the park," Deutsch said. "I think it's safe to say that the situation is one where Berlin is not having to take a backseat to what I'm doing elsewhere – I wouldn't [take the job in Sykesville] if it was."

Allen agreed the next step should be to let the committee evaluate the work that has been done.

"I would prefer to wait to do too much with the park until we get the advisory committee in place," Allen said. "We're keeping an eye on the fact that the advisory group will probably want to create their own work plan."

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Pines man to take
on senior olympics

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(Oct. 5, 2017) After only learning how to swim six months ago, Ocean Pines resident Joe Schneider, 91, will compete in the 50-meter backstroke event during the Delaware Senior Olympics, Friday, in Dover.

“I want to do well in this one,” Schneider said. “It’s not whether you win or lose, it’s how you play the game. Giving it your all is what matters.”

A little over two years ago, Schneider had an accident and hit his head. It caused a mild concussion and he was covered in bruises. Because of the incident, he decided to start taking a “Creaky Joints” class at the Ocean Pines Sports Core Pool to improve his balance and flexibility.

Soon after, he was also participating in weekly “Aqua Jog” and “Wet Works” classes, which provides aerobic benefits and a full body workout.

Schneider, who is originally from Baltimore, became close with the instructors of the classes, Edith Vogl and Maria Love. Vogl recognized his relentless mindset and suggested the 90-year-old learn how to swim.

“When I see someone is able to do more than what they are doing and I know they will enjoy it, I push,” Vogl said. “We are looking at this as a trial year to get some baselines and see where he needs improvements. Every two years is a qualifying year for the National Senior Olympics, which is invitation only.”

Swimmers will begin warming up at 8 a.m. on Friday with the competition starting an hour later. Medals will be awarded to the participants with the three fastest backstroke times in a number of age categories. At least 20 friends and family members will be on hand to see Schneider compete.

“He has been swimming the backstroke for a month and I think he will do really good,” Love said. “When he started he could barely swim 20 [meters.] Now, we have him conditioning at 100 to swim in a 50. We had to teach him the turns and starts.”

Schneider decided to participate in Delaware because it gave him a couple of extra weeks to prepare for the competition. In addition, Delaware is an open state with athletes of different abilities taking part from all over the country.

“Edith pushed me,” Schneider said. “She got me swimming, then doing the backstroke and here I am about to compete.”

To train for the competition, Schneider walked in a number of 5-mile races in the area and even took on the Easter Bunny last April.

Next year, Schneider plans to compete in the Maryland Senior Olympics, which will take place in September, where he hopes to qualify for the National Senior Olympics.

“I have been coming to Ocean City in the summertime since I was 4 years old, but we never swam in the ocean,” Schneider said.



Joe Schneider



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Town and A&E Committee working together on signage

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Oct. 5, 2017) A prototype planter box, designed to double as a downtown wayfaring sign, is getting "a lot of positive attention," Berlin Town Administrator Laura Allen said this week.

The boxes are meant to replace some of the bulky sandwich board signs on Main Street that point visitors to shops not based in the central area. Each box has a pole and a space to hang "shingles" to represent different businesses.

"That's a pilot that we're working [on] with the A&E Committee and, in particular, Robin Tomaselli," she said.

Tomaselli runs Baked Dessert Café on Bay Street.

Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells is drafting a proposal that likely would come before the Town Council, Allen said.

"The idea being that the town would be responsible for some portion, like the planter box and maybe the maintenance of it, but the business owners would be responsible for the shingles for their individual businesses," she said. "It's kind of an interesting shared-responsibility project."

Allen said the idea was not to have "50 of them" on Main Street, but rather a few that are strategically placed.

She said Planning Director Dave Engelhart is working on an alteration of town code that would allow each business to have either a sandwich board or a shingle on the planter – but not both.

"Some businesses love their sandwich board signs, so they're not going to want to change that. This gives them another opportunity," Allen said. "I don't think we're interested in dictating that, but we are interested in minimizing the amount of signage in the area. Having both, I think, is a little too much."

She said officials are looking into "some kind of charge to the businesses for placing [shingles] on the planter box."

"The idea being that the town would maintain and own the planter box and be responsible for the foliage and the decorations that go in it, and to help offset that cost there may be some charge for the businesses," Allen said. "We're still assessing what that might look like."

For her part, Tomaselli said a steady and noticeable increase in pedestrian traffic during the last decade or so is the impetus for the planter boxes.

"Mine and other business owners' ability to steer potential customers to locations off of the Main Street grid is critical to all of our success, and for many years my sandwich board signage, like others, served that purpose," she said.

She and other members of the A&E Committee "set out to come up with a creative solution to what some refer to as unsafe sidewalk clutter," she said. One planter box can hold signs for several businesses.

"We have been working closely with Ivy Wells, the Historic District Commission, the Town of Berlin and local artisans to create a solution, which we feel

functions as wayfaring signage, public art and overall town beautification," she said. "Each shingle denoting individual businesses has been created by local artists."

Tomaselli said the prototype box was designed and constructed by a local artisan, and a local floral designer did the initial plantings.

"This prototype, currently placed at the corners of Main Street and Jefferson, has already freed that area of two bulky signs," she said. "This project is a perfect example, in my mind, of what is possible when everyone works together for the greater good. I hope the Town Council approves its duplication throughout town, and that other merchants choose to utilize them and their ability to creatively advertise while also insuring safer sidewalks."



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The Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee developed a prototype wayfaring sign, which doubles as a planter box, designed to replace bulky sandwich boards. The town is considering how to implement more of the signs, downtown.

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Pines Comp Plan Committee considering fresh approach

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Oct. 5, 2017) Meeting for the first time in six months, the Ocean Pines Association Comprehensive Planning Committee voted on a series of recommendations that would amend its charter and refocus its efforts.

Committee members agreed the “current comprehensive planning model should be eliminated” in favor of a three-year “look ahead document” based on corporate models. The plan would be developed by the general manager and implemented by the board.

Essentially, the members said General Manager John Bailey and his department heads should develop a plan based on community needs, while the committee releases a survey to help gauge what members of the community want.

Three members present during the meeting, Chairman Frank Daly, Ocean City Planning Director Bill Neville and Mike Evans, also voted to recommend changing the committee charter to state, “any future activities should be as a resource/research group focused on supporting the planning and planning review process.”

Neville said Ocean Pines is similar to Ocean City in that both communities “have reached that build-out threshold.”

“The model of a comprehensive plan, which really plans for growth and new development, really doesn’t work as well for built-out communities,” he said. “The decisions that the board of directors have to make are really more maintenance and management of existing facilities, and how to deal with problems as they come up.”

He said the county would probably “love for its largest planned community to have an updated, current comprehensive plan,” as would the state, but that effort should be saved for “when we have a discussion about whether we ought to incorporate as a city.”

“Not that that’s being proposed, but that’s the kind of big-picture item that would generate the need for a land-use plan update,” he said. “If we’re not ready to make that decision – if we’re not going to annex new land into Ocean Pines – then the planning effort should be redirected to the things the community is concerned about [like] maintenance of the facilities and infrastructure.”

General Manager John Bailey was updated during the meeting on a survey created by the committee and presented to the board in February, but never approved or implemented.

Evans, who has decades of experience in municipal government, also addressed the three-year planning model,



Ocean Pines Association Comprehensive Planning Committee Chairman Frank Daly discusses a new direction during a meeting on Monday night. Also pictured, from left, are committee members Bill Neville and Mike Evans.

versus a slightly longer look.

“With the survey-type of questions that we would ask of the community, you could meld what you know as legitimate needs with the wants of the community, and in many cases they’ll be overlapping,” Evans said. “I think that the net effect, if you do a strategic plan and you’re honest about it and you constantly review it ... I’ve always found that a five-year plan is done in three years. If it’s not done in three years, something’s wrong.”

Evans said any multi-year plan would likely have a stabilizing effect in Ocean Pines, where yearly elections turnover anywhere from two-to-three of seven board members who govern the

association.

“What’s a really great idea is a lousy idea three years from now,” he said. “Having a three-year plan ... will outlive you.”

While the committee members did not draft a new charter during the meeting, they mapped out a tentative plan to do so. Daly said the current charter is not effective.

“If we were in a corporate room talking, it would be once the board and Mr. Bailey get together on how to plan for this organization for a multi-year period, what we would need to do to support that as a committee would shake out of that, and that should be our next charter,” he said.



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Berlin branch library looking to book additional 'friends'

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Oct. 5, 2017) While the state, county, Town of Berlin and nonprofit groups like the Humphreys Foundation funded the majority of the massive new Berlin branch library, which is under construction, the old library continues to serve an estimated 5,000 visitors each month.

Branch Manager Alice Pattera said during regular events, like Reptile World, "it's not unusual to have 150 children in this building." A Thomas the Tank Engine program several years ago drew more than 300 children, she said.

The Friends of the Berlin Library, a nonprofit umbrella group of the Worcester County Library Foundation, support many of those day-to-day activities.

"We're a small group of people who support literacy in the library," Harriette Creter said. "We really only have about 100 members, so I think that we do want to become a little more aggressive in attracting more membership, because, obviously, the town has more than 100 people in it."

In a modest showing of the effort, a handmade sign sits on a display table in the Berlin Welcome Center on South Main Street that reads, "SUPPORT (NEW) BERLIN LIBRARY." Beneath the sign are several mugs, \$10 each, that resemble those once used in the Berlin Coffee House.

Former Berlin Coffee House owner Peggy Hagy is the treasurer of Friends of the Berlin Library board. The mugs are also available at the library.

Additional funds are raised through Friends of the Berlin Library membership fees and used for "really,

whatever Alice asks for," Creter said. "Things like the TV or the audio cabinet or crafts for the story hour – [the board] will take a little vote and supply her with the funds."

Pattera said the Friends of the Berlin Library would continue to be important when the new library opens next summer.

"We'll get in there and live in it for a while and say, 'this is how we used to handle this issue in the old branch, being one room and 3,000 square feet, and now we've got two floors and 12,000 square feet,'" she said. "Foundation and other money can only go so far, and that's where the Friends come in."

Membership forms for Friends of the Berlin Library are available at the front desk of the library, on 220 North Main Street.

Dues are \$5 per individual, \$10 for a family, \$25 for a patron, \$50 for a patron organization or \$10 for a club, association or business.

"I think a community's success if measured by the literacy of its members," Creter said. "The role of the library is invaluable as far as the literature, the nonfiction, the computer usage, the cultural programs, the social programs – all those things just enhance the community."

"It's not just about books, obviously," Pattera added. "It's a community hub and it's an informational organization now. The friends are very involved in getting that out to the community and, since they're all community members, it's a circle."

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Opinion

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Doors of tattoo perception

As the Town of Berlin gets down to the business of establishing standards that may or may not allow tattoo artists to set up shop in town, residents, merchants and officials need to accept the fact that the tattoo business isn't what it used to be.

Time was that tattoo parlors were fixtures of the shadier side of the street, often on the waterfront or in less-gracious areas of towns and cities. Comprising their customer base were seafarers, military personnel and, so it was believed, civilian occupants of the lower social strata.

This would exclude, of course, the father of modern U.S. conservatism, the late Sen. Barry Goldwater, and former Secretary of State George Schultz, both of whom had ink. In addition, President Teddy Roosevelt is said to have sported his family crest on his chest.

Generally, however, the public's perception of seedy tattoo joints led to the ban of tattoo shops in this and other jurisdictions.

But now, when one sees body art on doctors, lawyers, dentists, members of congress and noted scientists, not to mention the thousands of visitors who flock to Worcester County, it's time to do away with the notion that the ink culture continues to reside on the fringes of society.

It is simply no longer so.

Twenty-nine percent of the American public — and 47 percent of the population between the ages of 18 and 35 — have at least one tattoo, according to a 2015 Harris Poll. This compares to 13 percent of the Baby Boomer generation and 10 percent of "Matures" above the age of 70.

Clearly, the times have changed and regulations and policies need to change with them.

This doesn't mean throwing open the doors to any and all tattoo shops, not when health and safety issue are involved, but it does mean writing reasonable rules that would give qualified operators the opportunity to respond locally to the rapidly growing number of customers.



Letters

Colleges teaching the wrong lessons

Editor,
We raised our children for 18 years; instilling in them a sense of responsibility, morals, industriousness, charity, kindness, and love for this country. Then they are off to college.

They come home with those character traits that you, as a parent, worked so hard to inculcate in them — greatly distorted. Parents are finding out more and more that they paid over \$100,000 to have their children's minds set against the very morals and nationalism that they so fervently believe in. Much to your surprise, your child hates America.

Where do you think all this "take a knee" crap is

coming from? Plato, a student of Socrates, 428-348 BC said, "The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future life." The socialist left, who hate capitalism, this country, and all the institutions that make it great, knows this.

This is why they are against school vouchers and any competition in our educational system. This attitude changing starts in kindergarten and continuous through 12th grade. The children are still home in this time period and good parents can at least observe subtle changes in their children.

A professor of environmental studies at Salisbury University wrote an example of this in a long winded, two-column dissertation. It could

have been summed up with, "Hey America, stop trying to be great again. Decrease productivity and dominance in the world. Give the environment a break, you overgrown pig of a country!"

You know, that our country is responsible for bettering the lives of millions of people all over the world in countless ways that would fill this newspaper.

It is time parents start boycotting these colleges, which hire professors who hate this country while sharing personal distortions which they harbor. Parents, you are paying to have your offspring indoctrinated. Look into schools that teach facts and accurate American history. Hillsdale College is a good starting point.

Dennis W Evans, Berlin

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Exhibitions, sales, eats and live music during First Friday

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Oct. 5, 2017) Tomorrow's Snow Hill Arts on the River First Friday provides a perfect opportunity to savor the quickly descending autumn weather while perusing art, browsing street vendors and listening to music, all while enjoying food and drinks from 5-8 p.m.

Kate Patton, executive director of the Lower Shore Land Trust on 100 River Street, said her organization would hold a reception for a pair of artists whose work represents slightly different mediums.

Garry Moore of Anchor Wood Creations, a regular during the 2nd Friday Art Stroll & Makers Market each month in Berlin, will be on hand with his original handmade works.

The LSLT will also feature the artwork of David Thompson, who looks to become a fixture in town, Patton said.

"He and his wife have purchased a building in Snow Hill which they are turning into a gallery," she said.

Patton said Thompson produces remarkable nature paintings.

"They are textured and patterned, but nature related," she said. "It will serve as a good backdrop for the wood creations."

In addition to the lure of creative works, Patton said LSLT would provide light snacks and beverages during the reception.

"It looks like great weather," she said. "Come down, enjoy the river, enjoy the office and see some really cool artwork."

Sassy Girl Boutique, on 114 West Green Street, will drop prices 25 percent for all remaining fall and Halloween decorative accents.

Despite the change of seasons, the Pocomoke River Company, 2 River Street, will remain open during First Friday, with canoes and kayaks available for rent. All vessels must be back to the dock by dark.

The Jim Adcock Studio in the John Blair House, on 106 East Green Street, will premier Adcock's latest

print, "Dumsters, Atlantic Avenue and the boardwalk," as well as feature closeout prices on selected 8x10 matted prints.

Bishop's Stock Fine Art, Craft & Wine, on 202 West Green Street, will unveil work by landscape painter Carroll Klingelhofer, its October artist of the month. The gallery will also unveil a number of Italian wines featured during October, as well as a new series by versatile artist Ed Challenger, who works with oils, pastels and mixed mediums.

Snow Hill-based troubadour Nick Haglich will perform his acoustic renditions of popular favorites at Jan Coulbourne's Gallery 101 on Green Street, starting at 5 p.m.

Mirror Salon, on 216 North Washington Street, will offer half price walk-in haircuts, along with 20-percent discounts on future appointments.

Salon owner Betsy Truitt Brittingham said her business would also raffle off a Yeti sportsman package to support the Girdletree Volunteer Fire Company. Those who find specially painted "Snow Hill rocks" will win raffle tickets, she said.

Toy Town Antiques & More, 207 North Washington Street, is having a 15-percent off sale on all purchases of \$20 or more for the entire month of October.

The Harvest Moon Tavern, on 208 West Green Street, will feature Opposite Directions from 7-10 p.m. As usual, reservations are recommended.

The Blue Dog Café, on 300 North Washington Street, will have a patriotic celebration with a performance by WWIIunes and Todd Crosby, along with co-owner Gary Weber, performing from 7-10 p.m. Reservations are recommended.

First Friday in Snow Hill sponsors include Arts on the River, Snow Hill's Arts & Entertainment District, the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council and the Town of Snow Hill.

Berlin Briefs

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

Baker Street update

Baker Street bids were due last Friday.

The Berlin Town Council in April approved the first phase of an estimated \$120,000 project to restore the road.

Town Administrator Laura Allen said bids could be discussed during the next Town Council meeting, on Oct. 10.

Police department update

Construction of the new Berlin Police Department is on schedule and the station, near the corner of Flower Street and Assateague Road, could be open by the end of the year.

"The police department is moving along," Allen said. "A lot of the work that they're doing is interior ... they've got walls up and they're putting in some flooring and finishing up the ceiling and paint-

ing. It's moving along pretty quickly.

"We're looking at December, January, February as a rough time frame [for police to move in]," she added.

Currently, police are quartered in a small space attached to Town Hall. Allen said officials were considering remodeling that area to expand the administrative offices.

"You've got a lot of people effectively packed in a small area," she said. "We're looking at expanding the area and we're thinking about what to do with the parking lot. These transitions are always good opportunities to try to address some problems and challenges that we've got, and fix them."

William Street update

Allen said William Street was scheduled for a base paving last Thursday. Partial closure of the busy street has occurred during the last several weeks because of stormwater improvements there.

The road reopened this week.

Pocomoketoberfest canceled because of lack of interest

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Oct. 5, 2017) The Pocomoketoberfest, scheduled for this Saturday, has been cancelled.

Pocomoke Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Michelle Hickman said after analyzing the level of pre-ordered tickets, organizers opted to aban-

don plans for the sud-soaked event.

"The numbers just weren't there," she said.

The cost for admission was \$30 and included a commemorative glass, as well as unlimited beer from a handful of breweries.

No decision has yet been made been for subsequent events, Hickman said.

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Celtic Festival will march on Furnace Town

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 5, 2017) The 28th annual Chesapeake Celtic Festival at Furnace Town Living Heritage Village will revive, at least for the weekend, numerous ancient cultures.

The event is scheduled to return this Saturday and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

This year's gathering is dedicated to the memory of Cheryl Blackman, who played "Lucky Leprechaun" during previous festivals, according to event founder Jeanne du Nord. Blackman died in December.

"She was a wonderful inspiration to all of us and the jolliest person you could possibly meet," du Nord said.

For the past decade, Blackman graced the event with her indomitable spirit, du Nord said.

"She took all the obstacles life

threw her, being born a dwarf, being born with a speech impediment, and she became an actress," she said. "The fact that people made fun of her, she turned into an asset."

In lieu of the previous ambassador, du Nord said Marshall Muskrat, played by young thespian Geoffrey Lenda of the Lower Shore Performing Arts Company, would be on hand to meet and greet attendees. Du Nord featured the fictional character in her book, "Marshall Muskrat and the Chesapeake Pirates."

"The Lower Shore Performing Arts Company is also going to be doing snippets from their upcoming production of 'Oliver,'" she said. "We're so blessed to have such an acting company."

More than quarter century ago, du Nord was inspired to organize the long-running festival in response to a

common misconception the shore was settled largely by natives of England.

"They came from Celtic lands, particularly at Furnace Town, because the work they were doing was exactly the kind of work they had done in Wales [and] Cornwall," she said. "So many of the people who came to the shore came from Celtic countries."

In fact, du Nord said during past travels to Cornwall, the connection became obvious.

"You always hear that on Smith Island they speak Elizabethan English, which is far from the truth. They speak [a] Cornish dialect to this day," she said. "In Cornwall we thought we were in Crisfield – that's just how they talk."

At noon, both days, the Ocean City Pipes and Drums will take part in an opening ceremony and parade that will fly flags from Celtic countries including Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Isle of Man, Cornwall, Normandy, and Brittany in France, and Asturias and Galicia in Spain.

To more fully submerge in the medieval experience, there will also be four encampments operated by re-enactors.

The Mid-Atlantic Scottish Athletics will feature a caber (Gaelic for tree) toss competition, and also will add a junior caber-toss, along with numerous historical games for children behind the visitors' center.

The Society for Creative Anachronism, produced by local group the Shire of Spiaggia Leuantina, will provide entertainment including arts, crafts, armor-laden fights, music and humor.

The Swords of Chivalry are operated by a tri-generational group of medieval re-enactors who provide family oriented entertainment.

The Medieval European Martial Arts Guild will offer demonstrations, and free lessons, of combative arts developed during that era.

The two-day event provides entertainment for all ages, du Nord said, including music, dancing, storytelling, sheep herding by border colliers, genealogy, culturally relevant food selections, and drinks, as well as

Celtic wares.

"This probably will be the biggest festival we've ever had," she said. "The things are just rolling in."

There will also be a costumed dog parade at 1:30 p.m., both days.

"In the food court were going to have all the Celtic food," she said.

Highlights will include shepherd's pie, haggis, fish and chips, pasties, bridies, colcannon and highland beef. More modern culinary offerings will include crab cakes, pizza and burgers.

Additionally, the Tempting Tap will serve a steady stream of imported brews, Black and Tans, exotic ales, hard cider and mead. The Snow Hill Rotary Club will dispense adult beverages.

The Celtic Marketplace will be open with lots of potential gift ideas for the upcoming holidays, du Nord said.

"We have a kilt maker coming," she said. "There will be many Celtic items for sale."

On Sunday at 11 a.m. du Nord, an ordained minister of the Celtic Church, will lead a religious service, Kirkin' o' the Tartan, which celebrates Scotland and Scottish heritage. The service will feature the ancient Scottish folk tune, "Flowers of the Forest," as well as other period music featuring bagpipes.

Based on feedback from past events, du Nord said a Celtic Book Nook has been added this year.

"We have a writer coming with books on Celtic lure," she said.

There will also be a pair of works written by du Nord concerning the Celtic world.

"I had a grand time doing research on them," she said. "Then I have five books with an Eastern Shore setting about early settlements here."

Another new wrinkle this year will be the Pickin' & Grinnin' children's show on Saturday and Sunday.

Reflecting on the festival's founding, du Nord said although the event was held in Princess Anne for three years, it relocated a quarter century ago because of the involvement of former Furnace Town Director Kathy Fisher.

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Medieval times to be had during Furnacetown fest

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"It was a working relationship we all dream of," she said. "Kathy and I worked together for 25 years and all that time we never had a harsh word. We learned how to read each others minds."

Although retired, Fisher will be on hand to assist with the whiskey tasting at 1:30 p.m. each day.

As in years past, actor Graham Caldwell will reprise the Seamus O'Reilly character to serve as master of ceremonies.

Over the history of the Celtic-themed gathering, du Nord said one of the most rewarding sights is the number of friendships that have developed.

"When the vendors start coming in you'd swear it was a family reunion," she said.

"Then when Sunday night comes and everybody's packing up they go, 'we'll keep in touch.'"

Daily admission to the festival is \$15 for adults 19 and over. The cost is \$5 for those from ages of 4-18, or



The Ocean City Pipes and Drums will lead the opening ceremony during the 28th annual Chesapeake Celtic Festival, at Furnace Town Living Heritage Village near Snow Hill, this Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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SCOUTS' HONORS

Local recipients of the Eagle Scout award were recently recognized by the Ocean City-Berlin Rotary Club. Pictured, from left, are Cliff Berg, past president of the Ocean City-Berlin Rotary Club, Eagle Scout and District Board Member with the Boys Scouts of America; and Eagle Scouts Jackson Pielstick, Davis Mears, Ben Jackson and Craig Birkhead-Morton. Also pictured is Past Club President and Eagle Scout Dan Harris. Recognized but unable to attend was Eagle Scout Matt Sponaugle. The Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club meetings are held each Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Captain's Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott, 15th Street and the Boardwalk.



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SEMIFINALIST

Worcester Preparatory School senior Olivia Parker, of Ocean City, has been named a semifinalist in the 63rd annual National Merit Scholarship Program. As a semifinalist, she will continue in the competition for National Merit Scholarships that will be offered next spring. Parker is pictured with WPS Headmaster Dr. Barry Tull.



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FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

Worcester Prep Kindergartener Sadie Kremer is all smiles meeting her Kindergarten Assistant Brittany Flurer for the first time.



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LUNCH MEETING

Worcester Prep eighth grade students, from left, Abbey and Maggie Miller, Anita Hearne, Sydney Lamson-Reich, Brooke Phillips and Myra Cropper enjoy eating lunch outdoors during the first week back to school.



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NEW PARENT COFFEE

Worcester Preparatory School Parents' Association hosted a New Parent Coffee on Sept. 7 to welcome families who are new to the school. Pictured, from left, are WPS Director of Development Betsy Hornung, Kourtney Duffie, Laura Kaufman, Darcy Pillai, holding her son, and Head of Lower School Laura Holmes.



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MEET AND GREET

WPS Headmaster Dr. Barry Tull is pictured with Dr. Krystal Baker, holding her daughter, and WPS Family Ambassador Co-Chair Amy Maull during a New Parent Coffee on Sept. 7.

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MARLIN CLUB DONATION

The Marlin Club Crew of OC recently presented a check for \$500 to the Assateague Island Education Program to assist with its fund for education internships and transportation for field trips with area youth. The Marlin Club Crew of OC is dedicated to promoting the recreation of fishing and safe boating and the encouragement of responsible conservation. Liz Davis, chief of interpretation and education, right accepts the donation. Representing the Marlin Club Crew of OC, from left, are Sharon Cooper, Cyndy Spicknall and Treasurer Michelle Hrebik.



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HONORING EVANSES

Kiwanians Mike and Mary Evans are members of Star Charities organization. They were not able to attend the awards dinner at the Atlantic Hotel on Aug. 24, so County Commissioners James Madison Bunting and Chip Bertino, along with presenter Kelly Brinkley, the Volunteer Services manager of Worcester County, attended the weekly Kiwanis Club meeting on Sept. 13 to present the “Volunteer Team” Spirit Award 2017 for all their dedicated work. Pictured, from left, are Brinkley, Commissioners Bertino and Bunting, the Evanses and Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines – Ocean City President Barbara Peletier.



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FLAG EXCHANGE

Margaret Mudron, president of the Ocean City-Berlin Rotary Club, left, exchanges flags with Tim and Rachel Bevan from the Azle, Texas Rotary Club. The OC/Berlin Rotary Club meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Captain's Table Restaurant (Courtyard Marriott Hotel) on 15th Street and N. Baltimore Ave., in Ocean City.



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VOLUNTEER SPIRIT

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines – Ocean City Maryland received the Volunteer Spirit of Worcester County Award 2017 at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin on Aug. 24. The club, founded in 1980, has been serving the community for 37 years. Pictured, from left, are President-Elect Ralph Chinn, President Barbara Peletier, County Commissioners President Madison J. Bunting, Jr. and the local club's Past President and Lt. Governor-Designate-Capital District Kiwanis Carolyn Dryzga with the award.



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GRADUATES

Twenty jail and correctional officers from Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset, Talbot and Caroline counties recently graduated in the 99th entrance-level class of the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy (ESCJA) operated by Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury. Officers from the Worcester County Jail and Detention Center who graduated are Angela J. Morris and Teron C. Tyre.



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HURRICANE DONATION

Christine and Brian Selzer of Merrill Lynch, along with their clients and local businesses, recently donated much-needed items for hurricane victims.

Endless Summer Cruisin' in full swing this weekend

By Kara Hallissey

Staff Writer

(Oct. 5, 2017) Check out car shows, celebrities, auctions, vendors and parades during Ocean City's 20th annual Endless Summer Cruisin' event.

More than 2,300 hot rods, classics, muscle cars, trick trucks and customs will be driven down Coastal Highway this weekend. Vehicles newer than 1976 must have custom modifications or be of special interest.

Festivities begin today, Thursday, and will continue through Sunday at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center on 40th Street and downtown at the inlet parking lot.

Organizers are expecting thousands of spectators throughout the four-day event as visitors travel from more than 17 states and Canada.

"People travel from as far north as Canada and Maine, as far south as Florida and as far west as Minnesota to be at this event," said Event Promoter Meredith Herbert. "Endless Summer Cruisin' is a family-friendly event for all ages to enjoy."

Endless Summer Cruisin' kicks off with a car parade on the Boardwalk from North Division Street to the inlet Thursday morning. Spectators can also see two more car parades Friday and Saturday at 8 a.m. with the same route.

"It's nostalgic to watch cars drive

along the historic Ocean City Boardwalk as the sun rises over the beach," Herbert said. "It makes for a great photo opportunity."

Highlights of the weekend include appearances from television and "Ghostbusters" movie star Ernie Hudson who will be inside the convention center on Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at the inlet on Sunday for meet and greets from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In addition, Rick Dale from the hit television show "American Restoration" will be at the inlet to meet fans Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"This event is three events in one," Herbert said. "The main event takes place at the inlet parking lot with the beautiful beach on one side and the historic Boardwalk on the other. The second location is the convention center which features the Hot Rod and Custom Car Show plus Collector Car Auction."

The 37th annual Hot Rod and Custom Car Show is held in conjunction with Cruisin' and takes place Thursday, Friday and Saturday inside the convention center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Oct. 7: Opposite Directions, 5-9 p.m.; Element K, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Steal The Sky, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Oct. 12: Opposite Directions, 5-9 p.m.

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'Ghostbuster' to star in Ocean City car show

Continued from Page 29

Ecto-1 show car [featured in the "Ghostbusters" Tribute display]," Herbert said.

Visitors can also check out a 1967 Camaro street machine, a 1975 AMC full-custom Matador, the 1951 "King of the Beach" Willys Overland and the 1960 Ford "Midnight" Thunderbird during the show.

Attendees can catch live music from Mook Jones on Thursday from noon to 3:30 p.m. and Golden Touch on Friday and Saturday from 12-3:30 p.m.

Play Bingo on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 12:30-2:30 p.m. or check out vendors selling automotive products, jewelry, arts and crafts, clothing, vintage treasures, collectables and other specialty items.

Back this year, Express Auctioneers will be hosting an OC Collector Car Auction inside the convention center on Saturday starting at 11 a.m. Participants can sell their rides, purchase a new one or check out all the fun. The preview begins at 9 a.m. before the live action at 11 a.m. For more information on buying or selling a vehicle, visit occollectorcars.com or call 410-365-2759.

"The Collector Car Auction is fun to watch as the excitement builds while people bid on a car they've always wanted," Herbert said. "Some of the vehicles that will be auctioned off include a 1956 Nash Metropolitan, a 1957 Ford Thunderbird, a 1968 Chevy Camaro, a

1957 Chevy Bel Air, a 2001 Renegade Toterhome, a 1969 Chevy Blazer and a 1961 Falcon Surf Wagon."

In addition, a Memorabilia Auction will also take place on Saturday with items including baseballs signed by Hank Aaron, Ted Williams, Mickey Mantle and Brooks Robinson, in addition to neon signs and Nascar diecast cars.

The Highwaymen Live, will perform at 8 p.m. on Thursday inside the Ocean City Performing Arts Center on 40th Street. Tickets start at \$25 and can be purchased by visiting the Ocean City box office inside the convention center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or call Ticketmaster at 1-800-551-SEAT. For more information, visit oceancityconcerts.com.

"This musical tribute pays homage to Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash and Waylon Jennings," Herbert said. "Audience members will think they are seeing and hearing the original artists perform hits such as 'On the Road Again,' 'Whiskey River,' 'Mommies Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Cowboys,' 'Ring of Fire' and more."

At the inlet, top national names will be at the Manufacturer's Midway including Chevrolet Performance, AM-SOIL, Advance Auto Parts, Optima Batteries, Sundance Vacations, Automotive Lift Service, Goodmark, Maryland Lottery, Miller Welding and Sylvania Automotive.

"Many of the participants bring their

kids and grandkids to enjoy the classic cars from the past," Herbert said. "Plus, some participants who used to come with their parents as kids now come and bring their own hot rod or muscle car. It's great to see the love of cars passed on from generation to generation."

Friday and Saturday admission is \$15, and \$10 on Thursday and Sunday. A four-day pass costs \$35. Children under 14 get in free with an adult, and passes are good at both locations.

The event runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the 40th Street convention center and downtown at the inlet, in addition to 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday at the inlet only.

The Grand Finale Car Show and awards ceremony will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday at the inlet.

For more information and a schedule of events, visit www.endlesssummercruisin.com.

In conjunction with Cruisin' Ocean City, the fall Cruisers event in Berlin is slated for Saturday and hundreds of vehicles are expected to line Main Street between Jefferson and West streets.

Activities kick off at 10 a.m. with cars and trucks arriving at 7 a.m. to register. The cost is \$10 to participate and the first 50 people to sign up their cars will receive a commemorative dash plaque. There is no fee for spectators.

Many classics are from the '50s, '60s and '70s and car enthusiasts will have

the opportunity to talk with car owners about their vintage rides. Trophies will be awarded at 2 p.m. in a number of categories.

The Berlin Chamber of Commerce is the annual event sponsor. For more information, email chamberinfo@berlinchamber.org or call 410-641-4775.

The fifth annual Car Show & Parade hosted by the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will take place Sunday, Oct. 8.

Parade participants will begin at White Horse Park at 10 a.m. and head down Ocean Parkway to the car show taking place at Veterans Memorial Park on the corner of Cathell and Racetrack roads.

The event will include music as well as several food and business vendors.

The car show will start around 11 a.m. and trophies will be awarded at 1 p.m. in the best classic, antique, hot rod, modern, custom and people's choice categories.

Preregistering online costs \$12 or \$15 at the show. Registration will take place at White Horse Park at 9 a.m. until the parade starts and at Veterans Memorial Park after the parade. All cars must be registered by noon to participate in the car show.

For more information on registering for the car show, call the Ocean Pines Chamber at 410-641-5306, visit www.OceanPinesChamber.org or email info@OceanPinesChamber.org.



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Cuisine

Shishito peppers best over open flame

Sometimes you experience something that is so simple, revolutionary and delicious that it truly boggles the mind. It's almost as though time stands still for oh, so short a period of time and you just want to figure out what in the hell just happened to you.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

Recently, I had this moment with yet another food; yes, I know I have a problem, but it's what I do.

Working for my friend Nino at Good Earth Market in Ocean View last month, he walked me through the menu. Charred peaches? Seen it, done it. Roasted

chicken? To die for.

But charred shishitos? When he showed me how to prepare the dish – a process of cooking similar to blistering red bell peppers to peel them - I confidently noted that I'm great at burning the snot out of things, so I knew that I would be able to pull this off.

"Really, though?" I thought to myself. How can these little nuggets of juicy carbon be any good? Well, I was the one who was in for a shock, as with a liberal flourish of Fleur de sel, any bitterness from the chili and char was gone; nowhere to be found. The resulting pepper was warm, immensely flavorful and delightfully spicy, but not too hot.

Since shishitos tend to be a bit on the bitter side, salt is a secret ingredient; it is perfect if you are trying to diminish any bitter undertones (or overtones for that matter) in food, and a lot of research has been done on the topic. However, I will not bore you with that here.

Suffice it to say that a two-ingredient dish can transform a dinner party in an instant. Serving it with some spicy mayonnaise is the final step to making this dish near-perfect. Of course, now that I've written all of this, you may be wondering where in the world you are going to find shishito peppers. I'm not going to lie to you; it will prove challenging.

If you shop at markets or good grocery stores, they might be able to sell some raw goods to you. I know I've special-ordered some interesting things at Harris Teeter in the past, so ask the produce manager if there is any way that he or she could bring a case in. Otherwise, befriend a chef and talk him into hooking you up.

Back to the peppers, what makes this dish so pleasing is the amount of flavor in the absence of overbearing heat. For me, I don't enjoy chilies that leave a trail of fire down my throat, in my stomach, and ... well ... I'll stop right there. Foods this spicy do nothing for me, and as the reminders are long and stark, I would just assume shy away from the Carolina Reapers and Ghost Peppers.

This is not to say that I don't like spicy foods; I just like to be able to actually taste the food that I am eating. When subtle nuances are lost to pain and anguish, it is no longer enjoyable but hey, just call me old-fashioned, I guess.

Being able to write about this dish, noting Nino's contribution to my continued growth and improvement in food, is often the most rewarding part of working with so many chefs in our area. We have some amazing talent, and at the end of the day what matters is that food is prepared correctly. It



doesn't need to have fillers and forty components. We don't truly need to rely on calcic baths, xanthan gum and guar (although they do come in handy in certain applications).

No, at the end of the day, we just need to take raw ingredients and treat them simply to draw out their special traits. With just a little manipulation, you can prepare a dish that elevates a party, adds a special note to an already-noteworthy evening, or simply fills the snacking void as you binge-watch your favorite series on the telly.

But at the end of the day, sometimes easier is better. And a little char with a little spicy dip can do an awful lot of good.

Charred Shishito Peppers for four people

12 ounce Shishito peppers
fleur de sel, as needed
1 cup Chipotle mayonnaise (recipe follows)
Lemon and herb, for garnish (optional)

1. These are best if charred over live flame, so if you have to go outside and fire up the grill, then please do so

2. Clean and dry the peppers (don't worry if there's a little water ... the flame will take care of that!)

3. Simply place on the fire and cook until

charred, just like you would char red bell peppers to peel them

4. I usually put a wire rack of the flame and rotate the peppers

5. When the peppers are charred and "wilty," remove and salt liberally with the fleur de sel. While these are sweet chilies, they tend to be on the bitter side, and salt lends itself to our palate when it comes to bitter foods

6. Serve with sauce and garnish and you're off to the races. Truly that simple

Chipotle Mayonnaise

(about 1 cup)

1 cup Mayonnaise, high-quality
1 Tbsp. Lime juice
1 Tbsp (or to taste) chipotle adobo sauce
Salt & Pepper, to taste

1. Combine all ingredients and adjust to your taste
2. Keep chilled until service

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

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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THAT'S ONE WAY TO PUT IT
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ACROSS

1 Draw in

8 Tight garment

14 Come before

21 Stingy sorts

22 Blogger's pick for a pic

23 Utility worker

24 Falling down

26 Mean

27 Very: Ger.

28 Earth goddess

29 G.P.A. killers

30 "Sprechen _____ Deutsch?"

31 Robert of "The Sopranos"

32 Speeding ticket

37 Prep for the runway, maybe

40 Ball _____

41 Besmirch

42 Emotionally demanding

43 Climbing Mount Everest, e.g.

45 Be Kind to Editors and Writers Mo. [for real!]

48 Notable features of Stockholm and Amsterdam

51 It "exists when one goes against one's conscience," per Pope Francis

52 Fire places

55 D.C. lobby for seniors

57 Locale for two of the Quad Cities

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130 Dead

133 Custom-fits

134 Took off quickly

135 Pasta recipe phrase

136 Show contempt for

137 At the scene

138 "We should avoid doing that"

DOWN

1 New Testament book

2 Pilgrims' pronoun

3 Radio host John

4 Life in the big city, to some

5 Bee: Prefix

6 Dance with a kick

7 John Irving protagonist portrayed by Robin Williams

8 Wine holders

9 Spermatozoa targets

10 Dance-party enthusiast

11 Wooden

12 Worries no end

13 Five-point rugby play

14 Stripes mismatch, traditionally

15 Amazon, e.g.

16 Oklahoma City-to-Tulsa dir.

17 Develops (from)

18 Charlotte _____, Virgin Islands

19 Very last part

20 Pep

25 André _____, 1947 Literature Nobel

30 Narrow waterway

33 Part of an accusation in Clue

34 Laker named to the Basketball Hall of Fame in 2016

35 Small anatomical container

36 Landing post-E.T.A.

37 12 cc, maybe

38 Country star Church

39 Alternative to a name: Abbr.

44 Draw, as a scene

46 Ratcheting wheel mechanism

47 Adjust with Photoshop, maybe

49 Japanese drama

50 Knocks over

53 Even

54 Trauma reminder

56 School support grps.

58 Corona, for one

59 Repeated cry at a dance class

60 Most profs

62 Mother-of-pearl

63 Out in court

64 Boost the horsepower of

65 Dish served with chopsticks in a bowl

69 Florida beach city, informally

70 Like the head of a tennis racket

71 Lowly worker

73 Bit of wind

75 Those, in Tijuana

76 Complaining fish?

79 "Hots"

80 "Creme sandwich" introduced over a century ago

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82 Animal depicted in Edwin Landseer's "The Monarch of the Glen"

83 Work, work, work

85 Air-conditioner fig.

86 Entrap

88 Army NCO

89 Alien autopsies, crop circles and the like

90 Liquid-_____

91 Pet food with a paw-print logo

92 Where to accent "Laotian"

93 Pinstriper

99 Store blowout

100 Suffix with brew

102 Underbrush clearer

104 Occasionally

105 W.W. II shipping worries

106 Oman's leader, e.g.

107 Antarctic penguin

109 Officially prohibit

111 Lamb, e.g.

112 It goes up to about 1700

115 Aquarium fish

116 Swelter

117 Holiday celebrations

118 Holy Roman emperor called "the Great"

119 Country rocker Steve

125 One of the Ivies

126 Not conned by

127 Let stand, editorially

129 Neither's partner

130 U.N. observer since '74

131 Day-in-and-day-out pattern

132 D.C. summer setting

Calendar

THU, OCT. 5

IPAD CHICKS - BEGINNERS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Explore the world of iPads while learning from each other. Register: Norma Kessler, 410-641-7017. Men are welcome. 410-208-4014

PLAY TIME

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10:30 a.m. Learn new skills while playing with educational toys. For infant to 5 year old children. 410-208-4014

STORY TIME ‘PUMPKINS’

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. 410-632-3495

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

MORE JOBS FOR MARYLANDERS ACT SEMINAR

Riverside Grill, 2 Riverside Dr, Pocomoke City, MD, 12 p.m. Open to manufacturers currently located in and those who wish to locate in Worcester County. Attendees will learn how their companies can take advantage of income tax benefits, workforce development programs and increased benefits for locating to Worcester County, a Tier 1 county. Learn how to apply for the Partnership for Workforce Quality, which pays 50 percent of training costs. Register: Worcester County Economic Development, kshubert@co.worcester.md.us

POCOMOKE BOOK OF THE MONTH

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 2 p.m. Featuring ‘Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter,’ by Kate Larson. Copies of the book are available in advance at the library, 410-957-0878

WE LOVE A MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 2 p.m. Discuss and compare the many types of mystery novels. 410-641-0650

LAP TIME

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 3:30 p.m. Children, under 2 years old, will be introduced to songs, games and finger plays. 410-524-1818

BEACH SINGLES

Harpoon Hanna’s, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE, 4 to 6 p.m. Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577; Kate, 410-524-0649; or Dianne, 302-541-4642. <http://www.BeachSingles.org>

ANIMATION AFTER HOURS

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Animation expert Seth Nedrow will hosts the educational showcase of rare, classic, groundbreaking

and bizarre animation from every era around the world. Designed for adult audiences. 410-524-1818

THE HIGHWAYMEN LIVE ‘A MUSICAL TRIBUTE’

Performing Arts Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 and \$35 and can be purchase at the Ocean City convention center’ Box Office; Ticket-Master, 800-551-SEAT; or oceancityconcerts.com. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

FRI, OCT. 6

38TH ANNUAL MID-ATLANTIC SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT

Ocean City beach from 30th to 119th streets, Atlantic Avenue and 30th Street, Ocean City, MD, All Day Participants must be pre-registered, have a permit to drive on the beach and hold a valid Maryland Salt-water Fishing License. 410-251-2203, <http://oceancitysurflanglersmd.com>

BALLYCASTLE KNITS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Victoria Christie-Healy, the club organizer has taught several hundred women (and some men) how to knit. 410-208-4014

STAR CHARITIES MONTHLY MEETING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. Info: Anna Foultz, 410-641-7667

GARDENING LAB: PLANTS UNDER COVER

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 3:30 p.m. Children, 8 years and older, get dirt under their nails with hands-on projects. 410-957-0878

FEEL GOOD FRIDAY: PINK PARTY!

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 4 p.m. Come together as a community to celebrate breast cancer survivors, remember loved ones and support women and families currently fighting. There will be games, raffles, crafts and more. Wear your best pink attire. Refreshments and guest speakers. RSVP: 410-524-1818

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Berlin Activities Depot, 10008 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, MD, 4:30 p.m. The facility offers a learning center for infants up to four years old with a new Pre-K program. The gym inside offers gymnastics and cheerleading programs, before and after school programs as well as an adult fitness gym. There will be special priced classes and activities along with discounts and freebies. 410-629-0878 or 410-629-1630

FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION

Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th Street, Ocean City, MD, 5 to 7 p.m. Meet the artists and enjoy complimentary hors d’oeuvres at this free event. Featuring a group show by members of the Han-Mee Korean-American Artists Association, a group show in all media by members of the Art League of Ocean City and artists Laura Jenkins, Peggy Warfield and Marge Bradach. 410-524-9433,

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

<http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org>

FAMILY BONFIRE ON THE BEACH

130th Street and beach, Ocean City, MD, 6 to 8 p.m. S’mores, hot cocoa, refreshments, storytelling and live music. Take a beach chair or blanket and warm clothes. Pre-registration is requested. Children 15 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Leashed pets are welcome. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 18 years and younger. Families of 6 or more pay one flat rate of \$15. Anna Duffey, 410-250-0125

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

SAT, OCT. 7

38TH ANNUAL MID-ATLANTIC SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT

Ocean City beach from 30th to 119th streets, Atlantic Avenue and 30th Street, Ocean City, MD, All Day Participants must be pre-registered, have a permit to drive on the beach and hold a valid Maryland Salt-water Fishing License. 410-251-2203, <http://oceancitysurflanglersmd.com>

INDOOR YARD SALE

Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department, 10709 Bishopville Road, Bishopville, MD, 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. Breakfast sandwiches and beverages available. Table rentals cost \$15 for one table or \$25 for two tables. Table reservations: 443-880-6966

FARMERS MARKET

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

FLU CLINIC

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also receive flu shots at Townsend Medical Center on 10th Street in Ocean City, no appointment necessary. Atlantic General Hospital, 410-641-9FLU (9358)

FREE PICKLEBALL CLINICS FOR BEGINNERS

Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex, 11443 Manklin Creek Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 8 a.m. Clinics will be conducted by Pickleball Club members. Drop-in play for beginners with a dedicated trainer will be available for each group on the week following the training. Register: John Hanberry, Jhanberry@comcast.net, 703-598-6119

OCEAN PINES HEALTH FAIR

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Health education ad screenings including carotid, blood pressure, skin cancer, hearing, bone density, glucose and cholesterol (requires 12 hour fast), pulse oximetry and more. Free flu shot available. Free and open to the public. 410-641-7052

CARDBOARD CHALLENGE ‘MINI GOLF’

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Transform the meeting room into a mini golf course using cardboard and various other supplies provided. Fun for the whole family. 410-957-0878

CARDBOARD CHALLENGE

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Join the cardboard challenge where you can put your imagination to the test and build something using provided supplies. 410-208-4014

CARDBOARD CHALLENGE ‘CARDBOARD MAZE’

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 10 a.m. Children, 7 years and older, will have the opportunities to work on cardboard mazes. 410-632-3495

FIRST SATURDAY WRITERS’ WORKSHOP

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

CARDBOARD CHALLENGE ‘IMAGINATION UNLEASHED’

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10:30 a.m. Create anything you can think of using cardboard. 410-524-1818

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN BUFFET

Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, 36536 Mt. Pleasant Road, Willards, MD, 11 a.m. Menu includes chicken, vegetables, beverages and desserts. Cost is \$13 for adults, \$6 for children and free to those 5 and younger. Bake table and carryout available. Nelda Dennis, 443-614-9898

2ND ANNUAL ‘HALLOWINGO’ BINGO NIGHT

Berlin Fire Hall, 214 N. Main St., Berlin,

Calendar

MD, 6 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets cost \$25. Refreshments available

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT
Stephen Decatur Park, Tripoli Stree, Berlin, MD, 7 p.m. Featuring “Back to the Future.” Take a chair or blanket and snacks and drinks (no alcohol). Free event. Any cancellations will be posted on Facebook at Town of Berlin Maryland. <http://www.berlinmd.gov>

SUN, OCT. 8

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET
Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Takes place the second and fourth Sunday of each month, mostly. Menu includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, French toast, creamed chipped beef, biscuits, sausage, bacon and toast. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 8 and younger. Located behind St. Luke’s Church. 410-524-7994

66TH ANNUAL HOMECOMING
St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. Rev. Gertrude. Brown will be the guest preacher and Rev. Barbara Harmon is the host pastor. 410-641-0270

CRAB/CHICKEN FEAST
Church of the Holy Spirit, 10001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 2 to 6 p.m. The feast includes crabs, fried chicken, corn on the cob, hush puppies, iced tea, lemonade and coffee. Take your own mallots. Tickets cost \$35 for adults and \$15 for children 10 and younger. Desserts will be available for \$1. Also a chance auction available. Info: Church Office, 410-723-1973 or Monica, 443-235-8942

MON, OCT. 9

FLU CLINIC
Pocomoke Fire Department, 1410 Market St., Pocomoke City, 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 vaccine 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)

FREE MEDICARE SEMINAR OFFERED
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Lynne McAllorum, LUTCF, LTCP, CSA, of Baby Boomer Insurance, will discuss Medicare rules and what is available in the market. Seniors who are currently enrolled in Medicare or those about to enter the program are encouraged to attend. The seminar is free and open to the public. Registration is preferred: 410-641-7052.

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

MEDICAL MONDAY
Ray Room, 124 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Free educational session that occurs the second Monday of each month. Katie Busacca, Registered Dietician, will be presenting “Balanced Meals for the Busy Family” where she will discuss and demonstrate ideas for quick, simple week night meals — with tastings. Reservations requested but not required: Dawn, 410-641-9268. <http://www.atlanticgeneral.org/MedicalMonday>

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

TUE, OCT. 10

IPAD CHICKS - INTERMEDIATE
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Drop in to the session with Marcia Balestri. Men welcome. 410-208-4014

PLAY TIME
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 10:30 a.m. Learn new skills while playing with educational toys. For infant to 5 year old children. 410-641-0650

STORY TIME ‘NOT SO SCARY STORIES’
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 2-5 year old children. 410-957-0878

COFFEE HOUR
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 2 p.m. Refreshments and casual conversation on favorite books and authors. 410-632-3495

PARKINSON’S SUPPORT GROUP
Gull Creek Senior Living, 1 Meadow St., Berlin, MD, 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. For individuals suffering from Parkinson’s. Group provides education on exercise, nutrition, coping techniques, medications and developments in treatment. Kay Rentschler, 410-641-4765, <http://www.delmarvaparkinsonsalliance.org>

STEM FAMILY NIGHT ‘AUTUMN’
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 5:30 p.m. Enjoy STEM books, crafts and activities. Snacks and drinks provided. 410-524-1818

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

NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP
Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 2, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Offers shared wisdom and problem

solving for family members of persons with mental illness. The group is free. Info: Carole Spurrier, 410-208-4003, carolespurrier@msn.com or Gail S. Mansell, gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9725

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

WED, OCT. 11

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

STORY TIME ‘LET’S PLAY PRETEND!’
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. 410-524-1818

LIVING WELL WITH DIABETES WORKSHOP
Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 410 Dighton Ave., Snow Hill, MD, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Every Wednesday for six weeks. Learn how to deal with the symptoms of diabetes such as fatigue, pain, high and low blood sugar, stress and emotional issues such as depression, anger, fear and frustration. Learn exercises to improve strength and endurance. Register: Jill, 410-742-0505, Ext. 159.

9TH ANNUAL ‘PARISH AT THE BEACH GOLF OPEN’
Bayside Resort Golf Club, 31806 Lake View Drive, Selbyville, DE, 12 p.m. Registration begins at noon with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Cost for golfers is \$125 and includes a goodie bag, range balls, 18 holes of golf with cart and a dinner banquet. Proceeds benefit St Luke’s educational and youth programs. 410-250-0300

THE MYSTERIES OF FAMOUS WILD HORSES
Gull Creek, 1 Meadow St., Berlin, MD, 1:30 p.m. Join Assateague Island National Seashore and unlock the many mysteries of the famous wild horses. Part of the Wellness Wednesdays program for seniors and those caring for seniors.

ARM KNITTING
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 2 p.m. Learn how to knit using nothing but your arms. Take two skeins of number 6 bulk yarn. 410-641-0650

COOKS-N-BOOKS
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 2 p.m. Choose a recipe from the selected cookbook (located at the library), prepare the dish and bring it to share and discuss with the group. 410-957-0878

FLU CLINIC
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OCEAN CITY BOOK OF THE MONTH
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 2 p.m. This month’s selection is “Purple Hibiscus” by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. Copies of books are available in advance at the library. 410-524-1818

GEO BOARD IT!
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 4 p.m. Fun STEAM activity for ages 12 years and older. 410-957-0878

OPEN HOUSE AND RIBBON CUTTING
Atlantic General Primary Care and Endocrinology, 11107 Racetrack Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 4 to 6 p.m. The office includes the practices of two providers, endocrinologist Faustino Macuha, M.D. and family physician Oswaldo Nicastro, M.D., who is practicing alongside Lei Gong, M.D. See the providers, take a tour of the renovated facilities and enjoy light refreshments. Ashley Godwin, agodwin@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9644

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

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

THU, OCT. 12

AARP MEETING
Ocean City Senior Center, 104 41st St., Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. Social half-hour with refreshments begins at 9:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Delegate Mary Beth Carozza. Optional luncheon at The Clarion following the meeting. New member welcome. Bob McCluskey, 410-250-0980

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP: U.S. CENSUS RECORDS
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tom Dempsey will answer questions and help with genealogy research. Take a laptop or tablet. Pre-registration is required. 410-208-4014

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

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