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Free Thanksgiving meals offered at two local churches

By Kara Hallissey

Staff Writer

(Nov. 16, 2017) Join community members in celebrating Thanksgiving with a free meal and fellowship at two local churches next week.

For the 39th year, the Ocean City Baptist Church will host its annual Thanksgiving dinner at the North Division Street parish from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Members of the church and community volunteers prepare and serve dinner which includes turkey, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, corn, string beans, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, coffee, tea and rolls. There will be a variety of baked goods including cookies and cherry pies.

"The whole premise and vision is no one should be alone for Thanksgiving," said Pastor Sean Davis. "It is a family event. Join ours for the day or bring your own if you don't want to cook. I always tell summer visitors coming down for Thanksgiving. You are not going to find a better place, and it's free."

Volunteers help out throughout the entire process from cooking, setting up and serving food to clean-up duties.

"We usually have anywhere from 50 to 100 volunteers, and 75 is always a good amount," Davis said. "It takes all of them to make it work and they are a big help."

Last year, the church provided close to 600 meals with more than 200 people coming in to eat and nearly 350 carrying out.

"If you burned the turkey, come get ours and take it home... we are happy to do that as well," Davis said.

Guests have the option of dining in, carrying food out or calling in advance for delivery.

Volunteers deliver to the Ocean City Police Department, fire department, Ocean City Coast Guard Station and to local businesses that stay open on Thanksgiving.

"Gather with people in the community," Davis said. "Too many people are alone during the holidays and the churches work together to make sure that does not happen."

The Baptist church in downtown Ocean City will offer its Thanksgiving See CHURCHES Page 6



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Local scouts and others salute during a Veterans Day ceremony at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines, Saturday.

California firm to tackle BFC study

By Josh Davis Associate Editor

(Nov. 16, 2017) California-based Matrix Consulting Group has been appointed to conduct a study of Berlin Fire Company and EMS operations and financial needs.

The Berlin Town Council voted unanimously, 4-0, on Monday to approve the study at a cost not to exceed \$26,000. Councilman Dean Burrell, was absent.

At least one member of the Berlin Fire Company was present during the meeting and appeared to endorse the



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE The vendor for fire company study commissioned by the Town of Berlin was approved during a Mayor and Council meeting, Monday. report.

Relations between both parties have been strained since at least 2012, when the Town Council withheld funding in response to allegations of harassment within the ranks of Berlin firefighters and paramedics. Some town officials also questioned what some called antiquated accounting practices of the Berlin Fire Company.

When the Town Council passed its fiscal year 2018 budget, the fire company received \$250,000 in unrestricted funds, plus \$150,000 contingent on the study.

Town Administrator Laura Allen said in June the analysis would consist of "every component of [the fire company's] operation," including staffing, equipment, facilities and training.

"It's what does the community need, or what does [the fire company] need to best serve the community given the types of structures we have, the types of calls they're getting, and changes that they see as our population ages and more young families come in," Allen said at the time. A request for qualifications was posted online and directly emailed to about half a dozen firms, Allen said on Monday. She said the town received five proposals ranging from \$19,000 to \$60,000.

Town staff reviewed the proposals and interviewed the top two firms, she said.

"Matrix Consulting ... have an excellent team, a good understanding of the situation [and] some of the challenges that we're facing, and they have excellent references and qualifications," Allen said.

Matrix, according to a statement of experience, served as a fire services consultant in almost 30 cities in 15 different states.

The study has a 90-day timeline for completion.

Berlin Fire Company Chief Jim Corron, present during the meeting Monday, said he was there to show his support.

"We're excited to finally be here and we're looking forward to a very productive partnership and collaboration," Mayor Gee Williams said.

"I will do my best – I can't speak for everyone," Corron said.



Town of Berlin adopts 2018 event schedule

Councilman Gulyas voted against six that included waiver of alcohol ordinance

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Nov. 16, 2017) Considering the long list of events that will take place in Berlin next year, it would be difficult to pick a week when something isn't happening in town.

Approved by the Town Council Monday night was a calendar with 49 separate entries, a few with alcoholic beverages served, but most without.

As has been the policy during recent years, six of those events will include a waiver of the town ordinance forbidding consumption of alcohol in public.

They are: Jazz and Blues Bash, May 5; Reggae Play Day, May 11; Small Town Throw Down, Sept. 8; Fiddlers Convention, Sept. 21-23; Oktoberfest, Oct. 13; and the New Year's Eve Ball Drop, Dec. 31.

Mayor Gee Williams said all events in Berlin are open

to families. "This is not

rowdy time – this is not rowdy-time town," ¹ said. "Anyone who finds it socially appropriate to have an alcoholic beverage in your home or at a wedding should [not] feel any different. Anyone who

does get rowdy is simply escorted off the premises.'

Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said it was

a misconception that every event in Berlin included alcohol.

six events - I think we have close to 50 events per year," she said. "I think

ways drink in downtown Berlin at an event, and that's not the case."

Wells said the Atlantic Hotel, which has a special license allowing consumption of alcohol on the area surrounding the front porch, was the exception to

the rule. A motion to approve those six

events passed 3-1, with Councilman Thom Gulyas opposed and Council-

'I vote no because I want to keep [Berlin] a family town. I think we have enough alcohol activities as a whole and there's

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Councilman Thom Gulyas

man Dean Burrell absent. "We only get an alcohol license for

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that include alcohol. "I vote no because I want to keep [Berlin] a family town," he said after the meeting. "I think we have enough alcohol activities as a whole and there's plenty of places to indulge for those types of things. I don't really consider that to be [suitable for]

Gulvas usually votes against events

Main Street. That's why I voted no." A motion to approve a dozen events scheduled at Stephen Decatur and Dr. William Henry parks passed unanimously, 4-0.

Wells said three downtown events scheduled next year had been modified.

Reggae Play Day, sponsored by radio station Ocean 98 and formerly called May Day Play Day, would include reggae music for the first time.

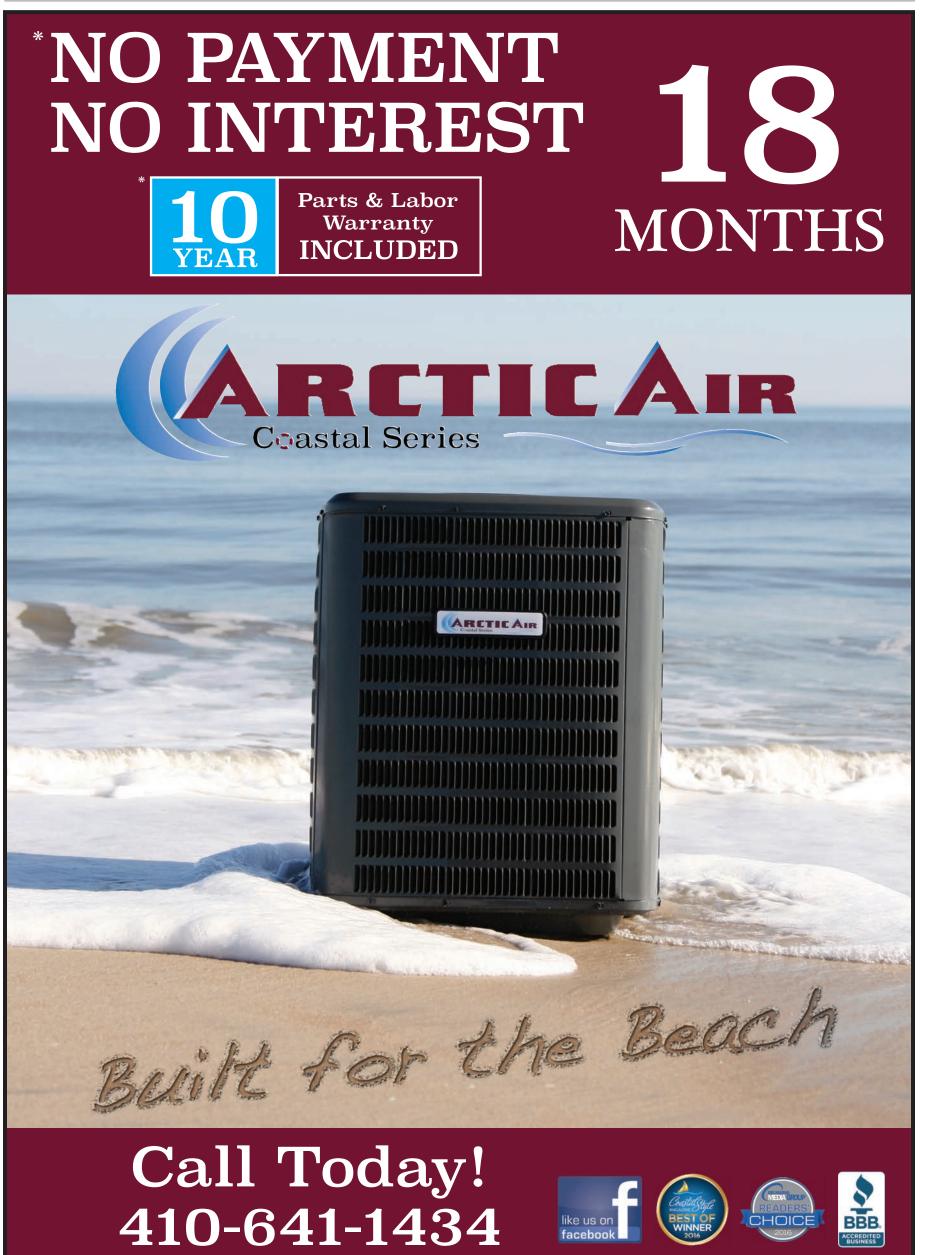
The Bathtub Races, in 2018, will be combined with the Believe in Tomorrow event that debuted this year and will benefit the nonprofit.

Additionally, the Historic July 4th Celebration, set for July 3 at the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, is an expansion of the town fireworks display and will include barbecue and live music, Wells said.

For a full list of town events, visit www.berlinmainstreet.com/events.







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Clarke Ave. pump station getting \$2.3M overhaul

By Greg Ellison Staff Writer

(Nov. 16, 2017) The Pocomoke City Council awarded a more than \$2.3 million contract for energy-saving improvements at its Clarke Avenue pumping station during a meeting, last Monday.

Because bids came back higher than estimates, officials also had to ask granting agencies for additional funds, which were approved.

The pump station was constructed during the 1960s and is the primary facility of its kind in Pocomoke. All the town's sewage passes through before flowing to the

wastewater treatment plant.

'They're hoping to start within 30 days. City Manager

City Manager Bobby Cowger said three bids were received in mid-September for a rehabilitation project origi-City Manager nally estimated to Bobby Cowger cost \$1.86 mil-

lion.

Bearing Construction of Sudlersville was the lowest bidder, at about \$2.337 million.

No explanation for the discrepancy between estimates and bids was provided during the meeting.

The Maryland Department of Energy previously approved a \$1 million grant and the U.S. Department Agriculture authorized of \$966,000 loan to cover project costs.

"After we found that out [the higher cost], we had to go back to our grant-funding source and they had to approve ... the final money,' Cowger said.

The Department of Agriculture approved the request for increased funding, including an additional \$500,000 grant and \$368,000 in added loans.

Mayor Bruce Morrison, who said the town discussed the pumping station improvements at length, asked when the project would start.

"They're hoping to start within 30 days," Cowger said.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

BRIAN GILLILAND/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

State Highway Administration spokesman Charlie Gischlar said a new traffic pattern on Route 113 between Berlin and Snow Hill would not affect travel time as work continues to expand the highway to four lanes. The project has been Worcester County's top transportation priority for years, but efforts to complete the expansion ramped up in 2015. Two phases of the project are underway concurrently, with the northernmost section from Langmaid Road to Five Mile Branch Road expected to open to traffic in late 2017 or early 2018, with the project finishing out in 2019.

Pocomoke tweaks bulk trash regs

By Greg Ellison Staff Writer

(Nov. 16, 2017) Pocomoke passed two and tabled one ordinance aimed at sprucing up the town's appearance during a City Council meeting last Monday.

The council unanimously approved Ordinance 434 to amend housing standards on bulk trash pickup.

Dan Brandewie, housing and zoning coordinator, said the new rules would reduce the amount of bulk items accepted, which had been as many as 10, to just three.

"It would also increase fines for

placement of interior furnishings in the front yard, more that three days in advance of the scheduled bulk pickup," he said.

City Manager Bobby Cowger said the amount of bulk trash has "gotten way out of hand" on designated pickup days.

"We ride up and down the street and you're seeing 10, 12, 15 pieces of furniture, appliances, yard fencing [and] all kinds of stuff," he said. "Our tipping fees are going through the roof.'

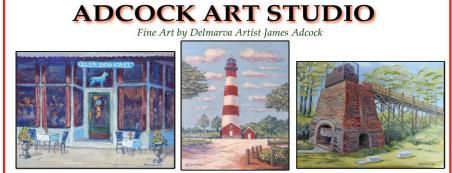
While acknowledging the service is beneficial for those who can't trans-

port bulk items themselves, Cowger said only a small percentage of people regularly deposit large piles in front of residences.

"The majority of the taxpayers don't put bulk items out there," he said. "It's just not fair to the taxpayers for us to cater to the ones that continually put all those bulk items out."

Cowger said the program was originally intended for select items, such as a refrigerators or couches.

"The sizes of it anymore is getting to be a liability," he said. "Now ... an eviction [pickup] would be an entire See INCREASED Page 8



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Tattoo cmte. membership named

Group tasked with drafting Town of Berlin code related to tattooing, microblading

By Josh Davis

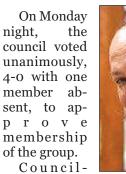
Associate Editor

(Nov. 16, 2017) Four men and one woman were named to a Tattoo Ordinance Committee during Monday night's Berlin Council meeting.

The discussion concerning the need for a tattoo ordinance began in September, when someone apparently inquired about opening a microblading business in town. Microblading, a form of tattooing, is used to create permanent makeup, as in darkening eyebrows.

Realizing the town code did not address any form of tattooing, officials moved to pass an ordinance that would have required supervision of a physician or an osteopath.

However, when local tattoo artists and enthusiasts objected during a public meeting on Sept. 25, the Town Council voted unanimously to approve a 120-day moratorium on tattoo or microblading businesses. The vote also established a panel to draft an ordinance addressing the practices.



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Studio owner Dana Helmuth, also a tattoo artist, and Patricia Dufendach of the Berlin Parks Commission.

Town Administrator Laura Allen was named as a nonvoting, administrative member.

"The idea of this tattoo committee

is new ground for Berlin, Mayor Gee Williams said on Monday. "We're not out prohibit to this art form, but we also

do it with a high level of professionalism. I'm very confident the committee

Williams said the Tattoo Ordinance deny any recommended ordinance.

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Pines announces Christmas holiday schedule of events

(Nov. 16, 2017) Ocean Pines will present its annual Holiday Tree Lighting during the "Hometown Christmas" event on Saturday, Nov. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at White Horse Park, located at 235 Ocean Parkway.

The event will feature Santa and his helpers from the North Pole and entertainment by Delmarva Chorus, a 23-member a capella ensemble that is led by choral director Carol Lud-

Trees, which range in size from eight to 10 feet, are sponsored and decorated by area businesses, clubs, families and individuals. The sponsored holiday trees will be on display from November to January and illuminated at the Nov. 25 event.

Those interested in sponsoring a holiday tree can do so by visiting the Ocean Pines Community Center and pay \$50. Each sponsor's name will be on prominent display at the park. Trees will be in place and ready for decorating by Nov. 20.

This event is open to the public. For more information, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.



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want to make sure, like we do with everything else in town, that we do it well, we do it with pride, and we

will bring those back recommendations."

No meeting dates were set, but

Committee would report back to the Town Council when it's ready. The council would then vote to approve or



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Churches seek volunteers to help with Thanksgiving meals

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dinner between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 23. The festivities will take place at the church, located next to the 7-Eleven at 102 N. Division Street. For those who need their meals delivered to Ocean City or West Ocean City, call 410-289-4054 in advance.

Berlin's First Baptist Church will offer Thanksgiving dinners for its 31st year on Williams Street from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"It is an opportunity to interact with the community, particularly with those who don't have family in the area," said Sharon Parsons, church officer manager and a Thanksgiving volunteer since 2001. "You can have a meal together on Thanksgiving Day."

Anywhere from 30-40 volunteers and the church family provide turkeys and side dishes. The traditional dinner includes dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans and cranberry sauce. There will be pies and cookies for dessert, she said.

"The church has been doing it 31 years and I have been volunteering for 16," Parsons said. "I am blessed by it. People have been calling, saying they want to serve in the same spot as last year. We have a reputation and are doing the Lord's work, and people want to be a part of it."

The volunteers cook at their homes or come in to help prepare food before setting up the tables and serving guests in addition to delivering food and cleaning up.

"We are still looking for volunteers if you call a couple of days in advance," Parsons said.

In 2016, Berlin's First Baptist Church provided 480 meals and organizers always plan to serve about 500 each year.

About 100 meals were delivered to shut-ins and people working on the holiday including those at police and fire departments and the DaVita Berlin Dialysis Center, where patients are required to have dialysis every day.

Guests can dine-in or carry-out, and the church has already received at least 150 reservations.

Thanksgiving dinner will be offered between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 23 at the church, located at 613 Williams Street in Berlin.

Those who would like to attend should call 410-641-4306 in advance to reserve their seats or carry-out meals. Leave a message after the recording and someone from the church will return the call.

The Holy Savior Church on 17th Street and Philadelphia Avenue will host the Ocean City Christian Ministers Association's annual community Thanksgiving service on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m.

There will be praise, worship songs, hymns, community choir, Thanksgiving testimonies and a brief message. Desserts and fellowship will follow the service.

Guests are asked to bring canned goods, paper products, nonperishable food items or donate funds for the food pantry on Somerset Street. The service is sponsored by all area churches.

For more information, call 410-289-0652.

Professional Fellows Program participants present reports

By Josh Davis Associate Editor

(Nov. 16, 2017) Pradnya Rahmani of Indonesia and Xyla Gualberto of the Philippines put a bow on their monthlong visit to Berlin last Wednesday by presenting findings and recommendations on waste management at Town Hall.

The two women were in Berlin from Oct. 14 until Nov. 11 via the Professional Fellows Program, a partnership between the town, the U.S. State Department and International City/County Management Association.

Both women work in fields addressing stormwater, wastewater and solid waste concerns in their respective home countries.

While in Berlin, they toured the wastewater treatment plant, the treated effluent irrigation facility and the electrical power plant. They also visited the Worcester County Central Landfill in Newark, met with Worcester County Director of Environmental Programs Bob Mitchell, Kate Patton from the Lower Shore Land Trust and Steve Farr from Maryland Coastal Bays.

Gualberto and Rahmani went to chicken farms in Millsboro and beaches at Assateague, Ocean City and Bethany, delivered presentations to students at Salisbury University, and visited the Maryland State House and United States Naval Academy in Annapolis.

Rahmani, who is an organic-wastetreatment researcher in Depok, Indonesia, made suggestions on solid waste and recycling programs and talked about potential issues of land scarcity in relation to county landfill sites.

She said collections in Berlin appeared to be more efficient than abroad, averaging about 10 seconds per home versus several minutes minutes in Indonesia. County landfills here have more sophisticated infrastructure and are safer, but are also more expensive to maintain, she said.

Gualberto, who works on awareness drives in the Philippines, proposed a campaign to increase recycling. She suggested providing incentives and di-See BERLIN Page 7

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Berlin recycling efforts discussed

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recting focus groups to help refine the formation of programs. She also stressed the importance of evaluating and making adjustments after campaigns are made public.

Elsewhere, simple changes like altering the size of holes in recycling containers improved collections by 33 percent, she said. She said children could be reached through educational campaigns and social media could be used to help "make composting cool."

"We all know that Berlin is America's coolest small town – it could also be the greenest small town in America," she said.

Gualberto thanked town officials for allowing Berlin to serve as the host of the visit.

"We feel very blessed and very fortunate to have been assigned to this town. Everyone has been really kind to us, helping us, going out of their way to give us a meaningful experience. It's really something that we will take back to our home communities," she said. "We're very, very thankful and I hope, in some way or another, we can return this wonderful favor that you have given to us."

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams, on Monday, said the social media outreach programs particularly impressed him. He said the efforts "could be implemented relatively efficiently and without a lot of heavy lifting or expense."

"My impression was they confirmed some things we thought and brought up some new ideas," he said. "I hope the [Professional Fellows Program] will be funded again in the future by the State Department, because I think it's been beneficial in both of the times we've used it."

Berlin has taken part in the program during consecutive years. Funding for the program has been suspended, at least temporarily, by the Trump administration.

"I can't see any harm in getting a pair of fresh eyes on something that we see all the time," Williams said. "Sometimes you can be too close to something to see the obvious, and here's folks that genuinely want to share their knowledge and, I believe, take back some very good experiences as a result."



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTI

Exchange scientists Pradnya Rahmani, second from right, and Xyla Gualberto, fourth from right, pose with Town of Berlin staff during a presentation at Town Hall, last Wednesday. The two women spent a month in the town studying solid waste, wastewater and stormwater concerns thanks to a collaborative program with the U.S. State Department.

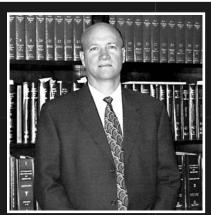




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Increased fines, decrease in bulk trash collection items

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Under the amended regulations, Brandewie said fines would increase for placing bulk items curbside more than three days prior to pickup.

Fines for first-time violators increase from \$25 to \$100, fines for second occurrences jump from \$50 to \$250, while fines for subsequent offenses go from \$250 to \$500.

"It will also allow us to notify property owners by regular mail, not certified mail, and by posting on the property," he added.

Brandewie said the ordinance language provides options to further delineate items not permitted for pickup, such as hazardous waste, chemicals and poisons.

"Our ordinance probably doesn't go far enough, but I think there's flexibility in the actual language to post additional requirements," he said. "The city manager and public works will be looking at that."

Because bulk trash pickup was scheduled later that week and Mayor Bruce Morrison worried the town could not provide sufficient notice, the new ordinance will go into effect on Jan. 1.

The council also passed Ordinance

435, restricting placement of trash containers curbside to the day of collection, only.

The council agreed to table, for now, Ordinance 433, requiring landlords to register rental properties and obtain licensing through the city for a proposed fee of \$25.

"We did meet with citizens on Oct. 11," Brandewie said. "I would characterize it as a very good, healthy discussion."

After holding a first reading in late September, a large contingent of rental property owners filled the next council meeting on Oct. 2 to voice their concerns.

Based on that discussion, the council requested the appointment of a housing task force.

"The names mostly came from the landlords out there in our meeting,² Cowger said. "It's made up of three of those landlords and two private landowners.³

Brandewie said the task force would meet before returning to the council with suggestions. He said the campaign to improve the town's appearance would be ongoing.

"We're going to focus on exterior and property maintenance issues over the next four months," he said.

Pocomoke audit 'clean,' but general fund trending down

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Nov. 16, 2017) Leslie Michalik, CPA with PKS & Company, favorably reviewed Pocomoke's fiscal year 2017 financial statement during a City Council meeting, last Monday.

She cautioned, however, against significant decreases in the general fund balance occurring during the last five years.

"In our opinion the financial statement is a fair presentation of the financial position of the town," she said. "This is called a clean opinion, or unmodified opinion, [and] it's the highest level of assurance."

Revenues for 2017, budgeted at \$4.9 million, were approximately \$5.11 million, eclipsing the 2016 total of about \$5.02 million.

Expenses, budgeted at \$5.42 million, came in slightly lower at roughly \$5.05 million, up from \$5.03 million during fiscal year 2016.

Although the general fund balance increased more than \$58,000, Michalik said the final figure was recalculated based on resources transferred to other funds.

"The general fund transferred \$140,000 to the water and sewer fund, which resulted in a net decrease in the gen fund balance of \$81,359, she said. "At the end of the year the town had a fund balance of \$76,586."

Michalik said this represented Pocomoke's lowest general fund balance during the last five years, peaking at \$556,00 to close fiscal year 2013, but dipping to \$157,000 during fiscal 2016.

"You're kind of all over the place," she said. "The couple years that are higher, like 2015 [\$387,000], was because you sold a piece of property at the end of the year."

Michalik said about 72 percent of the general fund came from property taxes. She said revenues increased \$87,000 last year, representing a roughly 2 percent increase.

Breaking down general fund expenses, Michalik said the largest costs were public safety, 33 percent, and employee benefits, just over 20 percent.

Michalik also reviewed the water and sewer fund, which recorded operating revenues of more than \$1.86 million during fiscal 2017, against expenses of more than \$2.36 million, for a loss of more then \$500,000.

While improving financial markers will take several years, Michalik said Pocomoke might need to examine additional methods to become fiscally solvent.

The city really just needs to look towards ways to generate cash flow and building up that fund balance," she said.

Berlin: America's yulest small town

By Josh Davis Associate Editor

(Nov. 16, 2017) Now that jack-o'lanterns are ready for compost and most of the nation's Halloween candy has either been digested or passed onto needy coworkers, preparation for the Christmas holiday is ramping up.

That's especially true in Berlin, where the Norman Rockwell-inspired Main Street might as well be dubbed "America's Yulest Small Town." This year, for the first time, the Berlin New Year's Eve Celebration and Ball Drop on Dec. 31 will include separate ceremonies for children and young families, starting at 5 p.m., as well as the usual festivities planned at midnight.

Town Administrator Laura Allen said a major surprise is also in the works.

"It's a secret!" Allen said. "The big reveal will be apparent very soon. There's always something cooking in



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE The official Town of Berlin Christmas Tree went up on Tuesday, near the Atlantic Hotel, signaling the start of holiday event season in the small town.

This busy and merry time starts with the Holiday Art Stroll and Tree Lighting on Friday, Nov. 24, from 4:30-8 p.m.

Additional events include the Berlin Christmas Parade, Thursday, Dec. 7 from 7-9 p.m. Santa will stop by for at least two visits, at House by Salvaged on 111 Artisan's Way on Saturday, Dec. 9 from noon to 4 p.m., and at World of Toys on 115 North Main Street on Saturday, Dec. 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Berlin."

Beyond whatever the surprise may be, Allen said one of the biggest changes to the holiday lineup this year is the reversing of the parade route itself, staging at Stephen Decatur High School and running north down Main Street, toward the Berlin Fire Company.

Officially, the parade route will begin at the Berlin Welcome Center on 14 South Main Street. Main Street will be closed from Worcester Preparatory School on 508 South Main Street to the railroad crossing at North Main Street.

"By reorienting the parade, we're taking it back to its roots," Allen said. "This was the original path of travel and we think it will make it easier for families, especially families with young children, because there will be a wider drop-off area at Stephen Decatur Park.

"One of the issues we've had in the past is folks not always knowing where to drop their kids off," she added. "Even though I think we do a really good job of getting that message out, every year that seems to be a challenge. Reorienting the parade route and having folks gather at Stephen Decatur Park and come through town, we think, will solve that problem. It should make it a little easier for families to come and enjoy the parade."

Allen estimated several thousand people attend the parade each year. Space in the event filled up by early October.

The plan is for parade entries to assemble along South Main Street, from the Welcome Center to Buckingham Lane.

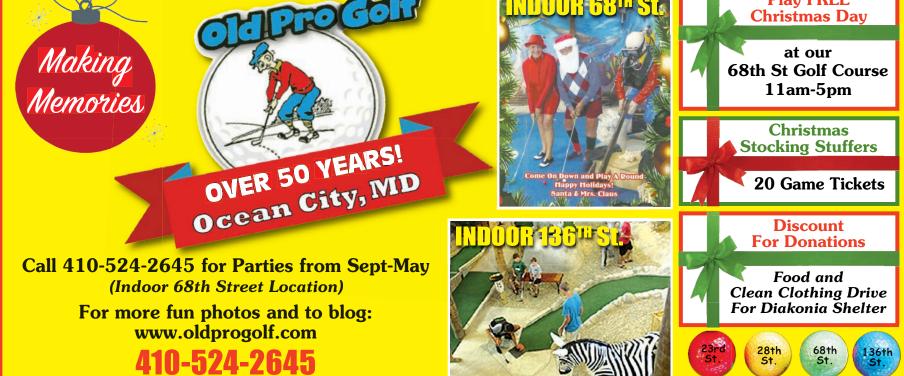
Parents may drop off students at Buckingham Elementary School via Buckingham Lane or West Street, or Stephen Decatur Park via Route 113 and Tripoli Street. Bands are required to drop off students at Stephen Decatur Park, where buses will travel back and park to Berlin Intermediate School for pickup after the parade.

Each group of participants will be given a staggered lineup time, starting at 5:15 p.m.

Overflow parking can be found at Berlin Intermediate School, where a shuttle will take spectators to downtown Berlin, starting at 5:45 pm.

All streets along the parade route will be closed to traffic beginning at 5:30 p.m.

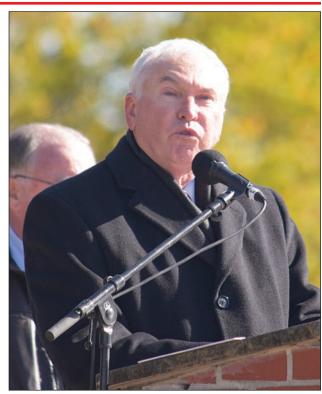




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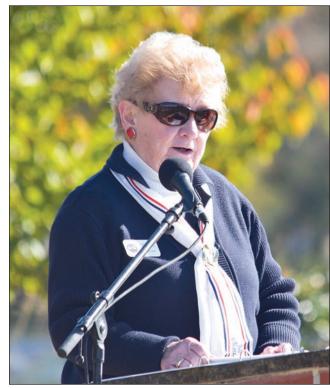
Stephen Decatur High School Junior ROTC members present the colors.



Maj. Gen. James A. Adkins gives a keynote address.



The Presentation of Wreath included Lt. JG Diane Tanner of the Nurse Corps (pictured) and SMSgt. Linda Shanahan of the U.S. Air Force.



Mary Adair reads "The Military Wife."

VETERANS

DAY IN OP Despite the cold weather, hundreds attended the annual Veterans Day Tribute at the **Worcester County Veterans Memorial** in Ocean Pines, last Saturday. The ceremony included an address by Ret. Maj. Gen. James A. Adkins, a reading of the poem "The Military Wife" by Mary Adair and service anthems sung by the Delmarva Chorus. JOSH DAVIS/ BAYSIDE GAZETTE



Carol Ludwig leads the Delmarva Chorus.



Members of the American Legion Synepuxent Post #166 lead a riffle volley.

Berlin Briefs

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Nov. 16, 2017) The Berlin Town Council discussed the following items during a public meeting at Town Hall on Monday night:

Municipal Govt. Month

By consensus, the council agreed to designate November as "Municipal Government Works Month." The program, established by the Maryland Municipal League in 1993, promotes citizen awareness and interest in government.

Town Administrator Laura Allen said projects are often highlighted during the designated period. This year, that will include town stormwater

projects.

Speaking of stormwater

The council unanimously approved about \$73,000 for construction, administration and inspection proposal services from EA Engineering, Science and Technology for stormwater improvements on Cedar, Maple and Pine streets.

Bids for construction were due next week, Allen said. EA has long been the stormwater consultant for the town and will assist with preconstruction and design efforts.

The scope of the project, considered the third phase of townwide plans to reduce flooding, will be determined by how much of about \$2 million in stormwater grants remains.

Holly, jolly

The town Christmas tree was installed just off the porch of the Atlantic Hotel on Tuesday morning. Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said a treelighting ceremony is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 24 at 6 p.m.

Events that day, including orchestra music, start at 4:30 p.m. A "story walk" featuring classic children's book "The Mitten" will also be offered.

Wells said Santa would visit two Berlin shops: House by Salvaged on Dec. 9 and World of Toys on Dec. 16, and ride on a Berlin Fire Company truck during the annual Christmas parade, Dec. 7.

Deck the police station

The council voted unanimously, 4-0, to approve a roughly \$46,000 bid by National Business Furniture to outfit the new police station near the intersection of Flower Street and Assateague Road.

Police Chief Arnold Downing said the contract would cover most of the furniture required for the new station. Mayor Gee Williams said town offi-

cials toured the building Monday morning.

"I think it's going to be a source of community pride for generations," Williams said.



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Snapshots



VETERANS DAY

Dozens attend a Veterans Day service at the Calvary United Methodist Church, just outside of Berlin, last week. The turnout included veterans of the Korean War, Vietnam War and Gulf War.



BLUEBIRD EXPERT

Janice Ward, Lower Shore coordinator for the Maryland Bluebird Society, recently gave a presentation on bluebirds to members of the General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Because of her many years as a volunteer working to preserve the bluebird population, the chapter subsequently voted to recommend Ward for the DAR's Conservation Medal. Pictured with Ward, left, is chapter Regent Patricia Ayers.



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WEAVERS

Kathi Stevens' sixth grade art students at Berlin Intermediate School are in the midst of a unit on weaving. Some of the benefits of weaving include improving eye-hand coordination and fine motor skills, helping to develop focus and attention spans and reinforcing left-right coordination. Aubrie Wyatt and Parker Intrieri are pictured with their weaving projects.



GUEST SPEAKER

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The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean City – Ocean Pines welcomed guest speaker Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino during the Oct. 11 meeting in the Ocean Pines Community Center. He was presented the coveted Kiwanis pen by President Ralph Chinn, right.



RIBBON CUTTING

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Atlantic General Hospital and Health System recently held a grand opening and ribbon cutting at Atlantic General Primary Care & Endocrinology in Ocean Pines. Atlantic General Primary Care & Endocrinology is home to the offices of certified family physicians, Oswaldo Nicastro, M.D. and Lei Gong, M.D., endocrinologist, Faustino Macuha, M.D., and Atlantic General Health System's diabetes education program. Michael Franklin, CEO of Atlantic General Hospital, center, joins Nicastro, M.D., Gong, M.D., Macuha, M.D., and Darlene Jameson, coordinator of the diabetes education program, as well as community members to celebrate the opening of the renovated facilities.

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Catering Available!



Representatives from the Town of Berlin, Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee, Germantown School Community Heritage Center, Calvin B. Taylor House Museum and others pose during a mural unveiling at the Berlin Welcome Center, last Friday.

Center, museum create mural panel

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Nov. 16, 2017) Dozens of Berliners braved the cold weather Friday night at the town welcome center for the unveiling of the third of a planned five-panel mural overseen by the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee.

Work on the first panel began in January 2016 and included the work of students from Buckingham Elementary School. That June, the second panel started with help from Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services.

The months-long effort of the third piece was a collaboration of the Germantown School Community Heritage Center and Calvin B. Taylor House Museum. Mural painting occurred in August at the museum during the Berlin Peach Festival and in September at the heritage center during an open paint and community and potluck event.

Carol Rose from the Berlin Historical Society said both sites were "a vital part of our community."

"Our boards worked together and supported each other, and we're thrilled – both groups – to have worked together on this."

Rose said she also spoke for Barbara Purnell from the Germantown School, who could not be at the ceremony because of an illness.

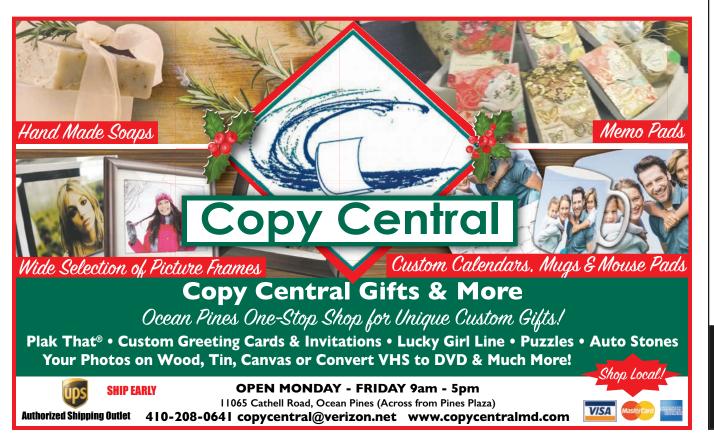
Gabe Purnell, representing Germantown, called the mural event there "quite a success." Along with painting and an outdoor feast, it included church choir members singing the hymns of Rev. Dr. Charles Albert Tindley.

"The Germantown School has been a really labor-intense program," Purnell said. "Barbara has been a great, great leader. I really feel bad that she's not here tonight ... but I had to be here."

Muralist John Donato called the experience "one of the best community murals that I've ever done."

"The tone of resilience, determination, hard work, music, history [at Germantown and the Taylor House] – I think this piece of the mural really speaks to that," Donato said.

The panel will be permanently installed on the north-facing wall of the Berlin Welcome Center, on 14 South Main Street, later this month.





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Tax credits available for Habitat donations

Funds given to Worcester nonprofit for Jefferson St. project earn 50 percent

By Josh Davis

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Associate Editor

(Nov. 16, 2017) Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County has announced the availability of \$50,000 in Community Investment Tax Credits awarded by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development.

Under the grant, donations of \$1,000 or more to the Jefferson Street project in Berlin earn a 50-percent tax credit.

The mixed-use development will have two retail or gallery spaces on the ground floor of a new building on 21 Jefferson Street, and a part of twostory affordable housing apartments on the upper floors.

"Jefferson Street presented a unique opportunity for Habitat Worcester to provide affordable housing in Berlin's vibrant downtown area," Executive Director Andrea Bowland said. "We see ourselves as a community partner and wanted to make sure that what we planned to build was in keeping with the neighborhood. It is an artist's street, with two examples already of live above/work below spaces, which was a concept started many years ago when both small towns and cities alike were being developed.

"The option offers both convenience and affordability. It's also an example of the best use of what is really a very small, oddly shaped lot," Bowland continued. "Thanks to [architect] David Quillin's design, we are able to build a triangular-shaped three-story building that will complement the aesthetic of the historic neighborhood and provide two gallery spaces and two apartments above."

Andrea Canon, Habitat Worcester's resource development coordinator, said the nonprofit was "looking to build on what has already been established in Berlin." Jefferson Street currently includes the Worcester County Arts Council and Wooden Octopus and Jeffery Auxer Designs galleries.

She said the project is still in the funding phase. A "Dinner on Jefferson" event in June raised about \$15,000 for preconstruction efforts that include clearing the lot.

"Now we're looking to gather donations and funding so we can get everything in motion. We're hoping to have occupancy by 2019," Canon said. "We'd love to be able to get construction started by the second or third quarter in 2018, but it's really going to be contingent on funding."

She said the tax credits targeted

individual and business donors.

"If you make a donation, you earn 50-percent in tax credits worth the value of your donation," Canon said. "For example, if somebody comes in and they want to put \$2,000 towards Jefferson Street, they get \$1,000 in tax credits to use toward their taxes owed to the state and federal [government]."

The credits expire at the end of the 2017 calendar year.

"If you're looking to donate, this has got to be the best tax-benefit offered in this county," Canon said. "Your money would go directly to helping families and individuals in your community. It's a great way of donating to an amazing cause making such a difference in someone's life while also reaping a great tax benefit."

Canon said a "brick campaign" is also in the works, recognizing larger donations with a plaque on Jefferson Street.

For more information or to donate, contact Canon at acanon@habitatworcester.org or 410-208-4440, ext. 2.

Habitat Worcester personnel are also preparing for the organization's Winter White Gala at the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum in Berlin on Dec. 2. Tickets are \$85 each or \$150 per couple. Sponsorships are available and tickets can be purchased online.

Overall corporate sponsorships are also available from the nonprofit, with ranges from \$5,000 to \$100,000.

Additionally, donations of appreciated stocks can be made by contacting Jeremy Meyer at jeremy.meyer@cipadvisor.com or 757-787-4279 ext. 106. Donors will be eligible for income tax charitable deduction credits for the full fair-market value of the stock.

The nonprofit also hopes to build three new homes in 2018 and offer five critical repair projects, including wheelchair ramps for elderly residents and veterans.

A "woman's build event" is in development, providing an opportunity for women to "involve friends and family of all ages and do some critical work during our home builds," Canon said.

"We have our work cut out for us, but we're excited. It's all about trying to better someone's life and make a difference," Canon said. "There's a lot of different projects that we're working on right now that we are very much in need of funding for. That's why events like the gala and individual donations and sponsorships are so important."

For more information on Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County, visit www.habitatworcester.org.



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Charitable group donates \$2,500 to WSW

By Kara Hallissey

Staff Writer

(Nov. 16, 2017) The 100+ Women Who Care on the Shore charity donated \$2,500 to Women Supporting Women, a local nonprofit organization that provides awareness, education and support for those affected by breast cancer.

The money will specifically fund compression sleeves for breast cancer patients, which can cost up to \$100 and many insurance companies do not cover.

"Lymphedema is the accumulation of fluid due to a compromise in the lymphatic system," said Sally Hawkins, an occupational therapist at Atlantic Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine in Berlin. "Lymph nodes in the armpit are often removed or impacted by surgical intervention and/or radiation therapy. This in turn impedes upon proper lymphatic drainage resulting in possibly developing swelling in the arm. Individuals are recommended to wear compression sleeves for edema management."

The 100+ Women Who Care on the Shore organization held its third and final meeting on Oct. 17 at Sisters in Berlin. More than 20 members heard presentations about Assateague Island Alliance, Meals on Wheels and Women Supporting Women.

"I love the concept of 100+ Women Who Care on the Shore and how the organization supports local charities," Hawkins said. "My goal was to see if we could provide funding to Women Supporting Women. My hope was to be able to tell patients that despite insurance denial for a compression sleeve, we on the shore have funding for you thanks to 100+ Women."

The local nonprofit serves the entire Delmarva Peninsula, helping women battling breast cancer.

"Women Supporting Women was nominated by one of our members, Sally Hawkins," said Janelle Mulholland, co-founder of 100+ Women Who Care on the Shore, with Susanna Eisenman and Anna Newton. "Sally specializes in breast cancer recovery and lymphedema and restoring functional mobility in the upper extremity. The money we raised was specifically for compression sleeves, which cancer patients need after breast surgery during physical therapy."

The 100+ Women Who Care on the Shore members directly contribute \$100 to three different charities each year. During the hour-long meetings, each woman in attendance fills out a nomination form with their favorite nonprofit charity from Worcester, Wicomico or Somerset counties. The submissions go into a basket and three potential winners are picked.

"Those three women present their nominations by telling the group about why they are passionate about their charity and what great work the charity does for the community," Mulholland said.

After presentations, each member votes for their favorite and the charity with the most votes receives checks from all 100+ Women Who Care on the Shore members.

"Charities can be nominated over and over again," Mulholland said. "But once a charity has been chosen, it cannot be nominated again for one year. Charities must be 501(c)(3). The money must also stay on the shore to help our residents in Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties."

Members directly contribute \$100 to three different charities each year. All donations are tax deductible.

The nonprofit organization, 100+

Women Who Care, began in Michigan more than a decade ago. Currently, there are more than 400 active chapters across the world.

"I first heard of the organization while visiting my mother in Iowa," Mulholland said. "Her friends started their own chapter and I loved the idea of a group of women getting together and discussing charities in their community and then writing checks to the chosen local charity."

The organization held its first meeting in February where members donated \$3,900 to the Stephen Decatur High School Band Boosters to help replace 29-year-old uniforms. During their second meeting in May, members contributed \$3,400 to the CRICKET Center, a child advocacy center in Berlin.

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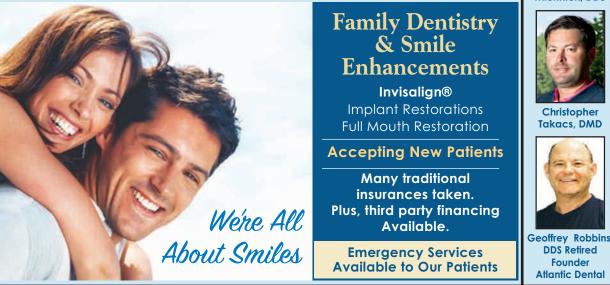
The 100+ Women Who Care on the Shore members have scheduled their 2018 meetings for Jan. 23, April 24 and Oct. 9 at 5:30 p.m. at the West Ocean City Bottle Shop on Route 50.

"All Tuesday evenings," Mulholland said. "We are going to try and change it up every year and are starting a little later for those who are coming from work."

For more information or to become a member, email Mulholland at mjmulholland@mchsi.com or visit www.facebook.com/100womenwhocareontheshore.

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An original drawing by Peggy Hagy featured on commemorative notecards is now available for sale at the Church Mouse in Berlin. Proceeds will benefit outreach of the shop, which includes several area homeless shelters and food pantries.



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Church Mouse raising funds for holiday outreach

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Nov. 16, 2017) The Church Mouse of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Berlin, as is its tradition, is preparing for its involvement in several nonprofit and charitable causes during the holiday season.



During November and December, the Church Mouse will donate to local homeless shelters, including Good Samaritan and Diakonia. The shop also contributes to the Spirit Kitchen, Toys for Tots, and

sponsors two families for Christmas. Recent donation recipients include the Cricket Center and Operation We Care.

To help raise funds for its efforts, the shop will sell limited-edition notecards featuring a colored-pencil drawing of building.

Helen Wiley, who oversees operations at the Church Mouse, came up with the idea for the cards, which will be sold in packs of five for \$8.

Former Berlin Coffee House owner and Berlin Library board member Peggy Hagy created the image on the cards. Wiley said they could be used as birthday or thank you cards, "or just to drop someone a note to let them know you're thinking about them.'

"[Hagy] was willing to put her artwork on the notecards and I thought it would be a great way to generate some money for us," Wiley said. "The fact that the Church Mouse has been in this particular building for 30 years and people come back often to see us ... I thought they might appreciate getting a notecard to know where they had been in Berlin."

The Church Mouse is seeking donations of household items and seasonal clothing, as well as Christmas decorations.

'If folks can just generate some usable donations that are gently used, then that will also help us add to our funds," Wiley said.

Cash or check donations are also needed. Visit the Church Mouse on 101 North Main Street from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday, or contact Wiley at 410-641-4385 or email helenbuttercup@verizon.net.

For more information, visit www.churchmousethriftshop.com.



Ocean Pines leaf collection scheduled, Nov. 20 to Dec. 21

(Nov. 16, 2017) The Ocean Pines Association announced fall leaf-collection procedures for residents.

Ocean Pines Public Works and Republic Services will jointly handle the collection.

Leaves and other yard debris bagged in paper bags will be collected by public works, Nov. 20 to Dec. 21. Bags will be picked up on days opposite from Republic Services' normal collection days.

Trash collection for residents south of Route 90 occurs on Tuesdays and Fridays. For residents north of Route 90, collection days are Mondays and Thursdays.

Only paper bags will be accepted and there is no limit to the number of bags residents may place, curbside. Thirty-gallon paper bags may be purchased from public works in bundles of five for \$5.

Additionally, public works will vacuum ditch leaves that have been raked to the street, starting Nov. 20 and continuing until completed. Yard leaves raked to the street will not be

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picked up and must be placed in paper bags for collection.

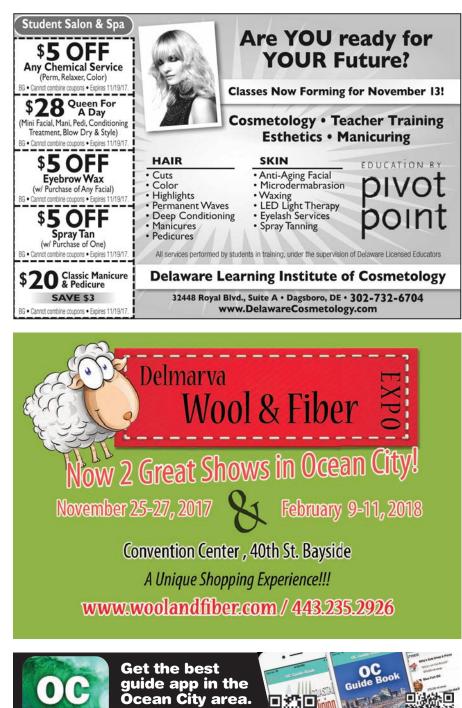
Ocean Pines residents may also bring leaves and yard debris in bulk or paper bags to the public works yard on 1 Firehouse Lane, near the south station fire department. The yard will be open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 20 to Dec. 22.

No contractor dumping or plastic bags will be permitted. There will be no collection or drop-off on Thursday, Nov. 23 or Friday, Nov. 24.

Current Republic Services customers may place up to four bags of leaves curbside for each scheduled pickup, in addition to regular trash pickup.

Republic Services will also pick up branches, if they are tied in bundles no longer than four feet.

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





GUEST SPEAKER Ocean City-Berlin Rotary Club President Margaret Mudron welcomes guest speaker, Superintendent of Schools for Worcester

speaker, Superintendent of Schools for Worcester County, Lou Taylor. Taylor discussed the goals and success factors for schools in the county. The Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Captain's Table Restaurant in the Courtyard Marriott Hotel, 15th Street and N. Baltimore Ave. in Ocean City.

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Reconciliation takes two

At last, Berlin government and the Berlin Volunteer Fire Company appear to be entering the final stages of a years-long effort to resolve their differences.

The mayor and council's approval Monday night of Matrix Consulting Group's bid to conduct a study of the company's finances and operations, including its EMS services, could be the first step toward a real reconciliation.

Fire Chief Jim Corron apparently sees that as a possibility, and attended the session to show his support. Town officials, meanwhile, should get many of their questions answered once the study is completed.

It is as if the town and the company, long partners in providing for the well-being of Berlin residents, have agreed to marriage counseling after an unpleasant separation.

As the counseling process usually goes, both parties should be entering it with the understanding that an impartial review of the situation is likely to show that neither is as wrong as the other thinks it is, just as neither will be proven 100 percent right.

Judging from reports of other jurisdictions that have employed the California-based outfit, its examinations and assessments get down to the fishbone level, where picking apart even the smallest of circumstances is part of the job.

The company's purpose, however, is not to criticize or find fault, but to recommend improvements and solutions.

That's exactly what the town and the company need, if only to get on the same page financially.

The bottom line is the residents of Berlin need both these entities, just as the entities themselves would find the going rough without each other's support.

Suffice to say, the town isn't equipped to provide fire protection and the company can't do its job without financial help from the town.

This study should lay out all the information the town and company need to establish an equitable structure that benefits everyone. Equally important, however, is that it will help reestablish the common ground that both once occupied.

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"Our Legal Department said it's all for the best, what with all the lap sitting and so on."

Letters

Suggestions for OPA pool rules

Editor,

As a newer resident in Ocean Pines, I have been following with interest the discussions around the change in policy concerning the Oasis Pool.

My experience at all the Ocean Pines pools has been positive. The pool staff is polite and courteous and, for the most part, the users are considerate.

I suggest the following:

1) The pool rules be enforced equitably and uniformly, e.g. no loafing on the steps, no jumping off the sides, no large flotation devices, no fanny dipping in the lap lanes, no running on the platform.

2) Fifteen-minute adult swim every hour, on the hour, i.e. "The next 15 minutes will be for adults only, everyone 18 years and younger will now leave the pool."

3) The lifeguards be issued whistles and use them judiciously. "Benching" or "time outs" should be allowed for kids who do not abide by the rules. Sorry parents, those of us who grew up with the threat of public shaming tended to be circumspect.

As a certified prevention specialist living in an era of

rampant substance abuse, I question the wisdom of kids/pools/alcohol. Is "public recreation = alcohol" a message the community wants to promote?

That being said, I enjoyed a drink or two around the pool, but I have no minor children. I am also concerned about the tendency of (some) parents to rely on others, such as the lifeguards, to watch their kids.

Ellen Willinghan, MA Ocean Pines

WCEF event successful

Editor,

On behalf of the Worcester County Education Foundation Board of Directors, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the honorary cochairs of our inaugural Evening at the Cotton Club event, Leighton and Rebecca Moore.

Our sold-out Cotton Club event on Nov. 3, which netbetween ted \$60,000-\$65,000, would not have been possible without the Moore's generosity or without the help of Seacrets' dynamic logistics team [of] Scott Studds, Rachalle Spicer, DJ, Bulldog, Jason Cruz and the rest of the crew.

Phil Cropper, Caitlin

Evans and the Worcester Tech High School culinary students outdid themselves by producing an authentic five-course Prohibition era dinner, which was served in Seacrets' beautiful distillery. The meal was amazing. We are very grateful to Phil Cropper and Caitlin for donating their treasure, time and talent.

We would also like to thank our major sponsors: PRMC, Gillis Gilkerson, APPI Energy, Phil Cropper and Keith Hall, Jack Burbage Foundation, Anderson Generations Family Fund, Bank of Ocean City, AGH Board of Directors, AGH Foundation, First Shore Federal S&L, IMG, Carousel Group, Ropewalk OC, LLC, Old Pro Golf -Judy Schoellkopf, PRMC Foundation, Shenanigan's, Park Place Jewelers, DBA Breakthru Beverage MD, Castle in the Sand, Brighton Hotels, LLC, Tim and Jamie Frank, Maryland Coast Dispatch, Ayres, Jenkins, Gordy & Almand, Rick and Caroline Bloxom, Oak Contracting, Kim Messick, Peck Miller Group, Sheila Zimmer and Steve Luddy.

Delicious "Lite Bites" were provided all evening by generous local restaurants including Ropewalk, Continued on Page 19

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Seacrets, Bull on the Beach, 32 Palm, Sunset Grille, Ky West, Crack of Dawn, Longboard Café, Hooked, Desserts by Rita, Brass Balls Saloon, Cupcakes by Frosted, Wockenfuss Candies and Big Fish.

Over 500 educators were able to attend either the Cotton Club event or the Launch [performance] free of charge because of our generous \$500 Bronze donors who purchased Tickets for Teachers.

Bronze donors include Becker Morgan Group, Harrison House of Snow Hill Senior Living, Calvin B. Taylor, Reel Inn, Nationwide, Dough Roller, Pit n Pub, The Greene Turtle, Calvin B. Taylor, Dr. Farouk and Shirley Sultani, Jolly Rogers, Burbage Funeral Home, Dr. John Quinn and the Ocean City Elks Lodge #2645. On behalf of those lucky educators, thank you.

Rooms for the Manhattan band were provided by the Princess Royale and their meals by Seacrets and Uber Bagels. Piano entertainment in the Cotton Club Lounge was provided by Elsworth Wheatley, flower arrangements in the Speakeasy dinner were donated by Flowers by Alison and props for the event were donated by Jack Shapiro.

A successful promotion campaign would not have been possible without the generosity of OC Today, Maryland Coast Dispatch and D3Corp Printing. We are enormously grateful.

Our grand Chinese auction of over 40 baskets was coordinated by our fabulous teacher champions from each of our 14 Worcester County schools. So many guests walked out the door with incredible prizes. And we would be remiss if we did not mention all the good sports, who made generous donations at the urging of Betty Boop during her Live Ask. Thank you to those generous donors and to Sandy Gillis, aka "Betty Boop," our comical MC.

Last but not least, the WCEF would like to acknowledge all the long hours and hard work that the events' committee put into creating an incredible sold-out inaugural event. The dynamo committee of Susan Trimble, Dawn Peterson, Sue Carpenter, Danelle Amos and Patti Miller did a great job of capturing the community's attention and introducing the great work the Worcester County Education Foundation is doing for teachers, students and the future of Worcester County.

The WCEF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to supporting teachers by providing annual grants, allowing instructors to purchase innovative teaching tools that enhance learning, supporting students by providing necessary digital tools so every child has an equal opportunity to succeed, by assisting with the digital upgrades of our 14 schools, and by establishing an endowment that will create a perpetual funding mechanism for future needs of our schools.

Learn how to get involved at www.wced.foundation or contact Hope Palmer at HRPalmer@mail.worcester.k12.md. us.

It truly takes a village to raise a child. The village came out to support education on Friday, Nov. 3, and we are truly grateful.

Patti Miller WCEF Events Chair

Openings available on Wor. County boards, commissions

Volunteers sought for 27 different panels, from Aging to Water & Sewer Advisory

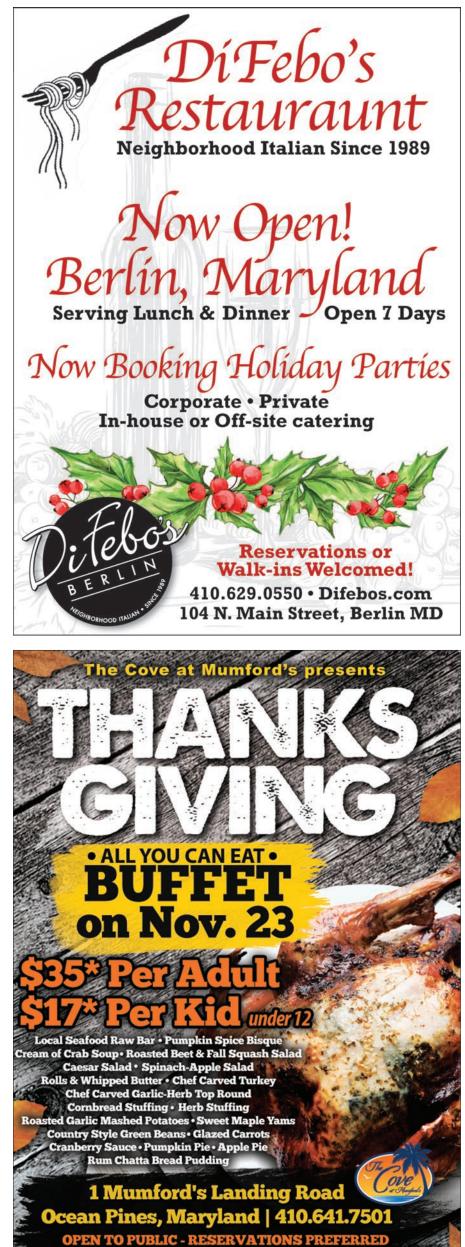
(Nov. 16, 2017) Worcester County currently has openings on 27 boards and commissions.

County residents interested in volunteering to fill these open seats are invited to contact the County Commissioners, identifying the boards or commissions that are of interest to them.

Vacancies are available on the Adult Public Guardianship Board, Commission on Aging Board, Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board, Agricultural Reconciliation Board, Building Code Appeals Board, Drug & Alcohol Abuse Council, Economic Development Advisory Board, Board of Electrical Examiners, Ethics Board, Housing Review Board, Local Management Board/Initiative to Preserve Families Board, and Board of Library Trustees.

Vacancies are also available on the Local Development Council for the Ocean Downs Casino, Lower Shore Workforce Investment Board, Planning Commission, Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board, Recreation Advisory Board, Social Services Board, Solid Waste Advisory Committee, Tourism Advisory Commit-Commission for Women, tee. Wor-Wic Community College Local Advisory Council, Board of Zoning Appeals, and Water and Sewer Advisory Councils in Mystic Harbour, Ocean Pines and West Ocean City.

Send a letter of interest, along with a resume or cover letter outlining any pertinent experience, to the County Commissioners at admin@co.worcester.md.us or Worcester County Government Center, One West Market Street, Room 1103, Snow Hill, Maryland 21863.





By Kara Hallissey Staff Writer

(Nov. 16, 2017) A favorite annual tradition in Ocean City, Winterfest of Lights, returns to Northside Park on 125th Street for its 25th year tonight, Thursday, featuring a new 50-foot Christmas tree as well as an updated indoor pavilion.

"It's all about the holiday experience," said Frank Miller, special events superintendent for the Town of Ocean City. "If you don't have holiday spirit before you come, hopefully you will before you leave. This is our 25th year and we've made some major changes."

The opening ceremony will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 16 and includes Ocean City Elementary School's "OC Stars" performing holiday songs and dance in addition to an appearance from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Mayor Rick Meehan will "flip the switch" to illuminate the 50-foot Christmas tree and light displays and officially open the Winterfest of Lights. In addition, there will be free rides on the Winterfest Express after the celebration.

"The new 50-foot Christmas tree has a lot more white LED lights and dimension," Miller said. "There is a brand new star on top and the lights are set up in a grid fashion with thousands of colors that go from dim to bright and change. The tree has ornaments, can scroll 'Happy Holidays' across the front, has different patterns and can look like a snow shower."

The 12-minute tram ride provides guests with an unforgettable experience through 58 acres of more than 400 displays from fairytale characters to the 12 Days of Christmas accompanied with holiday music. From Nov. 16 through Dec. 31, visitors will have the opportunity to see more than one million lights during their one-mile ride through the park.

"We always change the locations of displays and music so it feels like a different ride experience each year," Miller said. "There will be traditional and popular modern songs. The tram ride has a new/old display. We refurbished a lighthouse that hasn't been a part of the Winterfest experience for over a decade and it will be located on the lagoon."

Visitors will wait for their ride in a heated tented pavilion, which includes the Winterfest Village and features new structures such as an open Winterfest Marlin Marketplace where ornaments, stocking stuffers, souvenirs and holiday gifts can be purchased.

"The gift shop will be an exposed area of retail," Miller said. "We wanted to optimize the experience and flow. More people can wait inside the tent and we got rid of all the old buildings. We have a larger glow hut, new hot chocolate stand and there is no longer a Santa house. Santa resides in a gazebo surrounded by Christmas trees. It now feels more like a village



The 12-minute tram ride at Ocean City's Northside Park on 125th Street takes guests through 58 acres of more than 400 displays from fairytale characters to the 12 Days of Christmas accompanied with holiday music. The winter wonderland opens Thursday, Nov. 16.



Purchase Tickets Online www.HabitatWorcester.org

Santa slated for OC Winterfest appearances

when you walk in."

Santa will greet visitors and listen to Christmas wish lists through Dec. 23. Children also have the option to write a letter to Santa and put it in his mailbox.

Mrs. Claus will join Santa in spreading holiday cheer, with her focus on staying healthy and helping others.

"There is a new photo processing area to expedite the process," Miller said. "You can't get any more family friendly then the Winterfest of Lights."

The new hot chocolate, coffee and baked goods booth benefits the Ocean City Recreation and Parks Booster Club.

Jolly Roger Amusements will have a miniature go-cart track with two cars for visitors to take photos near, in addition to an interactive Splash Mountain waterpark display.

Berlin Automotive Group is slated to have a vehicle on display, there will be a Coca-Cola photo opportunity and four poinsettia trees including the large 12-foot favorite will decorate the pavilion in a courtyard setting, Miller said.

Winterfest of Lights has become a yearly tradition for local residents and families visiting during the holiday season. The city's crew begin setup in early October to transform the park into a winter wonderland with a dif-

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA/ HOLY SAVIOR PARISH 17th Street & Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD.

Friday, Nov. 17,

& Saturday Nov. 18, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Gift Shop • Christmas Shop with Homemade Crafts • Toys • Books • Jewelry • Plants • Flowers • Homemade Baked Goods and Candy • Dollar Shop • Linen Shop • Handcrafted Boutique

FOOD MENU

(EAT IN OR CARRY OUT)

Hot Roast Beef & Hot Turkey w/Gravy & Fries • Fish & Chips Pulled Pork Sandwich w/Cole Slaw Meatball Sliders • Chili • Clam Chowder Oyster Stew (Cooked to Order) Raw Bar~Oysters on the Half-Shell Beer • Wine Hot Dogs • Chicken and Tuna Salad Mac & Cheese • French Fries

Mac & Cheese • French Fries Desserts • Beverages CHRISTMAS DISPLAY RAFFLES

BASKET OF CHEER • 50/50S CHANCE AUCTION WITH OVER 50 BASKETS KIDS SECRET SANTA SHOPPING & CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL FOR KIDS ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT OUR PARISH MINISTRIES

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ferent layout each year to keep excursions fresh for returning visitors.

"This has been proven to be a terrific family tradition year after year," Miller said.

Last year, 111,052 passengers took a ride through illuminated Northside Park during the 46-night holiday spectacular, according to Miller. On an average night, 2,414 people came to view the displays.

Attendance during the final weekend of the 24th annual event was up from the past couple of years with 3,433 riders on Friday, Dec. 30, 5,651 passengers on Saturday, Dec. 31 and 2,202 on the last night, Sunday, Jan. 1. The biggest night overall was Friday, Nov. 25, when 7,183 people road the tram.

The Jingle Bell Run and New Year's Eve fireworks show are always popular events returning to the resort this holiday season. The run will take place on Sunday, Dec. 3, and is sponsored by the Town of Ocean City's Recreation and Parks Department and OC Tri Running. The race will take runners through the spectacular displays at Northside Park.

The New Year's Eve celebration will include a midnight fireworks display, live entertainment, hot chocolate and a ride through the Winterfest of Lights.

For almost a decade, organizers have been focused on refurbishing the more than 400 existing displays, which are stripped down, rewired and the bulbs and sockets replaced.

"These displays are not inexpensive to restore and we are hoping by next year we can display a refurbished one each year," Miller said. "We've been blessed the past several years and hope regardless of the weather people will still come out."

The award-winning nighttime festival runs nightly through Dec. 31 at Northside Park. Hours of operation are 5:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 5:30-10:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. The cost to ride the train is \$5 for adults. Children 11 and younger ride for free.

"We recognize the value of coming to Ocean City over the holidays and want to give visitors lots of things to do with Winterfest of Lights being the anchoring event," Miller said. "It is the catalyst for what is to become a much larger attraction. The Downtown Association of Ocean City has been adding light displays downtown and we are trying to increase the attractions here for the holidays."

Call Ocean City's Recreation and Parks Department at 410-250-0125 for more information.

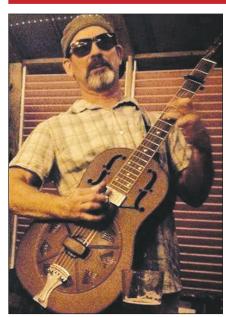
Thanksgiving Buffet

Thursday, November 23, 2017 • Seatings Begin at 1:00 pm

Koliday Selection Includes: Roasted Turkey with Giblet Gravy, Top Round of Beef Au Jus, Honey Glazed Baked Virginia Ham, Baked Atlantic Salmon, Imported & Domestic Cheese Display, Seasonal Bread Basket, Bountiful Fresh Salad Selections,Fresh Harvest Medley, Candied Yams, Whipped Potatoes, Chef's Famous Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Pumpkin Bisque & Holiday Dessert Table Featuring Pumpkin Pie, Apple Pie, Chocolate Cake & Ice Cream Bars



NOW PLAYING



T.D. MACDONALD BIG EASY ON 60: Saturday, November 18, 7-10 p.m.

BJ'S ON THE WATER

75th Street and the bay Ocean City 410-524-7575 www.bjsonthewater.com Nov. 17: Tranzfusion, 9 p.m. Nov. 18: Dust N Bones, 9 p.m. Nov. 22: 2 Guys & A Mama, 6-9 p.m.

BIG EASY ON 60

5909 Coastal Highway Ocean City 410-524-2305 www.thebigeasyon60.com Nov. 18: T.D. MacDonald, 7-10 p.m.

BOURBON STREET ON THE BEACH

116th Street, behind Fountain Head Towers Condominium

0cean City 443-664-2896

www.bourbonstreetonthebeach.com Nov. 17: Jack Worthington, 7-11 p.m.

Nov. 18: Rodney Kelly, 7-11 p.m. Nov. 19: Randy Jamz, 6-9 p.m.

CAPTAIN'S TABLE

15th St. & Baltimore Ave. Ocean City 410-289-7192 www.captainstableoc.com Every Friday & Saturday: Phil Perdue, 5:30 p.m.

CASINO AT OCEAN DOWNS

10218 Racetrack Road Berlin

410-641-0600 www.oceandowns.com Nov. 17: Kevin Poole, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Nov. 18: Monkee Paw, 4:30-8:30 p.m.; Aaron Howell Duo, 9:30 p.m to 1:30 a.m.

THE COVE AT MUMFORD'S LANDING OCEAN PINES

1 Mumford's Landing Road Ocean Pines 410-641-7501 www.oceanpines.org Nov. 17: Sean Loomis, 8 p.m. Nov. 18: Trivia Night, 4 p.m.

DUFFY'S TAVERN

130th Street in the Montego Bay Shopping Center 410-250-1449 www.duffysoc.com Nov. 17: Bob Hughes, 5-9 p.m. Nov. 18: Team Trivia w/DJ Chuck D, 7 p.m.



OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL: Sunday, November 19, 2-6 p.m.



BRYAN CLARK OCEAN CLUB NIGHTCLUB: Wednesday, November 22, 6-9 p.m.

HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL

12841 S. Harbor Road West Ocean City 410-213-1846 www.ocharborside.com Nov. 17: DJ Billy T, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Nov. 18: Side Project/Chris Button, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Nov. 19: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

HARVEST MOON TAVERN

208 W. Green St. Snow Hill 410-632-9890 harvestmoontavern@gmail.com Nov. 17: The Stims, 7-10 p.m.

OCEAN CLUB NIGHTCLUB

In the Horizons Restaurant In the Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel 101st Street and the ocean Ocean City 410-524-3535 www.clarionoc.com Every Friday and Saturday: DJ Dusty, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Nov. 17-18: Power Play, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Nov. 22: Bryan Clark, 6-9 p.m.

PICKLES

706 Philadelphia Ave. Ocean City 410-289-4891 www.picklesoc.com Nov. 18: Beats By Adam Dutch, 10 p.m. Nov. 22: Beats By Jeremy

SEACRETS

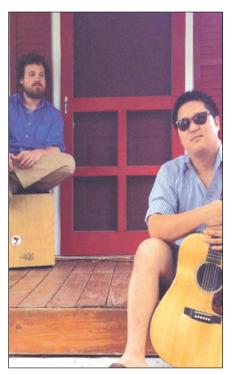
49th Street and the bay Ocean City 410-524-4900 www.seacrets.com Nov. 17: Flowers for Taco, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Nov. 18: 19th Street Duo, 5-9 p.m.; The Benderz, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.

SKYE RAW BAR & GRILLE

66th Street, bayside Ocean City 410-723-6762 www.skyebaroc.com Nov. 17: The Breakers, 4-8 p.m. Nov. 18: Ricky LaRicci, 4-8 p.m.

WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17 Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines 410-208-3922 www.whiskersbar.com Nov. 17: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey



THE STIMS HARVEST MOON TAVERN Friday, November 17, 7-10 p.m.

'Discover Your Watershed' program

Maryland Coastal Bays to host event this Saturday in Showell, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

(Nov. 16, 2017) The Maryland Coastal Bays Program will host this year's final series of the "Discover Your Watershed" program, Saturday, Nov. 18, at its Showell property from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This property is not open to the public, so this event is a unique opportunity to see a hidden restoration property firsthand.

Discover Your Watershed program is a combination of an educational and volunteering experience. The day will begin searching for a hidden geocache, then follow clues to find hidden treasures while hiking through a forest. After the hike, volunteers will be asked to help with trail maintenance. The program will end with lunch provided by the Maryland Coastal Bays Program.

This is the perfect opportunity for school groups, church groups, families, and individuals to explore a Maryland Coastal Bays Program management property that is typically closed to the public.

Long pants, old shoes or boots

are encouraged. This event is free and open to the public. Participants must sign up in advance. Directions will be provided when registering. RSVP at amandap@mdcoastalbays.org or call 410-213-2297 ext. 103.

Discover Your Watershed series is a program dedicated to providing residents and visitors the opportunity to explore and learn about area restoration properties in the coastal bays watershed. Maryland Coastal Bays Program is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit dedicated to protecting the five coastal bays located behind Ocean City and Assateague Island.

Help Pop Warner program, attend spaghetti dinner

(Nov. 16, 2017) Enjoy a spaghetti and meatball dinner and help support the local Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading program.

Dinner will be served at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School in Berlin on Sunday, Nov. 19, from 1-5 p.m. Hosted by Worcester County Youth Football & Cheerleading Berlin Seahawks, this dinner for all ages will also include a bake sale and raffle.

The junior varsity cheer squad has advanced to the national championship at Walt Disney World's Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Florida, held the first week of December. All adult volunteers go through certification programs and participants rely on donations to attend national championships.

The junior varsity football team has one more game and with a victory will also earn the chance to compete at the national championship.

The cost is \$10 for adults and \$7 per child (5-11 years old). The menu will include Caesar salad, spaghetti with meatballs and/or sausage, garlic bread, lemonade or iced tea.

For more information, contact Colleen Rutzler at rutzler.macsmom@gmail.com or 443-614-0903.

To make a tax-deductible donation, call 443-783-8628, or mail to WCYF, P.O. Box 1517, Berlin, Maryland 21811.

Capital Ringers performing in Pines

(Nov. 16, 2017) Capital Ringers, Inc., a 501(c)(3) community English handbell ensemble that entertains and educates concert audiences with an extensive repertoire of rock n' roll, patriotic, sacred and current top 40 tunes, will perform "Holiday Classics" on Saturday, Nov. 18, at Community Church of Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Rd., in Berlin.

Admission to the 7 p.m. show is a freewill offering. For performance details, call 302-632-1043 or visit www.capitalringers.org.

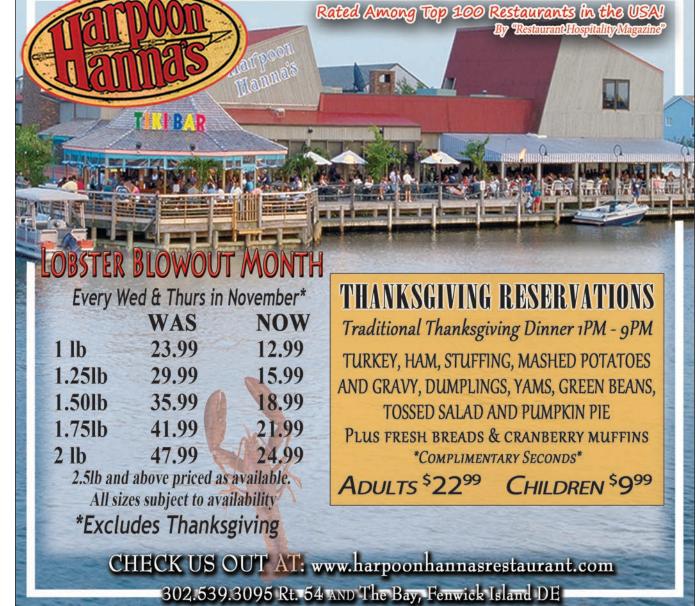
This seasonal musical concert will feature favorites such as "It's The Most Wonderful Time of The Year," "A Charlie Brown Christmas," "Stille Nacht," "O Hanukkah," "You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch," "Sing We Now of Christmas" and "Dance Of The Sugar Plum Fairy."

Mr. Grinch might even make an appearance.

Founded in 2004 by Artistic Director Linda Simms, Capital Ringers' mission is to provide performances to its audiences that demonstrate the artistic diversity of English handbells. The combination of handbells, percussion instruments, movement, audience interaction, humor and visual technology creates a show that will appeal to people of all ages.

This program is supported, in part, by a grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts. The Division promotes arts events on www.DelawareScene.com.





Cuisine

Egg whites on Cornish hen-chard hash

In an effort to preserve myself and my sanity, I started going to the gym. "Going to the gym." Man, just the



sound of that is terrible. let alone the countless joint-tearing repetitions designed to demean and destroy any sense

By Paul Suplee, MBA, CEC, PC-3

But, as a single parent, I know that I must start taking care of my-

self for my kids and stick around as long as I possibly can. While we all know that nothing is really in our control in regards to this, I can at least do my part so that I can say that I did, in fact, do my part. Due diligence is a mighty fine thing.

Waking way-too-early in the morning to make the trek to the sandpit, I typically just roll out of bed, fall into my silky-smooth basketball shorts and jump in the car. But this morning I realize that I forgot the clothes for work, since I have to shower and head straight over. I have a busy day, after all.

So, I run back in the house and get the bag of clothes, and then back out to the truck go I.

As I put the truck in reverse, I reach for my phone so that I can put Iron Maiden or some other loud music on. But the damn phone isn't here. So I put the truck in park and run inside again to grab that; only I make it to the front door before I realize that the truck is still running, ergo the keys are still in the truck. I'm disappointed in myself.

I run back to the truck, turn it off, taking the keys and heading back up to get my phone. With my little device now in hand, I am all set, so I run back out to the truck and get ready to go. But where is my water bottle? I'm starting to get winded, so I'd like a quick drink.

Sullenly I march back up to the house, this time with keys in hand, and go inside to get my water bottle (truth be told there are two; one with water and another with a lovely a.m. cocktail that I've devised).

Slowly slinking out to the car, all I can think about is the fact that it's only Monday. And that it's only 4:45 in the morning. Yes, this is going to be a frightfully long day if this keeps up.

Determined to change the mood, I find a good Maiden song and crank it up, knowing that this at least will get my thoughts headed in the right direction.



Sometimes I just know that a week is going to head in this direction. The spirit in the air deems it so and I do my best to thwart the actions of the universe, but possessing the attention span of a small chipmunk, I've come to expect this type of nonsense. My kids are forever telling me where my keys are as I frantically search for them.

But I'll be done with the gym in an hour, and then I'll cook a nice breakfast to satiate my aching body and soul. And when all is said and done, hopefully it will add a few years to my life.

Egg Whites on Cornish Hen-Chard Hash

enough for 4 8 egg whites

grapeseed oil, as needed

1 quart Cornish Hen Hash (recipe follows)

4 Tbsp. Herb Oil (recipe follows) Salt & Pepper, to taste

1. Have the herb oil and hash ready to go

2. Oil a non-stick pan and pour the scrambled egg whites in. You can cook them all at once and divide, or you can cook them two eggs at a time and roll them up nicely to ape an omelet

3. Place the warm hash on the plate, and there will be a lovely broth as a result of the cooking, so place a little in the bottom of the plate

4. Garnish with herb oil and eat right away

5. Relish at the healthy attributes of this lovely breakfast

Cornish Hen Hash, Swiss Chard

makes about 1 quart

- 2 Tbsp. Whole butter
- 4 cloves garlic, smashed
- 1/2 cup Red onion, diced

2 breast lobes of Cornish hen, diced 2 cups Greens and rib of Swiss

chard, fine ribbons

1 Tbsp. Parsley, minced

1. Sweat the onion and garlic in the butter and cook until it is translucent. Make sure that you don't burn the garlic, as I've told you many times before, as once you do you cannot recover it from the depths of bitter hell

2. When they are starting to get some nice color, add the hen and

cook for a few minutes until mostly cooked

3. Add the chard and cook until tender, and finish with the parsley

4. Adjust your seasoning, using salt and pepper to finish off this simple dish

Herb oil

makes about 1 cup

A nice handful of washed parsley the same goes for some cilantro while you're at it, add some basil 1/2 cup EV Olive oil

Salt & Pepper, as needed

1. Place the herbs and oil into a Vitamix blender and combine until smooth

2. Add more oil or herbs based on whether it is too thick or too loose, respectively

3. Season and set aside. This will hold in the refrigerator for a few days to a week

> – 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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Calendar

THU, NOV. 16

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP: MILITARY RECORDS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Learn what military records you can gain access to and where to go to track these records down. Learn the difference between researching men and women. Attendees are encouraged to bring a laptop or a tablet. Pre-registration required: 410-208-4014

'CRAZY SCIENCE LAB'

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 3 to 7 year old children. 410-208-4014

STORY TIME 'THANKSGIVING'

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

'SEA SHELL MEMORIAL GATHERING'

Ocean City Fishing Pier, 401 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, MD, 3 to 4 p.m. Coastal Hospice invites the community to take a moment to remember, reflect, and offer grantitude to those who have died. Write the names of loved ones or special personal messages on sea shells and then return them to the sea. At. 3:30 p.m., a brief memorial service will be held with singing, inspirational speakers, ideas on how to cope with grief over the upcoming holidays and quiet reflection. 410-742-8732, http://www.CoastalHospice.org

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

'BRINGING OUT THE LEADER IN YOU'

Bayside Chapel, 38288 London Ave., Selbyville, DE, 5 p.m. Dinner is at 5 p.m., leadership training from 5:30-7 p.m. RSVP: Kim Taylor, 302-542-0078 or ktaylor36@verizon.net. This is a free event. 302-436-7585

LIVING WELL WITH DIABETES WORKSHOP Bay Terrace Apartments, 517 Bay Street, Berlin, MD, 5 to 7:30 p.m. Every Thursday for 6 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

REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S DINNER AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS MEETING

Dunes Manor Hotel, 2800 Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, MD, 5:30 p.m. Congressman Andy Harris will update attendees on what is happening in Washington. Cost of the dinner is \$40. Reservations: Pat Addy, gorpataddy@aol.com, 410-208-0171

WILD & SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL

Seacrets, Morley Hall, 117 49th St., Ocean City, MD, 6 p.m. Featuring 13 films, speakers, music, food and drink, door prizes and a silent auction. Pre-sale tickets costs \$20 and when you buy three, you get a fourth ticket free. Tickets at the door costs \$25. Proceeds benefit Assateague Coastal Trust. 410-629-1538,

http://www.actforbays.org

ANIMATION AFTER HOURS

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Seth Nedrow hosts this educational showcase of rare, classic, groundbreaking and bizarre animation from every era around the world. Designed for adults. 410-524-1818

DEMOCRATIC CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 6:30 p.m. After refreshments, Dr. Timothy Dunn, Sociology Professor at Salisbury University, will speak on the Federal DACA program (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals), which allows individuals who come to the United States as children, and who meet certain qualifications, to request deferred action against removal for two years. The meeting will include the election of club officers for 2018.

LATOYA PURNELL TO SPEAK

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 6:45 p.m. The newest city council member will discuss "My Journey to serve as a Snow Hill elected official. She will share her experiences and plans for her community. Worcester County NAACP is hosting this event. 443-944-6701

FRI, NOV. 17

BALLYCASTLE KNITS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Victoria Christie-Healy has taught several hundred women (and some men) how to knit during her career as a knitting teacher. 410-208-4014

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

American Legion, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 7 to 11 p.m. Believe In Tomorrow candidate Maria McEvoy will host this event. One attendee will be named the murderer before the show. Roaring 20s theme. Attendees are encouraged to dress up. Please send calendar items to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday. All community-related activities will be published at no charge.

There will be food, an auction and raffles. Funds can also be donated through www.gofundme.com/believein-tomorrow.

BERLIN BOOK OF THE MONTH

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 1 p.m. Featuring "When I Found You," by Catherine Ryan Hyde. Copies of the book are available in advance at the library. 410-641-0650

LIVING WELL WITH DIABETES WORKSHOP

Homes at Berlin, 113 Flower St., Berlin, MD, 5 to 7:30 p.m. Every Friday for 6 weeks. Learn how to deal with the symptoms of diabetes and what exercises you can do to improve strength and endurance. Register: Jill, 410-742-0505, Ext. 159

FAMILY RETRO MOVIE NIGHT

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 7 p.m. Feturing "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade." Light refreshments served. 410-957-0878

SAT, NOV. 18

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

TURKEY SHOOT

Synepuxent Rod & Gun Club, 7909 Purnell Crossing Road, Berlin, MD, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Bring your own 12 or 20 gauge shotgun and ammo will be provided. Rounds start at \$2 per target. Win a variety of gift certificates. Buy raffle tickets to win a 22 Marlin Rifle. Breakfast, lunch and bake sale available. Proceeds benefit the Ocean City/Berlin Boy Scout Troop 225. Matt Norman, scoutmaster@octroop225.org, 443-366-5882

ANNUAL FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

Worcester County Veterans Memorial, Sports Core Pool, 11144 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 9 a.m. Worn, torn and unusable United States Flags will be retired and burned following US Flag Code. Anyone needing to dispose of a US Flag, may drop off at the Memorial prior to 8:45 a.m. Flags can also be dropped off at American Legions Books-Disaroon Post #123 and Duncan-Showell Post #231 prior to Nov. 18. opmarie@aol.com

WALK WITH A DOC

Ocean Pines War Memorial, South Gate Pond, Ocean Pines, MD, 9 to 10 a.m. Family and pet friendly event. There is a short presentation by a doctor on a current health topic followed by a walk around the pond. Ashley, agodwin@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9644

TURKEY TROT GOLF OPEN

Eagle's Landing Golf Course, 12367 Eagle's Nest Road, Berlin, MD, 9:30 a.m. A 4-person modified scramble featuring golf tournament and turkey feast. A 9:30 a.m. shotgun start starts the day. 410-213-7277, http://www.eagleslandinggolf.com

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Snow Hill Fire House, 4718 Snow Hill Road, Snow Hill, MD 21863, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free. Food will be available for purchase.

'DISCOVER YOUR WATERSHED'

Maryland Coastal Bays Program's Showell Property, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The day begins with searching for a hidden geocache, then follow clues to find hidden treasures while hiking through a forest. After the hike, volunteers will be asked to help with trail maintenance. The program will end with lunch. Long pants and old shoes or boots are encouraged. The event is free and open to the public. RSVP is required: Amanda, amandap@mdcoastalbays.org or 410-213-2297, Ext. 103.

TEEN TIME: BAD ART

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Whoever can make the "worst" piece of art will win a prize. Supplies provided. 410-208-4014

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT CHICKEN DINNER

New Hope United Methodist Church, 7338 New Hope Road, Willards, MD, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Menu includes mashed potatoes, greens, string beans, macaroni and cheese, beets, biscuits, dessert and coffee. Cost is \$13 for adults. Carry-outs available. 410-543-8244 or 443-235-0251

SENSORY STORY TIME

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Designed to bring youngsters of all ages and abilities to the library. Hear a story, sing songs and make a craft. Siblings, families and caregivers are all welcome. Register: 410-632-3495

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT SPAGHETTI DINNER

East Sussex Moose Lodge, 35933 Zion Church Road, Frankford, DE, 3 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 4-12 years. Door prizes every hour. Sponsored by Abate of Sussex County. Info: Dave and Michelle Mitchell, 302-732-3429 or JoAnn McKeon, 410-251-8699

LIGHT UP DOWNTOWN FESTIVAL

Inlet Area, 601 South Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, MD, 3 to 6 p.m. Featuring live music, holiday shopping, vendors, tree lighting, kids' crafts, games and prizes, gift drawings and a visit from Santa. 410-289-1413, http://www.down-

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BINGO NIGHT

Stephen Decatur High School, 9913 Seahawk Road, Berlin, MD 21811, 6 p.m. Doors open 4:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Players can purchase 50/50 raffle tickets and special bingo game sheets. Prizes include Coach purses, gift baskets and cash. Refreshments and lite fare available for purchase. Proceeds benefit Woman to Woman Global. Tickets: 410-251-0129 or 443-614-6797

CAPITAL RINGERS 'HOLIDAY CLASSICS'

Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, Ocean City, MD, 7 p.m. Capital Ringers combines music on handbells, percussion instruments, movement, audience interaction, humor, visual technology and an actor to create a "Holiday Classic" show for all ages. Admission is a freewill offering. 302-632-1043, http://www.capitalringers.org

SUN, NOV. 19

CAROZZA ANNOUNCEMENT EVENT

Ocean City Elementary School, 12828 Center Drive, West Ocean City, MD, 2 p.m. Delegate Mary Beth Carozza will be joined by Governor Larry Hogan to announce her plans for the 2018 election. The event is free and open to the public. Pat Schrawder, Friendsofmb.carozza@yahoo.com, 410-726-1234

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, 11242 Race Track Road, Berlin, MD, 1 to 5 p.m. Menu includes Caesar salad, spaghetti with meatballs and/or sausage, garlic bread, lemonade or iced tea. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$7 for children 5-11 years old. There will also be a bake sale and raffle. Proceeds benefit the local Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading program. Colleen Rutzler, rutzler.macsmom@gmail.com, 443-614-0903

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Holy Savior Church, 1705 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to the service. Includes praise and worship songs, hymns, community choir, thanksgiving testimonies and a brief message. Take packaged food goods, paper products and funds for the offering, which will be used for the needy in our community. There will be desserts after the service. Sponsored by the Ocean City Christian Ministers Association.

MON, NOV. 20

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

COFFEE AND COLORING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. A relaxing coloring session. Coffee provided. 410-208-4014

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. Coffee served at 9:30 a.m. Joy Braun, jbraunva@aol.com, 410-973-1021

LAP TIME

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

GOURD ORNAMENTS

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 2 p.m. Design and make ornaments from small gourds. Presented by Dawn Manyfeathers. 410-632-3495

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 2:30 to 4 p.m. The group meets twice a month. This week's selection is Soren Kierkegaard's "The Knight of Faith." 410-208-4014

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

BOARD GAME DEMO

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 4 to 6 p.m. Play a new board game provided by Phoenix Rising Games and Comics. 410-208-4014

TUE, NOV. 21

PLAY TIME

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 10:30 a.m. Learn new skills while playing with educational toys. For ages infant to age 5. 410-957-0878

STORY TIME 'GIVING THANKS'

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

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

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

COLORING FOR CALMNESS

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 2 p.m. Monthly adult coloring session. Coloring has therapeutic potential to reduce anxiety and create focus or mindfulness. Take your own coloring pages or use those provided. Colored pencils, gel pens and felt tips provided along with coffee and cookies. 410-641-0650

SOOTHING STORIES "OUR FARM"

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

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

BINGO

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

WED, NOV. 22

STORY TIME 'PIZZA'

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. 410-524-1818

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

STITCH-N-SIP FIBER ARTS GROUP

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 11 a.m. Open to people who knit, crochet, cross stitch and all other textile arts. Beginners welcome. Light refreshments provided. 410-957-0878

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, 410-208-1151, http://delmarvahanddancing.com

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, 7 p.m. Info: 410-641-2186 or Bethany21811@gmail.com.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 7 to 8 p.m. The group gathers the fourth Wednesday of each month. Preregistration is not necessary. Pastoral Care Services, gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9725

OCEAN CITY/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB

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

ONGOING EVENTS

KIWANIS TOY DRIVE

Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean City is holding their annual Christmas Toy Drive, collecting new unwrapped toys until December 6 to be delivered to Worcester G.O.L.D. Toys can be delivered to the Ocean Pines Community Center at Wednesday morning weekly meetings (except Nov. 22) from 7-9 a.m. or by calling Dave Landis at 410-641-7330 to arrange pickup. http://www.kiwanisofopoc.org

HOLIDAY FRUIT ORDERS

Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City is taking orders until Dec. 1 for holiday fruit. Offering naval oranges (20 lb. box) for \$24, red grapefruit (20 lb. box) for \$24, 50/50 oranges and grapefruit combo (20 lb. box) for \$30 and mandarin oranges (5 lb. bag) for \$9. Call 410-208-6719 or 410-973-1233 to place an order. Delivery/pick-up will be between Dec. 14-17. Proceeds benefit youth of the community.

FALL RESTAURANT WEEK

Participating restaurants will be offering special, fixed-price menus, Nov. 5-19. No passes, tickets or coupons needed. Simply choose a participating restaurant. Info: www.oceancityrestaurantweek.com or 410-289-6733. Diners will also have the opportunity to win one of three gift cards being raffled on Nov. 22. Send in two receipts from participating restaurants by Nov. 20. Email to inquire@ocvisitor.com or mail to OCHMRA, 5700 Coastal Highway, #302, Ocean City, MD 21842.

TRIP TO JAMAICA RAFFLE

Believe In Tomorrow candidate Maria McEvoy is raffling off a four night, five day trip to Jamaica at Sandals Resort in Ocho Rios. Tickets cost \$10 each or 3 for \$20. The drawing will take place on Prom Night. For tickets, stop by Sandals Bridal Shop in West Ocean City or call McEvoy at 443-944-4763. Funds can also be doated through www.gofundme.com/believein-tomorrow.

AUTOGRAPHED GUITAR RAFFLE

Believe In Tomorrow candidate EJ Foxx is having an ongoing autographed guitar auction, which is signed by Jason Aldean, Brothers Osbourne, Luke Bryan and Brad Paisley. Tickets cost \$10 and can be purchased at the K107.7 station in Salisbury or at various locations announced on the radio station.



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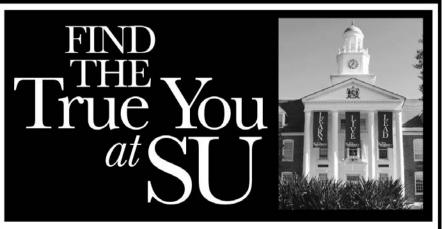
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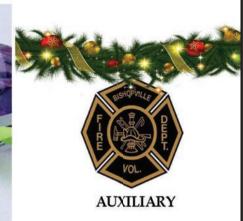
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