

Flurry of resolution overhauls under OPA consideration

Election reforms and comp plan changes considered

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Dec. 7, 2017) Four first readings of amendments to the resolutions governing the Ocean Pines Association were introduced at an Ocean Pines Board of Directors meeting last Thursday. Some were matters of housekeeping, while others involved substantial changes to association procedures.

The alteration to Resolution B-04, for example, would change the phrasing on meeting agendas from "old business" to "unfinished business," a practice that has already been adopted unofficially.

Resolution B-01, on the other hand, would overhaul how future amendments are proposed, passed and stored.

"This is the resolution that handles how we approve resolutions and how they're taken care of," Director Ted Moroney said. Moroney is the liaison to the bylaws and resolutions committee that drafted the text.

One of the significant changes, Moroney said, was the addition of the language "the First reading shall be at a regular meeting of the board. First reading submittal is not by motion."

"In the past, often times we've had a motion for the first reading, but there's no action being taken by the board," he said. "They've tried to take and have this resolution match what we actually do in practice rather than to have something in writing and [the board] not follow it."

Additionally, the board member who submits a resolution amendment would be responsible for "providing a sufficient description of the action. If action is subsequently approved, the board member is responsible for providing the secretary with a final copy for signature approval."

During a recent bylaws committee meeting, members discovered that modifications approved last spring had not been posted online or stored in the master physical copy of the

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Volunteers, local business owners and members of the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee join together to feed more than 200 people during the second annual Artists Giving Back event, last Tuesday at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Berlin.

Volunteers feed hundreds in Berlin

Artists Giving Back event, for second year, pitches in to serve hot holiday meals

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Dec. 7, 2017) More than 200 meals were provided to people in the Berlin area during the second annual "Artists Giving Back, a Holiday Meal for those in need," presented last Tuesday by the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee.

Organizer Robin Tomaselli said most of the meals were served at St. Paul's United Methodist Church or delivered by volunteers to people in the area. Additional food was donated to Diakonia that evening and accounted for several dozen more

people fed, she said.

Worcester Technical High School, Shi-Mar Farms, The Good Farm, The Globe, Blacksmith Berlin, Burley Inn Tavern, Gilbert's Provisions, Fins Ale House and Raw Bar, The Atlantic Hotel, Baked Dessert Café and On What Grounds donated food.

Additionally, Bruder Hill, Bruder Home, Atlantic Retreat and the Church Mouse Thrift Shop donated paper products for the event, and a local family donated centerpieces.

"The whole thing was awesome ... because our entire culinary artist's village really stepped to the plate," Tomaselli said. "And, of course, it could not have happened without the ministry at St. Paul's. Not only did they donate the venue, but [they] spent two days helping us set up the

hall and they prepared the greens that were donated. They made gravy, they cooked hams, and the kids from Worcester Youth and Family served again."

Tomaselli said girls from the SAGES program at Worcester Youth helped to serve food, while boys from the SAGES program rode with Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing and resident Mike Wiley, to help deliver food.

"My sister who is a middle school teacher gave us a list of kids in middle schools who were really in need of a hot meal, some of whom are homeless, if you can imagine that," Tomaselli said. "We delivered to students ... and people who were shut-in."

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Anna Foultz, center, and volunteers from Ocean Pines nonprofit, Star Charities, collected dozens of bags of items for the annual “Holiday Gifts for Our Soldiers Overseas” drive. Members of the U.S. Army National Guard picked the items up at Foultz’s home, last Thursday.

JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Pines nonprofit benefits soldiers serving overseas

Annual collection of holiday gifts picked up last week

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Dec. 7, 2017) A Maryland Army National Guard truck pulled up to Anna Foultz’s home in Ocean Pines last Thursday to haul away dozens of bags of items donated for soldiers serving overseas.

Foultz and her late husband, Carl, started the “Holiday Gifts for Our Soldiers Overseas” drive two decades ago.

“Twenty years! Can you believe it?” Foultz said in her home on Thursday. “I think this is going to be my last year. It’s a lot of work. I keep saying that every year!”

Carl Foultz was a World War II veteran who served four years in the China-Burma-India Theater.

“He wanted to do something for the soldiers, so we got together and he started it. It started out small, from just our library, and now it’s pretty big. It covers most of the Eastern Shore,” Foultz said. “We have more today than we did last year. It’s getting bigger and bigger.”

She said donations came from throughout Worcester County and Sussex County, Delaware, and included collection boxes at county libraries. About eight volunteers for Foultz’s nonprofit Star Charities collect the items and stores them in her garage until they can be shipped.

Chewing gum, telephone calling cards, games, sunglasses and toiletries are popular donation items.

“You wouldn’t believe the amount of books we got this year,” Foultz said. “It just makes me feel so good to do this. It just lifts my spirits to do something good for our soldiers, because I support them 100 percent, whatever they do. If I can help in any way, that’s why I do it. And, it makes me feel like I’m close to my husband.”

Maj. Rob Willie led the collection team.

“We get to go around and pick up a lot of items like this during this time of year and it means a lot to us,” he said.

Star Charities will host a Beef and Beer benefit for wounded soldiers on Friday, Jan. 12 at the Ocean Pines Community Center on 235 Ocean Parkway.

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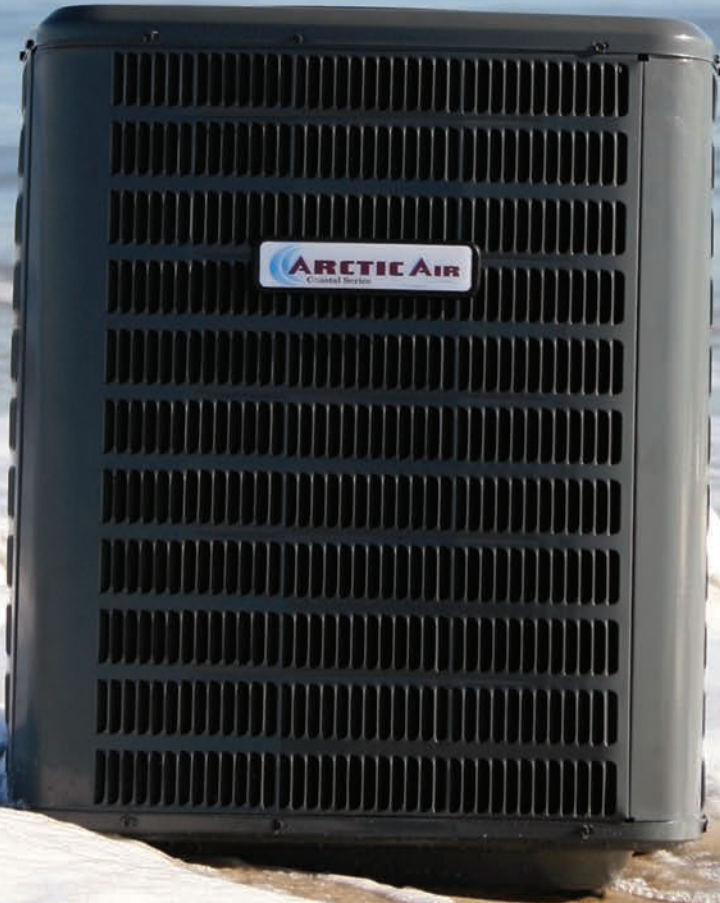
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Work to improve Pocomoke water quality beginning

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Dec. 7, 2017) Work to address decades-old water quality issues plaguing Pocomoke City began this week.

City Manager Bobby Cowger said Monday public works would start replacing pipes in the Pocomoke Heights area on 14th Street.

He said doing the project in-house would cost about \$25,000 in materials and \$15,000 in labor. Paying a contractor to do the work, Cowger said, would likely cost more than \$100,000.

“This has been going on for over 20-some years and it’s a shame that the past administration has let this thing go, because grants and funding and money was available and a lot easier to get 25 years ago – even up to 10 years ago,” he said.

Cowger said a grant window for Maryland Department of the Environment funding started Dec. 1 and runs until Jan. 31. The town is expected to apply for at least \$1 million in grants that would apply to fiscal year 2018, which starts July 1.

“We’re going to take a full look of the entire pipes, some of Market Street and any other bad areas that we’re having, and we’re going to put a grant application in to see just how much money we can get,” he said. “We do feel that we have an upper hand on getting a grant because of the [poor] quality of our infrastructure and the quality of water that’s coming out of it – we feel we have a good shot.”

To replace all of the subpar infrastructure, Cowger said, would likely cost \$2 million.

“The city has got to attack this problem,” he said. “This has got to be the number-one priority in Pocomoke right now. This is stopping people from being able to sell homes [and] any new people from coming in. Nobody wants to buy a house and go out and live in the Heights.”

Cowger said he grew up in that area in the 1970s.

“The water was just as bad then as

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BRIAN GILLILAND/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

STORY TIME

Snow Hill Elementary School teacher Connie West reads holiday stories to the children in attendance during last Thursday’s tree lighting at Byrd Park.

Pocomoke City slashes tap fees

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Dec. 7, 2017) The message coming out of Pocomoke City Council on Monday night was loud and clear – the town is open for business and is offering incentives to attract new construction.

To that end, the council approved a 50 percent reduction in fees for new water and sewer connections, also known as tap fees.

The old fee structure was \$4,500 each for water and sewer. Now, for one calendar year beginning on Jan. 1, 2018, the fee will be \$4,500 for both.

In a letter dated Nov. 6, developer Chris Gilkerson of Amber Ridge II LLC asked Pocomoke City Manager Bobby Cowger to consider a fee reduction for his projects, the Southern Fields, Hillcrest Drive and Woodland Manor subdivisions, which plan to build 20 new homes.

“In efforts to further build momentum in these projects and to keep costs as low as possible for potential

homeowners in both of these projects; we would respectfully request a reduction to the water and sewer connection fees assessed by the city of Pocomoke,” Gilkerson wrote.

Cowger, during a public meeting on Monday, asked the council to take that a step further and consider a broader fee reduction for all new developments, good for one year.

“My recommendation is we would ... do that for any new any [construction],” he said. “That’s an incentive maybe to boost up the development behind the firehouse and any other lots that we have. That is a very good incentive to get builders and developers to come here. And we certainly aren’t going to lose any money providing two taps at \$4,500.”

Taking into account the 20 homes projected by Gilkerson and perhaps another 10 in the town, Cowger said, “You’re looking at \$4 or \$5 million worth of new assessment base that we would be taxing.”

“That all snowballs into newfound

revenue,” he said. “The city’s gotta get aggressive on stepping up and committing themselves to get [new] developments ... we need the revenue and we’re not going to get revenue without development.”

Councilman Dale Trotter moved to cut the rate by half for one year. The vote was unanimous.

On Tuesday, Cowger said the new rates were good for both residential and commercial construction. He said additional tax incentives for commercial builders were considered on a case-by-case basis and the town is eager to work with developers.

“Fifty-percent off tap fees is almost unheard of in municipalities, because most municipalities try to use that as a huge money maker against the builders,” Cowger said. “Pocomoke is stepping up and we’re trying to work with developers and builders to bring some new growth down here.

“That’s our way of putting our commitment into revitalizing the city,” he added.

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Winter Quarters showing some improvement

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Dec. 7, 2017) The good news is the nine-hole Winter Quarters Municipal Golf Course in Pocomoke is losing less money than it has during recent years. The bad news is the course is still projecting another six-figure loss.

However, a decision on the future of the course was tabled until the next Pocomoke City Council meeting, which will be in January.

The council, during budget deliberations in May, discussed a six-month trial run for the course that would include a greater focus on advertising. At the time, then City Manager Ernie Crofoot said golf accounted for most of Pocomoke's \$182,000 deficit last fiscal year.

City Manager Bobby Cowger said Monday play at the course from July 1 to Nov. 30 last year was about 1,785 rounds and generated about \$15,000 in revenue. During the same period this year, the course drew in 2,238 rounds and made roughly \$27,000.

"The play has picked up significantly and I think a lot of the advertising and some of the stuff that's been changed definitely contributed to that," he said. "The play and the revenue has [rebounded] from last year."

Cowger said revenues to date at Winter Quarters were about \$38,000, including more than \$9,000 in membership dues for 17 members. He said 10 of those members lived in Pocomoke City.

Expenses, however, were about \$84,000, meaning the course has lost about \$46,000 during the fiscal year.

"We'll have to add December into it," Cowger said. "Looking at the weather and the conditions and everything, we're looking at probably somewhere in the \$52,000 to \$53,000 [range] at a loss for the first six months."

Cowger said Winter Quarters lost about \$149,000 during fiscal 2015, \$155,000 during fiscal 2016 and \$143,000 during fiscal 2017.

"Looking at the play, if the weather holds up, the worst it would be this year would probably be \$100,000 [loss]. That puts it at anywhere from 30 to 50 percent better than it's been for the last three years – but it's still on track for losing roughly around \$100,000," Cowger said.

City Council members were not sure what should be done.

Councilwoman Diane Downing speculated that the departure of former Golf Superintendent Doug Guns and rumors of course closure hurt play and contributed to losses in revenue.

"If Doug hadn't been told that we were going to close the golf course in the first place, then it wouldn't have went down as far as it went down ... you've got to give it time [to recover]," she said.

Downing said she is not interested in taking an amenity like the golf course away from one group, "just to give something to somebody else."

"Yes, the young people need something too, but why take it from the seniors and the retirees and the golfers that love the golf?" she said. "Because of extenuating circumstances, that's why I feel like the golf course went down further than it would have."

Councilman George Tasker said he was impressed by the turnaround and favored tabling the matter, for now.

Councilwoman Esther Troast said she has mostly kept silent on the issue, but if she had to vote today, she would vote to close the course.

"Being a long-time resident of Pocomoke, my heart says I don't want to get rid of it," she said. "My husband is a golfer, I have attempted to play golf and I understand the amenity that it's offering to the public and the draw that it might have to bring people to Pocomoke. But, my business side ... tells me the city can't keep sinking \$149,000, \$150,000 back into the golf course when we have streets that are dilapidated and need repairing. We have water issues that we had to borrow \$250,000 to take care of."

"I'm on the fence. My heart says don't close it – my better judgment says to close it," she added.

Troast advocated delaying any decision for at least one more month. In part, she said, that would give resident Jim Covington more time to pursue a National Historic Registry designation for the course.

The course includes the Winter Quarters Log Cabin, built in 1940 under the Works Progress Administration created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as a way to speed up economic recovery after the Great Depression.

Covington said a UMES professor and another historian were helping to write the application for the designation, and site work on the cabin was done about three weeks ago. He said the paperwork should be finished in January and would be submitted to the council.

"They both feel very favorably that we'll be accepted on the National Registry," Covington said.

He cautioned that the designation would not guarantee money, but rather would allow the city to apply for grants to maintain both the course

and the cabin. Grant money could not be used for labor, he added.

Covington favored keeping the course active.

"I realize that Winter Quarter's Golf Course at this point in time is not a money-making venture," he said. "But can we really afford to lose ... this amenity? Is the Discovery Center Profitable? Is the Mar-Va Theater?"

"What do we have to bring in tourists – to bring in locals, or those who might be interested in moving to Pocomoke City?" Covington continued. "We, without question, have the finest school system in the state of Maryland, bar none. That is definitely a draw, but what else do we have for families? We can't afford to lose any other those three things."

Covington said he is convinced the historic designation and improved marketing would help the course draw more people to Pocomoke "which ... we sorely need." The alternative of turning it into a park, he said, would be costly and could increase crime.

Councilman Dale Trotter moved to table the matter until the next meeting. The vote to do so was unanimous.



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Eloise Henry Gordy pitches in during the second annual Artists Giving Back event in Berlin, last Tuesday. Volunteers and members of the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee fed more than 200 people, both at St. Paul's United Methodist Church and through in-home deliveries.

Event offered 'confirmation of how much people care'

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She rode along during the initial round of deliveries. The first stop, she said, was to a 95-year-old woman in her home who could not have been happier to see the Berlin chief of police.

"As soon as she heard [Downing's] voice, she lit up like a ray of sunshine. And he visits these people all the time," Tomaselli said. "If you ask me, he is a story unto himself.

"He knows every single person in this community that's in need. He knows what their schedule is as far as what days and times they go to dialysis and how many people in their household might need a hot meal," she added. "I think that he is a gift to all of us that, probably, a lot of us take for granted. He really goes above and beyond the call of duty."

Wiley was similarly impressed.

"This is the second year that I've worked with Chief Downing and helped him deliver stuff around town and the outskirts of town, and it's amazing how he knows everyone," he said.

According to Wiley, no one wrote down addresses. Downing had a list of last names of dozens of people in need and knew exactly where each one was.

"He'd say, oh that's so and so and his mother is such and such person, and everything just flowed. We never had any issues at all," Wiley said. "He's a very good example for everyone in town. I think he draws it all together and he's respected all over town – I've never heard a negative word about him."

Downing, for his part, said he was just grateful to be able to help.

"It's always a blessing when you can go ahead and do something like that. I think the real takeaway is everyone showing you so much ap-

preciation," he said. "I had an opportunity to take a couple of the young men from Worcester Youth and Mike went with me and Robin also, and they got to ... see how many people inside the community [needed help]."

Of the deliveries, Downing said about a half-dozen people served had just returned home from hospital stays.

"For a lot of people it was really timely," he said. "Some people said it was just so special just to have something like that ready for them and [to see] that people care. It was just a confirmation of how much people care about each other in the community."

Tomaselli said she contacted everyone who donated food or services to the event and each said the same thing – they all want to help again next year.

"I think what everybody took away was, if you look around, the world is filled with really awesome people who are really interested in giving back to others. I think you miss that if the only thing you're plugged into is the news and social media," she said.

For those who want to continue to help, Downing said St. Paul's United Methodist Church on 405 Flower Street has a pantry kitchen. Stevenson United Methodist Church on 123 North Main Street operates a Spirit Kitchen and Sonrise Church on 10026 Main Street runs a similar operation.

"Folks can just ask those and other faith-based organizations how they can assist. Some of it may be monetary and gift donations, and other times volunteering and helping with those organizations," he said.

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Also in the new text, adoption of revisions could be approved at any regular or special meeting subsequent to the first reading. The secretary would be responsible for obtaining signatures on physical copies of the resolution and adding a signed copy of the amendment to the book of resolutions.

The bylaws committee would be responsible for establishing a review schedule and delegating the bodies to review each resolution, many of which relate to specific advisory committees. The group would then review proposals for consistency.

"The idea is that it will go to bylaws, which will compare it to what the governing documents are [and] law is ... rather than having one group that may not be looking at the whole picture, so we don't have any unintended consequences," Moroney said. "The bylaws committee has done a good job of broadening what we're doing and including all of the governing documents and also trying to set up a process that actually mirrors what we do, rather than have some kind of a process that we ignore as we go along."

A revision of M-06 regarding the elections committee would move the ballot deadline up a day. That would allow the committee to set seating assignments during candidate forums, and announce voting results immediately after ballots are counted. Under the current practice, votes are announced the day after the election, during the annual meeting.

Vice President Cheryl Jacobs noted the announcement date was brought up earlier during the year, but was rejected by the board.

"We have already had this presented to us in the past and it was made clear that we were not in favor of this. I'm just curious why this is being brought back again," she said.

Director Slobodan Trendic, the liaison to the elections committee that drafted the amendment, said he was simply reporting on their work.

"It is my responsibility to convey what the committee is recommend-

ing. If the board wishes not to entertain that change, then I think the board should make it clear to the committee that this is a final position and it shall not be revisited," he said. "That is up to the board to decide - collectively, not individually."

Trendic also introduced a rewrite of Resolution C-07, on the comprehensive planning committee, which would change the committee charter.

"The whole resolution is proposed to be restructured," Trendic said. "Basically, what the committee is recommending is that a change be made from the cur-

rent comprehensive planning model which follows, really, a government ... model, to more of a corporate, traditional strategic planning model."

He said the committee noted a multi-year strategic plan was not in place and they recommended the general manager develop one. The committee would support that effort, Trendic said.

Director Ted Moroney said the general manager should have total ownership of a comprehensive plan and wondered if the committee should be a permanent group, or "be put together on a case-by-case basis."

"Normally, a strategic planning committee ... has a shelf life. It comes in, it helps develop the plan, and then it goes away because the implementation belongs [with the general manager]," he said. "My big question is, when would we start a strategic plan given all the other stuff we've got going?"

Moroney added implementation of the plan needed to belong "100 percent" to the general manager.

Trendic said whether the committee should be an ad hoc or permanent group could be discussed during the second reading at a later meeting.

Full texts of all the proposed changes are available online at www.oceanpines.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/11-30-17-Board-Packet.pdf.

The board is not scheduled to meet again this year.

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Pocomoke Mayor Morrison still hospitalized in Delaware

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Dec. 7, 2017) Pocomoke citizens continue to send supportive thoughts and prayers as Mayor Bruce Morrison begins an apparent long road to recovery after undergoing emergency surgery to treat a subdural hematoma, or traumatic brain injury, at Christiana Hospital in Newark, Delaware, last week.

Pocomoke Councilwoman Esther Troast said Morrison's wife noticed something was wrong early last Wednesday morning and called 911. He was rushed by ambulance from his home to Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury at around 2:30 a.m.

"Laura was awoken by him getting sick and couldn't wake him," she said. "She suspected it was a stroke."

Troast said surgeons had to act quickly after an unconscious Morrison was admitted with brain swelling. "They suspected a brain aneurysm, but it was a large hematoma on the right side of the back of his skull," she said. "Had they not done the surgery, he might not have survived."

Because of the severity of the condition, doctors tried to transport Morrison by helicopter to medical facilities on the western shore, but were unable to because of heavy fog. Instead, two emergency room nurses volunteered to ride along in an ambulance and Morrison was taken to Newark, by land.

Troast, Councilman George Tasker and City Manager Bobby Cowger traveled to Newark to check in on Morrison, last Wednesday afternoon.

"We've been lifelong friends, but have gotten a stronger bond since we've worked together as city officials," Troast said.

Although Morrison was unable to speak, Troast feels certain her sentiments registered.

"I got right to his ear to talk to him and his fingers moved," she said. "I truly believe he heard what I said."

As word spread that Morrison was fighting for his life, an outpouring of support from Pocomoke residents was apparent.

"The thing about Pocomoke ... you might not be blood, [but] when a citizen is in need of prayers or healing graces this town comes together as one," Troast said.

In addition to Salem United Methodist Church opening its doors for a prayer vigil, Troast said Bayside Community Church launched an email prayer chain and other places of worship, including Lynnhaven Baptist Church and First Baptist, encouraged its members to send positive energy to Morrison.

"Every church in town was praying," she said. "The power of prayer is the key."

On Monday, Tasker provided a Facebook update on Morrison's condition.

"[Morrison] had a restful night and lots of hand squeezing," he posted.

Troast, who will serve as interim mayor in Morrison's absence, said it's too early to know how severe the injury will be.

"It is our understanding it will be a very long recovery," she said. "Each day will be like a new beginning."

Despite the uncertainty, she said Morrison is progressing slowly, but surely.

"He's a fighter and he's definitely going to win this battle," she said.

Troast also vowed the mayor and council's ongoing mission to improve Pocomoke would continue.

"This council is dedicated and passionate about reviving the town," she said. "I truly believe Bruce will back to lead us to that victory."

'Heights' first on water fix list

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it is today," he said. "Those people have put up with that for so long ... Tomorrow they will see that, finally, we're starting to make a stand on this thing," he said.

He elaborated on Tuesday.

"The town has been waiting for 30 years. They've been misled for a long time by the past administration," he said. "That was my number-one commitment when I came here, that I was going to do something. I've been here four months and now it's coming to fruition."

He said public works staff were cutting lines on Tuesday and would start installing new pipe Wednesday. The project is estimated to last three weeks.

The existing lines will stay charged while new lines are installed. Once installation is finished, the water would be turned off for about six-to-eight hours during the final connection. Residents have been kept up to date on the outage schedule, Cowger said.

"Every pipe we do, there should be a little bit of improvement, especially where our water treatment plant is being rehabbed right now," he said. "That'll be done by the end of December or middle of January at the latest."

"The plant's going to be putting out excellent water, so there's no reason we can't get these pipes done so the residents can be getting the water they deserve," he added.

The City Council approved borrowing \$259,000 from Taylor Bank for repairs at the water treatment plant in July. The greensand filter system at the plant, designed to remove iron, manganese, and hydrogen sulfide, will be cleaned and replaced with new valves being put on, Cowger said.

Loved ones memorialized with ornaments

Funeral home in Selbyville each year hangs angels for families business served

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Dec. 7, 2017) For the sixth year, Bishop-Hastings Funeral Home in Selbyville is honoring loved one who passed away during the year with a series of memorial Christmas ornaments.

The funeral home takes care of the operation entirely on its end and at no cost to its clients.

"Every year, we put up a Christmas tree and we hang an angel for everyone who has died in the past year on there, for families we have served," Bryan Bishop said.

Reminder cards were sent to each family last week, Bishop said, letting them know the angel ornaments can be picked up on or after Saturday, Dec. 16.

"That way they can put them on their Christmas tree at home," he said. "We do it all on our end – they only thing they have to do is just come and pick them up."

Bishop said the funeral home will mail ornaments to families who do not live in the immediate area.

"The response has always been really good," he said. "It's very emotional on the day when families come to pick them up. When people come in and see

the tree, it brings back memories, but it's also very respectful for those people and shows we care about what we do."

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WINTER WONDERLAND

White Horse Park in Ocean Pines, each year, turns into a festive winter wonderland during Christmastime. Local organizations, clubs and nonprofits annually decorate trees and light up the park, on 245 Ocean Parkway.

Berlin still seeking funds to renovate town tennis courts

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Dec. 7, 2017) The United States Tennis Association denied the Town of Berlin's grant application for \$20,000 to be used for the renovation of the tennis courts at Stephen Decatur Park.

Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen said the project, estimated to cost \$320,000, including engineering work and lighting systems, would likely go back before the mayor and council on Jan. 22.

Bohlen said Community Parks and Playgrounds, which operates under the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, committed \$215,000 to the project and the Town of Berlin Electric Department committed about \$50,000 for the lighting. The town would have to decide how to make up the remaining balance, roughly \$50,000.

Additional funding of \$20,000 could come from Program Open Space, which also operates under the Department of Natural Resources. Program Open Space funding is allocated to Maryland counties, which can then opt to reallocate funds to the municipalities.

For the first time in several years, Worcester County was able to allocate \$20,000 to Berlin. Berlin has applied to use the funds for the tennis courts project and initial approval has been given by the Department of Natural Resources.

The Maryland Board of Public Works has the final say over the actual funding commitment. The Berlin project is on their Dec. 6 agenda for review and approval.

The Town of Berlin has not received Program Open Space funding for several years, but Bohlen and other officials were hopeful some level of funding would return this year.

In other park projects news, Bohlen said site work was expected to begin soon for installation of permanent bathrooms at Dr. William Henry Park.

Funding is being pursued for permanent restrooms at Stephen Decatur Park, but Bohlen does not anticipate hearing back from granting agencies until spring.

The Berlin Parks Commission meeting on Dec. 5 was canceled. The commission is scheduled to meet next on Jan. 2 at 5:30 p.m. in Town Hall.

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Pocomoke liquor store decision waits on judge

Could be weeks before opinion delivered; Patel in April bid \$1.175M for shop

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(Dec. 7, 2017) The fate of the Pocomoke City Shore Spirits store remains unknown after Circuit Court Judge Broughton Earnest opted to deliver a written opinion on the facts instead of rendering a verdict at the time of the hearing last Wednesday.

The opinion can be produced at the judge's discretion and could take weeks before it's delivered.

If the petitioner, Janik Patel, prevails, the award of a Class A beer, wine and liquor license to Kalpesh Patel, the person who won the bidding for the former county store, will be blocked, releasing him from the contract to purchase the store.

If Kalpesh Patel, joined by the Board of License Commissioners and Worcester County, prevails, the transaction would be complete.

However, Janik Patel could file another appeal, though she said via

her attorney, Hugh Cropper, they were focused on the current proceedings.

Cropper argued the appeal on three grounds. First, the plaintiffs allege that the application to appear before the Board of License Commissioners filed by Kalpesh Patel was completed in bad faith. They also contended that the need for a store selling beer at that location was exaggerated. The third point in the appeal was that the application was for a beer, wine and liquor license, even though sales data provided by Worcester County showed wine was not in high demand for that store, and beer demand was being served by two other stores in the same strip mall. Without proving the demand for all three would be served, the application should be denied, Cropper argued.

Cropper told the judge he felt his first argument was the most compelling and the third was his favorite, because it was the most creative.

As to the first argument, Cropper said the application must be filled out by resident property owners who

are registered voters within the municipality of Pocomoke. The application required 10 signatures of people certifying Kalpesh Patel is an appropriate person for a liquor license. One of the required fields in the application is a notation of the length of time the signatory is acquainted with Kalpesh Patel.

Patel submitted 16 signatures, all from people who indicated they had "just met" Patel. Cropper argued the standard for a certification could not be met by people who meet the applicant for the first time when collecting signatures.

Mark Cropper, representing Kalpesh Patel, said the application required the notation of how long the applicant and signatory knew each other, but there was no standard for a length of time, so "just met" — noted on the application as an acceptable answer — meets the standard for the process.

Mark Cropper, arguing for the defendant, also said that Janik Patel unsuccessfully bid for the store when it was for sale, and that she admitted during the hearing at the Board of Li-

cense Commissioners that she would have pursued a similar license had she won the store.

Cropper said Janik Patel was not against the idea of the license, but against the idea of a license being issued to anyone who isn't her.

Judge Earnest said he needed time to evaluate the arguments, and would issue his decision as soon as circumstances allow.

This appeal has resulted in further delay of the county's exit from the liquor control business. In fact, the county went so far as to not produce an operating budget for the department as part of negotiations this year, and was forced to prepare one.

County Treasurer Phil Thompson was directed to produce a budget for the department, which passed a public hearing on Aug. 15. The budget was set at about \$1 million.

Bids on the two county stores, especially the Pocomoke City store, beat expectations, but couldn't account for litigation or missed deadlines.

Patel bid \$1.175 million for the store, its contents and the real estate.

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Ocean Pines Association Briefs

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Dec. 7, 2017) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors discussed the following items during a meeting in the community center last Thursday:

Prez's remarks on pool

Association President Doug Parks gave a "shout out" to the Oasis Pool Working Group and its recommendations for usage of the formerly adult-only pool. The group sought the advice of a lawyer and concluded a set of rules urging calmer, quieter behavior was appropriate.

"I thought it was well done," he said. "There was a lot of interesting information there and I just wanted to publically thank them for the effort that they put forward in gathering all that information and presenting something to the board for consideration."

Treasurer's report

Director Pat Supik said payroll at the yacht club and beach club were much higher than the industry standard of 35 percent. She said yacht club payroll, as of Oct. 31, was 52 percent and beach club payroll was 46 percent. Both amenities have performed below expectations this year.

General manager's report

General manager John Bailey said a draft of the next fiscal-year budget is finished and is due to the budget and finance committee. Copies were also sent to the board.

The directors are scheduled to meet Jan. 8-11 to discuss the budget.

Bailey said he met with several local food and beverage consultants and would sort through proposals

"over these next few weeks." A report is due to the board, he said.

The yacht club is open on Fridays and Saturdays only through March, he said, adding, "Special events and banquets are ... occurring as scheduled."

He said sound-damping panels for the yacht club, purchased, but never installed, had recently been found. Bailey said a sound engineer would need to be hired to install them.

Research is being done into updating architectural drawings for renovations at the country club, Bailey said. Planned renovations paused and apparently have not resumed.

"That would probably be limited to just the main part of the second floor, where we're talking about the meeting rooms and the large open space in the middle, if we're interested in having any of that area be available to us by the summer, 2018," he said.

Refuse and recycling contract
Bailey said two companies responded to a request for proposals for refuse and recycling contracts, including current vendor Republic Services and Chesapeake Waste Industries. The current contract expires Dec. 31.

He said the bid from Republic was lower, but both proposals were "pretty close."

The board voted 7-0 to select the bid from Republic.

CPI violations

Three compliance, permit and inspection violations were forwarded to Ocean Pines' attorney for action, all by unanimous 7-0 votes.

They are: 7 Pinecone Way (unpermitted skateboard ramp), 4 Hemlock Lane (vehicle violation) and 73 Boston Drive (unpermitted fence).

Association officials attempted to contact the property owners and deal with each issue, but were not suc-

cessful.

Annual reports

Director Ted Moroney briefed the board on an annual report submitted by the bylaws and resolutions committee, and Cheryl Jacobs discussed a report by the clubs committee.

Moroney said the committee asked for legal review of association documents to be included in the budget.

He said the committee recommended keeping board liaisons consistent after elections, when possible. Currently, those assignments are shuffled each August.

Moroney said the committee also reported major issues with Resolution M-02, which governs amenity policy.

Jacobs said the clubs committee turned in a comprehensive 14-page report, complete with photos, which was included in the board packet and is available online.

She said the committee's top-three recommendations were hiring a consultant to improve food and dining experience, improving the sound quality for bands and audience members at the yacht club, and increasing handicapped access to bar and dining areas.

"I want to thank them again for a really wonderful, comprehensive annual report and all the good work that they're doing," she said. "We all have the same goal in mind and that is to have a successful food and beverage operation here in Ocean Pines."

50th anniversary update

Jacobs, also the liaison to the 50th anniversary committee, announced a series of dates to celebrate the semi-centennial of the association, next year.

She said a sign ceremony and dedication has been set for Jan. 6, a special license plate auction for March

24, a parade on June 2, golf tournament on June 30, 4-k run on July 4, beach bash on July 22, time-capsule opening on Aug. 11, racquet tournament on Aug. 18 and winter gala at the yacht club on Nov. 10.

Motion denied

Director Slobodan Trendic moved to direct the general manager to reduce recurring operating expenses by 5 percent in the next fiscal-year budget.

He said the association lost more than \$360,000 in fiscal 2016-2017 and losses could be even higher during the current fiscal period.

"The intent is to deal proactively with the deficit concerns by implementing cost-saving measures with a focus on the recurring operating expenditures," he said. "This will enable the association to improve its financial performance in a fiscally responsible and conservative way."

The motion died for lack of a second.

Parks said of the motion's demise, "by no means are we abandoning any approach to prepare a very fiduciarily responsible budget that does deal with the deficit ... [but] putting a specific target on that hampers the ability to be creative when it comes to the cost side of the ledger."

Committee appointments

Parks appointed John Viola as chairman of the budget and finance committee and Tom Janasek as chairman of the environment and natural asset committee.

Other committee appointments included Larry Perrone and Larry Decker to the budget and finance committee, Cathy Gallagher and Peggy Turner to the search committee and Doris Lloyd to the marine activities committee.



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Decorations, Christmas parade participants and lighting from brightly flashing merchandise carts and the moon's soft shine on Monday make downtown Snow Hill appear aglow.

Winners of Snow Hill's Christmas parade announced

(Dec. 7, 2017) The Snow Hill Lions Club announces the winners of the Snow Hill Christmas parade, held in the downtown area on Dec. 4.

- The winners are:
- Best Color Guard:** Duncan Showell American Legion Post 231
 - Best Marching Band:** Pocomoke High School
 - Best Senior Commercial Float:** Walmart of Pocomoke
 - Best Fire Company:** Pocomoke City Volunteer Fire Co.
 - Best Car & Truck:** First State Riders
 - Best Junior Float:** Cub Scout Pack 155
 - Best non-musical marching group:** Girl Scout Troop 009
 - Best Horse and Rider:** Chincoteague Pony Drill Team
 - Best Non-Commercial Senior Float:** Blessing of the Combines
 - Best JROTC:** Snow Hill High School
 - Best Motorcycle Group:** Worcester County Sheriff's Department
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Snow Hill’s model train garden open through December

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Dec. 7, 2017) Smoking locomotives, albeit of the scale-model variety, will be chugging around the tracks of a Snow Hill-themed train garden running upstairs at the Pocomoke River Canoe Company from 1-4 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday during December.

For the past quarter century, the Corrdry Company Crossing Model Railroad Club has operated the ever-evolving train garden above the iconic Snow Hill business, which is owned by Barry Laws. He also doubles as club president.

Although only open sporadically throughout the year, Corrdry Company member Frank Deuter, 19, said the miniaturized wonderland for O-gauge enthusiasts would be full steam ahead this entire month.

The train garden kicked off its holiday run under the watchful eye of train engineers Deuter and Sam Smith during Snow Hill’s First Friday event, last week.

“We typically draw decent crowds,” Deuter said.

This was arguably an understatement last Friday, when the canoe company hosted a Snow Hill Elementary PTA Night to celebrate Christmas.



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Steam-emitting locomotives circle the tracks in the Corrdry Company Crossing Model Railroad Club’s Snow Hill-themed train garden, which is open 1-4 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday during December on the second floor of the Pocomoke River Canoe Company at 2 River Street.

Despite the presence of Santa Claus, cookies and hot chocolate downstairs, a large throng of youngsters bounded the narrow wooden steps to stare in wonderment at the array of Lionel, MTH and Williams by Bachman 1:48 scale-model trains circling the room.

Although Deuter had his hands full maintaining the complex setup in an area teeming with children, a lifetime of experience with model trains was clearly evident.

“I’m pretty much the main engineer,” he said. “I know how to run them and a work a digital system.”

Deuter credits his uncle, Paul Richardson, with inspiring his passion for miniature railroads. He remembers Richardson taking him to visit to the Corrdry Company’s train garden display above the canoe company as a 5-year-old.

Within a year, Deuter received a Lionel electric train set from his grandmother, and the delighted club members gladly provided space for the youngster to pursue the newly discovered hobby.

After about half a dozen years of playing on the side and gaining expertise, Deuter said club members invited him to become further involved.

“I started fixing things, setting up tables and repairing trains,” he said.

In April 2016, Roland Collins, the Corrdry Company’s original chief engineer, passed away at the age of 68 and since that time Deuter has worked

with longtime club members Wayne Collins, Charlie McWilliams and Steve Brown to fill the void.

“We have a couple of new guys this year who are bringing a wealth of experience to the table,” he said.

Noting the surrounding landscape includes locations like the Tyson Feed Mill, B & N Hardware and the Pocomoke River Canoe Company, Deuter said the train garden also captures the attention of adults.

“We try to keep it authentic with recognizable sights,” he said.

While the holiday model train garden extravaganza is free to attend, Deuter said the club has a donation box to help fund future expansion efforts, such as the recently added elevated rail and trolley.

“We try to add something new every year,” he said.

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Inca Ruins 'bling' drive will benefit Church Mouse

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Dec. 7, 2017) For the third year in a row, Inca Ruins in Berlin is holding a holiday fundraiser to benefit one of its neighbors, the Church Mouse Thrift Shop.

"Every year we do something with the Church Mouse and this year we are doing LED stuff," owner Ken Briggs said. "It's a little bit of bling that's great for kids, great for the parade, and great for New Year's Eve."

Items include light-up Santa hats, candy canes and other festive trinkets. They sell for \$5 each and Briggs said he purchased 75 pieces.

"All proceeds go to the Church Mouse, so it could be upwards of \$350," he said. "We get some exposure and last year we did a canned food drive. All through the year we give her merchandise."

Donations of clothing from Inca Ruins have been substantial, generally in upward of \$1,000 in value each



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Uncle Jon's Soap owner Jon Conley, left, Helen Wiley of the Church Mouse and Inca Ruins owner Ken Briggs show off some of the holiday "bling" available now at Inca Ruins in Berlin. All proceeds will go toward the Church Mouse and its outreach programs, including feeding local families and donations to area homeless shelters.

year. In turn, the Church Mouse sells the items to raise money for its various outreach programs.

"For example, we're going to be sponsoring two seniors for Christmas," Helen Wiley of the Church Mouse said. "We have just donated to two homeless shelters for the season, so this will help to put money back into what we'll

be giving out, so we can continue to do the outreach that we do for local folks."

Inca Ruins, on 12 Pitts Street, is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. seven days a week, through Dec 31.

To donate directly to the Church Mouse, call 410-641-4385, email helenbuttercup@verizon.net or visit www.churchmousethriftshop.com.

Christmas Concert in Ocean City

(Dec. 7, 2017) The Pine Tones Chorus will present a Christmas Concert at Atlantic United Methodist Church on Fourth Street and Baltimore Avenue in Ocean City on Friday, Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

The "A Christmas Wish" concert offers a variety of festive holiday music. Fans of TV and show tunes may recognize the songs "We Need a Little Christmas" from Auntie Mame and "God Bless Us, Every One" from the musical version of Dickens' "Christmas Carol." Fred Waring has set to music the famous poem "Twas The Night Before Christmas" to be sung as a beautiful ballad.

Traditional melodies will include "For

Unto Us a Child is Born" from Handel's Messiah and "I heard the Bells On Christmas Day" based on the poem from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

The Pine Tones Chorus includes more than 55 singers from Ocean Pines, Ocean City and nearby areas.

June Todd is the chorus director and Dick Smith is the group's pianist. As an added attraction, guest musicians will include Julie Barton playing oboe, Tom Baione the string bass and Curtis Krams on drums.

Admission is free and an offering will be received. After the concert, guests may enjoy refreshments in the church

social hall.

The Pine Tones Chorus has been entertaining local audiences in the Ocean Pines and Ocean City areas since 1984. For additional information, call Chorus President Pat Beisler at 410-208-2682 or Todd at 410-289-7373.

Funding for Pine Tones Chorus activities has been provided by individual donations and patrons as well as the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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‘Giving Tuesday’ breaks fundraising records

Third annual nonprofit drive almost doubles donations received during previous yr.

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Dec. 7, 2017) The third annual Shore Gives More Giving Tuesday on-line charitable donation campaign raised more than \$164,000, nearly doubling the 2016 tally.

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore organizes the local Giving Tuesday undertaking, which began in 2012 as an international 24-hour online philanthropic movement on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving.

Victoria Kent, Community Foundation marketing director, said more than 1,000 donors gave financial support to 80 lower shore nonprofits this

year. “Overall, we are thrilled with the results,” she said.

In addition to the bolstered dollar figure, Kent said the number of donors more than doubled and the number of nonprofits benefitting from the charity also increased.

“In 2016, we had 410 donors who supported 50 nonprofits,” she said.

The Shirley Grace Pregnancy Center in Berlin received the largest dollar figure, with 94 donations totaling more than \$23,000.

Lisa Wilgus, Shirley Grace executive director, said since launching its outreach mission in 2010, the organization has steadily grown.

“Last year we served over 1,000 women,” she said.

Wilgus said a tight-knit group of eight women used social media, email blasts, handwritten letters and phone

calls, to solicit nationwide support. “The impact of this small tribe of woman was incredible,” she said. “We had donations from Florida, California and Washington State.”

Looking at the leaderboard, Wilgus was delighted to learn numerous Worcester County nonprofits received financial assistance.

“These grass roots organizations are really making a difference behind the scenes,” she said. “We’re all equals, we all just have a different role to play in the community.”

The Assateague Coastal Trust in Berlin was second with 17 donations raising more than \$14,000.

In the early 1970s, the Coastal Trust began its efforts to protect the character of Assateague Island, and has since gone on to work to protect area watersheds. In the meantime, the nonprofit’s ranks have swelled to

more than 1,000 members. In third place was the Lower Shore Land Trust in Snow Hill, which had 19 donations totaling more than \$7,600.

Founded in 1990, the Lower Shore Land Trust works to protect the rural character and landscapes of Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties.

As part of its mission, the Land Trust works with property owners to research and implement land preservation options.

Since nonprofits like Shirley Grace operate on shoestring budgets, Wilgus said events like Giving Tuesday are especially poignant.

“People either have passion or they don’t,” she said. “When you hook them up with a cause that resonates with their soul they come alive.”

Afterschool prog. starts in January

Joint venture of Pocomoke and Worcester Co. aims to keep at-risk kids off streets

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(Dec. 7, 2017) An effort to provide an afterschool program for at-risk youth in Pocomoke City is set to launch in January, after a suitable coordinator is found.

Before Thanksgiving, the Worcester County Commissioners approved an idea proposed by Commissioner Merrill Lockfaw to fund a program at Pocomoke Middle School with the help of the Worcester County Board of Education.

“I got to talking with the board of education and Lou [Taylor, superintendent] and we saw the great need at the south end of the county,” Lockfaw said

of how the idea came to be. A few meetings later, and the program became more defined.

The idea is for an “after-afterschool” program. Matt Record, principal of Pocomoke Middle School, said the school’s normal afterschool activities run from about 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. The new offering would pick up after that, from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m., he said.

“It’s a great opportunity for kids regardless of their home situation or income,” Record said. “We’ll offer mentoring, sportsmanship and leadership opportunities that are so important at this age.”

The programs will be sports-based, he explained, and is composed of three parts. The first is a 10-week basketball program, followed by 10 weeks of soccer and field hockey. The remaining eight weeks of the school year, the activities

will be up to the kids. “The nice thing about middle school kids is they tell you what they want,” Record said.

Some teens from the high school might find mentoring or coaching opportunities at the program, under the guidance of the yet-to-be-hired coordinator.

“It’s part-time, about 20 hours per week and should be posted by the end of this week,” Record said of the vacancy.

Participants need not necessarily love sports to be involved, but it helps.

“Participation is on a number of different levels. If someone is willing to learn, we’ll be willing to teach. This is a learning opportunity — there are not tryouts, no trophies and no one gets cut from the team,” he said. “Pocomoke has waited a long time for this opportunity.”



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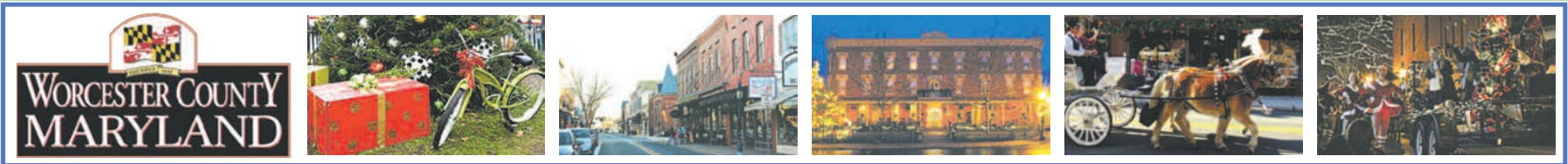
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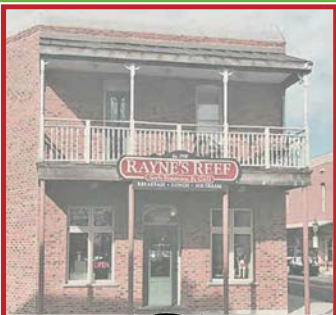
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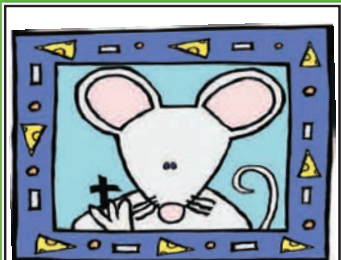
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Pocomoke makes strides

As officials from most population centers know, development goes where the sewer flows. The grandest plans, no matter how well refined or well financed they might be, are nothing but scrap paper if sewer and water service aren't available — or affordable.

The latter can be a major problem, as Pocomoke City Manager Bobby Cowger observed this week during his pitch to cut the sewer and water connection fees by half — for one year only — to stimulate residential growth.

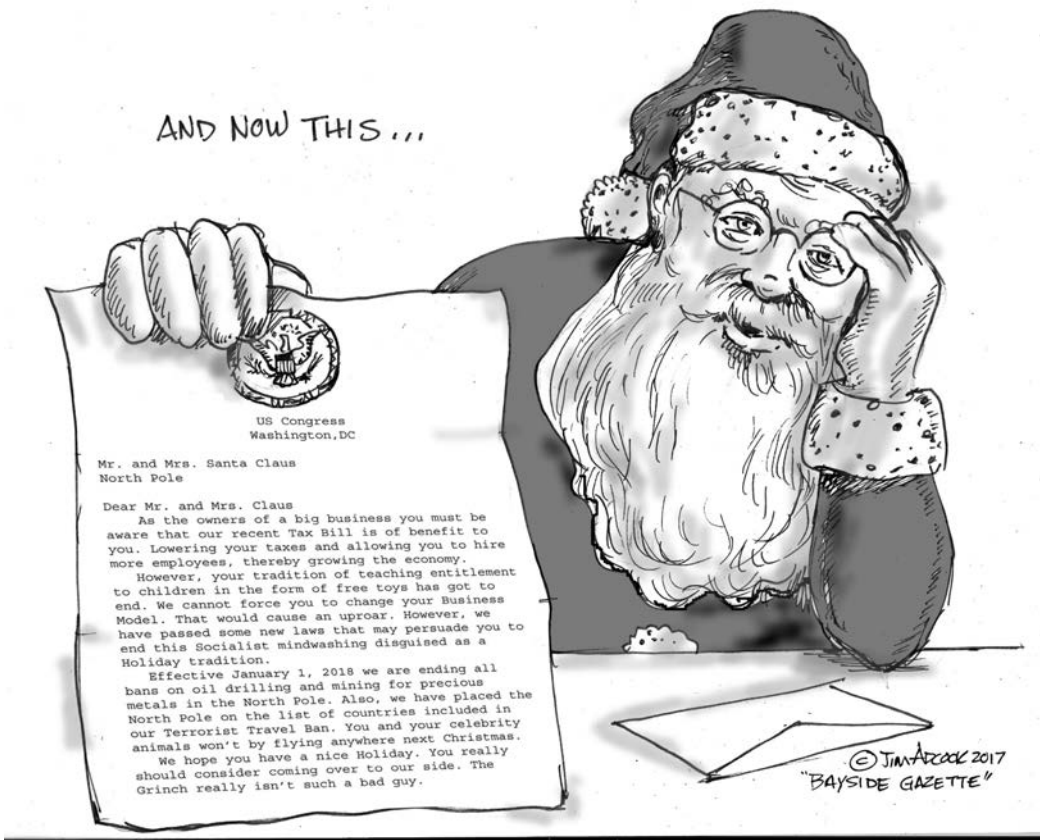
As Cowger told the City Council, governments often use these connection fees as a source of revenue rather than for their stated purpose of covering costs.

That's fine if the secondary objective of high hookup charges is to keep a lid on housing development by adding thousands of dollars to the cost of a new home.

In Pocomoke's case, that additional one-time charge is \$9,000, which is enough to be an unacceptable financial burden on the builder and the buyer. Further, as Cowger explained, the city will do just fine financially even at the \$4,500 it would levy for water and sewer taps.

When a town needs more tax revenue to pay for the services and improvements its residents want, the best approach is to bring in new taxpayers, rather than raise the levy on existing property owners.

That's what this reduction in the tap fees is designed to do. It's not only a one-time deal that could pay dividends to the town for years to come, it also might serve as a signal that the "Friendliest Town on the Eastern Shore" is determined to regain its prosperity by becoming one of the shore's most affordable places to live.



Letters

Hospice named OPA nonprofit of year

Editor,

On Nov. 16 at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club, Coastal Hospice was proud to receive the Nonprofit of the Year Award from the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce.

Thank you to the members of the Chamber for bestowing this prestigious honor on us. Thank you, as well, to the Worcester County Commissioners, State Sen. Jim Mathias, and Del. Mary Beth Carozza for their official citations and commendations that night.

This honor really belongs to the staff from Coastal Hospice who do the work. Without their outstanding efforts, Coastal Hospice would not have made the impact on the communities, patients and families who the Chamber recognized. On a daily basis, our staff cares for more than 200 patients.

Our mission is simple, yet challenging: "Coastal Hospice promotes dignity and

quality of life for patients and families who face life-limiting conditions." We celebrate life and do all we can to make our patients comfortable and at peace.

Our staff likes to say, "We meet our patients where they are." That could be physically, medically, socially, or spiritually. We try to help patients stay at in their own homes, because that is where most people want to be.

Soon, there will be another option located in Ocean Pines. The Macky and Pam Stansell House at Coastal Hospice at the Ocean will be a 12-bed hospice residence for those without an able caregiver at home.

With the help and vision

of many people — including our fundraiser leaders Macky Stansell and Dirk Widdowson — we acquired an abandoned clubhouse at The Point at the end of Ocean Parkway. It is a spectacular location overlooking the bay and the Ocean City skyline and will be a calming place for our patients to live out their lives.

We look forward to our expanded presence in the Ocean Pines community. The work of Coastal Hospice goes on and will leave only a bigger footprint on Ocean Pines and the entire Lower Shore in the years ahead.

David Hanlin
Vice President of Operation Coastal Hospice & Palliative Care

Correction

An article in the *Bayside Gazette* last week about Colby Phillips' letters to Santa program incorrectly stated her email address as santaphillips@oceanpines.org. To receive a letter from Santa, courtesy of Phillips, send an email with your address to santaphillips@yahoo.com.

We apologize for the error.

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Annual Christmas dinner moves to Holy Savior in OC

Renovations at St. Paul's cause for change of venue

(Dec. 7, 2017) The N.O.E.L. (Nothing Other than Eating and Loving) Community will present its 20th annual Christmas Dinner on Dec. 25 at Holy Savior Catholic Church on 17th Street and Coastal Highway.

It will take place at Holy Savior this year because of renovations at St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, where the event is normally hosted. The festivities will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Christmas Day. Everyone is invited to partake in the food, fellowship and fun.

The N.O.E.L. Community will serve ham, macaroni and cheese, green beans, rolls and an assortment of desserts. A sit-down meal will be enjoyed in a festive atmosphere which includes decorations, music, and a visit from Santa. Carryouts will also be available.

For more information about the N.O.E.L. Community or the Christmas Day celebration, contact the St. Paul's by-the-Sea office at 410-289-3453. To make a donation to the N.O.E.L. Community, send them to: The N.O.E.L. Community c/o St. Paul's by-the-Sea at 302 N. Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, Maryland 21842.

and grouping all the artists together, it opens the sidewalks for foot traffic to and from the shops that participate in the stroll and gives [the event] the festival feel that so many have asked for," she added.

She said both the market and the art stroll itself have seen several iterations during the last few years.

"We have tried many different ideas for the art stroll and I personally have tried to create a market on several different streets – finally Jefferson Street just fell in and fit perfectly," Layton said. "It's truly a great match fit and I am very excited to grow and add Commerce Street.

"We have many vendors that participate each month and new ones all the time," she added. "Everyone has been great to work with and very appreciative that we allow them the space to set up and sell their wares, and they love meeting the people shuffling through the market."

Vendor forms for the Maker's Market are available online. Participation is free, but all items sold must be handmade by the artists themselves.

For more information, visit www.artsinberlin.org.

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

The Eastern Shore chapter of the International Mountain Biking Association will have a table to advertise its "Off the Chain" art exhibition, opening Dec. 9 at the Globe in Berlin. An opening reception, 5-10 p.m., will feature a bicycle chain art show and silent auction to benefit the association's mission to create, enhance and preserve local trails. Local acoustic duo Bad Since Breakfast will perform.

Layton said the Maker's Market has been a successful addition to 2nd Fridays.

Next year, she hopes to expand the market to Commerce Street, starting there at 6 p.m. The street is already closed during Friday evenings, weather permitting, to allow for live music by Steve Frene and The Country Grass.

“My hope is the market will continue to grow and those that work on Friday and can’t get to Jefferson Street to set up by 5 will have the opportunity to set up at 6 on Commerce, and we will then have two bustling artisan-filled streets during the 2nd Friday stroll,” Layton said.

"We are extremely fortunate to live in an area in which residents and visitors alike are seeking out art and hand-crafted goods, so by creating the market

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Berlin Artist's Holiday Studio Tours



Patrick Henry at Henry Fine Arts Gallery on Old Ocean City Boulevard



Kate Cashman at Random Juxtaposition Fine Art Academy and Gallery on Old Ocean City Boulevard

OPEN HOUSE

More than a dozen local artists participated in the second annual Artist's Holiday Studio Tours event in Berlin, last Saturday. Artists opened their doors, offered up festive holiday treats and spoke about their work.

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Patti Backer at her home on North Main Street



Margaret Tossey, left, Lisa Tossey, Matthew Amey and Karen Ardis at Wooden Octopus on Jefferson Street



Jeffrey Auxer's hand-blown glasswork at Jeffrey Auxer Designs on Jefferson Street



Brian Robertson demonstrates a boutique letterpress at Berlin Printery on Main Street



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HONOR SOCIETY

The Charles R. Jenkins Chapter of the National Honor Society at Worcester Preparatory School inducted 42 new members on Nov. 1. Pictured, in front, from left, are Julia Godwin, Hailey Merritt, Hannah Merritt, Kaitlyn Hamer, Ankita Mohan, Virginia Bateman, Maya Natesan, Hailee Arrington, Molly McCormick, Ally Elerding and Remy Trader; in second row, Henry Taboh, Dakin Moore, Gracie Gardner, Chloe Ruddo, Delaney Abercrombie, Kendall Whaley, Maria Deckmann, Alex Canakis, Cameron Hill, Matt Durkin, Jared Gabriel and Parker Brandt; third row, Owen Tunis, Cooper Richins, Cole Berry, Ethan Gaskill, Jack Walinskas, Grace Schwartz, Jacob Meakin and Aiden Mullins; and in back, Ethan Scheiber, Matt Wilson, Sam Cantor, Basil Christian, Will Todd, Dominic Anthony, Jay Gosnear, Thomas Fager, Andrew Stickler, Liam Hammond and Colin Miller.



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TELLING TALES

Worcester Preparatory School sixth graders presented the play, “The Fairy Tale Network,” by John Woodard in the Athletic and Performing Arts Center on Nov. 1. It was directed by middle school teachers Linda Smith and Susan Godwin, who also did set construction. Other contributors were: music/sound, music teacher Christopher Buzby; hair and makeup, Marie Mehilli, Christie Phillips, Dima Yakhour and student volunteers; Reception Coordinator, Kim Nechay; photographers, Diane Brown and Tara Becker; stage help and maintenance, WPS building and grounds staff, Jim Riley, Corey Carrigan and Moe Deshields; Head of Middle School Megan Wallace; and parents. The cast is pictured.



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NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

November is National Adoption Month. To raise awareness of Worcester youth who need stable homes, to highlight the joy of adoption and to honor those who have dedicated their lives serving these children, on Nov. 7, the County Commissioners extended their gratitude to Worcester County Department of Social Services Assistant Director of Services, Jamie Manning, and DSS staff members, Lillian Wilkinson, Jamie Truitt, Trina Townsend, Jody Hurley, and Terry Edwards, along with Lisa Jackson, the 2017 Adoptive Parent of the Year. Jackson adopted two girls, ages 2 and 12.



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PILLOWCASE MINISTRY

The Pillowcase Ministry Program has reached thousands of impoverished children and their families since its inception in 2011. Local women, students and the elderly work on this “mission of love.” The most recent donations went to Tom and Bev Brumley of Evangelistic World Outreach, which has served the people of Haiti since 1972, building schools, offering adult education programs, providing food and spiritual guidance. The donations included 878 dresses, 664 shorts, 1,781 market bags, 74 sleep mats and 159 backpacks. Toothbrushes, tooth paste, flip flops, shower kits and feminine products were also sent. Students from an EWO school in Dufour, Haiti are pictured with their gifts. To join the group or make a donation, call 443-944-5868.



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UNICEF DONATION

The Stephen Decatur High School Key Club donated \$500 to UNICEF after conducting a cake pop fundraiser during Homecoming Week. Pictured are Key Club Advisor Sabra McIntosh, President Dana Kim, Gabrielle Izzett, Jamey Gannon, Erin Trask, Elizabeth Pivec, Key Club Advisor Stella Malone, Kyla Scherlag and Julissa Astudillo.



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VOLUNTEER AWARD

Coastal Hospice volunteer David Duitscher received the award for volunteerism in the veteran category during the 34th Governor's Service Awards ceremony on Nov. 2 at the Children's Theater in Annapolis. Duitscher, who has been volunteering with Coastal Hospice for 17 years, is a veteran and an active volunteer in Coastal Hospice's “We Honor Veterans” program. Duitscher makes visits to homes where he presents the veterans in hospice care with a personalized award certificate and an American flag blanket and offers the final military salute. Pictured, from left, during the ceremony, are Steven McAdams, executive director, Governor's Office of Community Initiatives; Robert L. Flynn, deputy secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; Duitscher; and Van Brooks, director, Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism.

Artfest at Berlin Intermediate School, Sat.

Almost two-dozen stations of holiday art-making will be offered to area children

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(Dec. 7, 2017) Screen-printing T-shirts and making ornaments and wreaths are a few of the projects children can create during Artfest at Berlin Intermediate School, this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The art department is slated to have 23 holiday-inspired stations set up for children 3-12 years old, which include sculpting, acrylic and watercolor painting, drawing, printmaking and music.

"[Children will be] screen-printing shirts and tote bags and decorating panels for Operation We Care boxes, which get filled with goods for troops overseas," said Stefanie

McElhinny, a visual arts teacher at Berlin Intermediate School. "There will be a variety of choices including ornament making, wreath designs, rock painting and watercolor winter scenes."

Each station will include an assortment of supplies, and children are advised to wear paint-friendly apparel. Children have the opportunity to complete multiple projects, which could be six or seven throughout the three-hour community event.

"This year, the theme is geared toward the holiday season and those children who may not be able to afford gifts for love ones and friends have the opportunity to make a handcrafted painting, ornament, wreath or sculpture," McElhinny said. "This is an event that creates memories and experiences that get every level artist involved."

The Parent Teacher Association will have hot dogs, soda and water for sale.

Children must be accompanied by an adult or they will not be allowed entry. The cost is \$3 cash to participate and admission includes a tote bag. Attendees should come through the front entrance of the school.

"The entrance fee goes directly toward our Artfest fund so the event can continue annually and we can add new types of art activities," McElhinny said. "Each project costs an average of a dollar per child."

The event has taken place for more than a decade and continues to grow in size while exposing children to unique art projects. About 200 children came out to the event in 2016 and McElhinny hopes to have 300 participate this year.

"Berlin Intermediate School's faculty, administration and students do

a wonderful job participating in promoting arts with education," McElhinny said. "Organizations like Berlin Intermediate School's Parent Teacher Association, Little Dreamers Wellness Center, Worcester Arts Council and Ocean City Art League contribute to the funding to make Artfest come alive."

About 25 Stephen Decatur High School students will be on hand to set the stations up, teach participants the techniques and procedures and help break down everything at the end, while also receiving service learning volunteer hours.

"This event is wonderful because it is a unique, community event that brings parents, children, the school, local businesses and volunteers together to promote the arts in our county," McElhinny said.

For more information, contact McElhinny at 410-632-5320.

Retriever Bruce fetches coveted 'Pup of the Pines'

Pooch earns free dog park membership, will be face of community activity guide

(Dec. 7, 2017) The winner of the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department's third annual "Pup of the Pines" photo contest is Bruce, a 90-pound golden retriever.

He received the greatest number of votes from attendees at the Ocean Pines Halloween fall festival on Oct. 28. He was recognized as the winner during the community's "A Hometown Christmas" and tree-lighting ceremony at White Horse Park on Nov. 25.

Matthew Cameron, Bruce's

owner, said his furry friend loves cuddling, having his belly rubbed, long hikes in the woods and swimming along the shore of Assateague Island. Bruce promises to give everyone who wishes plenty of sloppy wet kisses and lots of cuddles.

As "Pup of the Pines," Bruce receives a free 2018 Ocean Pines Dog Park registration. He will also be the official face of the dog park and will be featured in the Ocean Pines Activity Guide and other postings throughout the year.

Money raised from the contest entry fees will be used for upgrades and improvements to the dog park in Ocean Pines.



Bruce, a 90-pound golden retriever, has been named the winner of the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department's third annual "Pup of the Pines" contest.
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Obituaries

DANIEL B. STACHURSKI

Port St. Lucie

Daniel B. Stachurski of Port St. Lucie, Florida passed on Nov. 20 at the age of 73. Dan was born on June 25, 1944 in Riverside, California to Edward and Katherine (Chaby) Stachurski.



Dan Stachurski

Dan honorably served his country in the U.S. Army and was a Vietnam veteran. Leaving the Army as 1st Lieutenant, he entered the advertising and public relations field until his retirement.

After retirement, Dan became very involved in the board of the Ocean Pines Association, where he served in various positions including president.

Dan's passion for painting led him to earn a Bachelors of Fine Arts in painting and ceramics, summa cum laude, from Salisbury University in 2010.

From a young man, Dan's other passion was sailing and in 2012 Dan got his dreamboat "Windstalker," a Bavaria Cruiser 36. Dan and his wife, Deb, sailed to Florida in late 2013 to live full time and enjoy the water, golf and the Florida life.

Dan is survived by his wife, Deborah Shockley, of Port St. Lucie, Florida; son, Erik Stachurski (Lorre)

and grandsons, David and Jake of Warwick, Rhode Island; son, Marc Stachurski (Jana) and grandsons, Kegan and Burke of Allen, Texas; sisters, Nola Zanelli (Rich) of Joliet, Illinois and Mary Jo Stachurski of Elmwood Park, Illinois; brother-in-law, Carroll Shockley (Linda) of Berlin, Maryland; brother-in-law, Gary Shockley (Debbie) of Salisbury, Maryland; sister-in-law, Helen Shockley of Salisbury, Maryland and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

His parents and first wife Charlotte predeceased him.

Dan's wish for his final resting place is Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. The services will be at a date to be determined.

There will be a celebration of Dan's Life on Dec. 30, 2017 at the Community Church of Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, Ocean Pines, Maryland at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his name can be made to the Worcester County Veteran's Memorial in Ocean Pines, P.O. Box 1576, Ocean Pines.

CAROLE COLLINS JONES

Berlin

Carole Collins Jones, age 77, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017, at Coastal Hospice at the Lake.

Born in Salisbury, Maryland, she was the daughter of Grover Collins Jr.



Carole Jones

and Virginia Ringler Collins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Maurice Jones, and a sister, Joan Collins.

She is survived by a son, Thomas Davis IV (Elizabeth); daughter, Jenny Sheppard (Robert Baker); brother, Grover Collins (Debbie); grandchildren, Chase Humphrey, Chad Humphrey, Thomas Davis, V, and Hannah Davis; nieces, Courtney Powell (Mark), Ashley Brewington (Tim) and Kirby Brewington (Michael); nephew, Brad Hauck (Tammy).

Carole leaves behind many special friends, especially friend and caregiver, Debbie Wootten.

Carole was born in Bishopville in 1940. In 1954 she moved to Berlin. She graduated in 1958 from Stephen Decatur High School.

Carole was a dedicated and loving stay-at-home mother to her two children, Tommy and Jenny. In 1978, Carole married Maurice Jones. In their 37 years of marriage they shared their love, time and talents with their four grandchildren, three niece's and many close friends.

They both had a passion for youth sports and a love of many family pets over the years. Carole was a devout

and active member of Stevenson United Methodist Church and spent many hours throughout the years reaching out to the congregation and others in the community by what she referred to as "Card Ministry" in which she would offer kind words and support to all in good times and bad.

She also was a loyal volunteer at the church's Spirit Kitchen. In 2003 she went on to work at the State Department of Assessment & Taxation as an office service clerk for 24 years at which time she retired in 2002.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017 at 2 p.m. at Stevenson United Methodist Church in Berlin. Friends may call one hour prior to service.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Stevenson's United Methodist Spirit Kitchen at 123 N. Main Street, Berlin, Maryland 21811 or to Kenille's Kupperboard Pet Pantry at P.O. Box 598 Ocean City, Maryland 21842.

Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family at burbage@burbagefuneralhome.com.

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By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

of my younger children and yes, even the sorrowful loss of loved ones. I've even discussed such nonsensical things as my dog doing her business on the front yard; truth-be-told it's a pinnacle part of the introduction to my second book that just sits on my shelf collecting dust, but let's not focus on that.

If you've been reading this for more than a month, you've had an in-depth look into my diary, so you know more about me than I do myself. You see, I tend to forget what I write about the moment it's laid down in ink, or virtual font-size-12 Calibri as it were. People often say something to the effect of "Dude, I saw your article!" and I typically respond with "Huh?"

It's a gift, I guess ... or maybe a curse. I still haven't figured that out.

One common thread, though, is people stopping me to tell me that my recipes are nice, "but I'd never try to make them myself." They come across as way too difficult. I have struggled with this, as most of the things that I write about are not too hard. Yes, you might burn the first batch or two, as did I when I tried them, but that's all part of the learning curve.

Hell, I've burnt food to the point that the fire department knocked on my front door. It's what we do as chefs. But, to answer the call, I've reverted to grilled cheese sandwiches (although they were pretty tasty), pulled pork and a thousand other renditions of comfort food.

I've tried to appease the masses in our beautiful, little pond by slimming down the recipes, even going so far as to create what I still consider my masterpiece; Vitamix-fresh peanut butter with hand-crafted preserves, tart Michigan cherries and celery.

And my editor, Josh, exclaimed "did you seriously just send me Ants on a Log?"

Yes, I did. Yes, Josh, I did.

But that's OK, because I've also had readers who thanked me for my 70-step veal stock recipe that had



maybe four lines of prose. Mayhap that was because they didn't have to read my banter. Who knows?

Either way, this evening I am going to challenge you with a recipe that truly is not difficult in the least. It may seem daunting, and you might need to invest in some basic sous vide equipment, but once you make this seafood mousse and a simple terrine, you will find yourself in a whole different arena. Once you master the bubble gum (you'll get that when you read the recipe), the sky truly is the limit.

So go, buy a circulator. Make a mousse. Roll a terrine. And for god's sake, just have fun.

Seafood Terrine (just to annoy you)

enough for 4 people

- 2 five-ounce Lobster tails
- 3 ounces Scallops, side muscle and all
- 3 ounces White fish of your choice, blood line removed
- 2 ounces Shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 whole egg
- Salt & Pepper, as needed

the tiniest amount of nutmeg you can muster

- 3 Tbsp. Heavy cream
- 1 Tbsp. Fresh tarragon

1. I'm coming out of the gate strong. If you don't have a sous vide circulator, snip out this article and save it while it comes in the mail from Anova or ChefSteps

2. Let's assume you have a circulator; take your shell-free lobster tails and orient them in opposite directions on some plastic wrap, making sure to have about a thousand layers (hyperbole but use a lot) around them

3. Simply roll them up and secure them with some butcher's twine

4. Cook in a water bath at 167F until half-cooked and remove to an ice bath

5. When cooled, flatten them by cutting through but not all the way. Remove extra meat as a particulate in the mousse and set the "skins" aside

6. In a food processor, combine the scallops, fish, shrimp and eggs and blend and scrape until at the "bubble gum" consistency. It will literally bounce back like that piece of Double-Bubble that you chewed for three weeks in 3rd grade

7. Season and add the heavy cream, blending well. Fold in the tarragon

8. Lay out some new plastic wrap and artfully lay out the lobster "skins" so that there are little to no holes

9. Place some of the mousse on the skins closest to you so that you have enough to make a quasi-sushi roll out of it

10. Roll it up and go back to your "thousand layer" hyperbole, only this time use a safety pin to prick tiny holes every fifth roll or so

11. Tie off the ends securely with twine and tighten to make it solid

12. Cook in the 167F water bath for about 30 minutes or until the mousse is cooked

13. Remove to an ice bath, or better yet to an icebox where it can rest overnight

14. When ready to serve, simply slice and serve on fresh bitter greens, pickled vegetables and whatever vinaigrette strikes your fancy

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

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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SHELL GAME

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1 Browns

7 Four-hit achievement, in baseball lingo

12 Mil. posts

15 System used at Gallaudet Univ.

18 The U.S., in Mexico

20 Milo of "Romeo and Juliet," 1968

21 Hawaii's ____ Day

22 Low

23 "Et tu?" and others

25 Lotion ingredients

26 Suburb of Chicago

28 Joyful internet cry

29 Bubbly mixer

31 Popeye's boy

33 Harassed, in a sense

34 Cartoon seller of Squishees

35 Pyrex glass marking

38 Jackson 5 member

39 Philip who wrote "Portnoy's Complaint"

41 Cain and Abel's younger brother

42 Word before questions or advice

43 Do sales work, informally

44 A part of

45 Band with the 1989 platinum debut album "Junta"

47 Darryl, in the comic "Baby Blues"

49 Accomplishing

51 Poke around

54 The "K" in Kmart

59 Places for plugs

62 Plastic-dispenser producer

65 The clue for 128-Down, if this shell game weren't a scam

68 Hardly guzzle

69 Group of pros

71 "Rights of Man" author, 1791

72 Early Cuzco dweller

73 Series of mistakes?

74 Vacation spot

77 Inside-dope source

80 Prefix with business

81 Chilled

83 With 13-Down, herbal brew

85 Cartoon seller of Duff Beer

86 The clue for 127-Across, if this shell game weren't a scam

90 Former N.F.L.'ers Detmer and Law

91 All together

93 Shapes of some Halloween cookies

94 Country united in 1990

96 Soft-drink options

98 A peeling place?

100 Westernmost of the ABC Islands

103 "Bug"

105 Hosp. worker

107 Prefix with caching

109 2.5, for the set {1, 2, 3, 4}

112 Classic sculpture

114 Novel narrated by a soon-to-be mutineer

115 Material for small buildings?

118 Proctor's warning

119 Students often take them out

121 When some bars close

122 Edict

124 End in ____

125 Style influenced by Cubism

127 Like hand motions during a shell game

129 Professional group with a van

131 Month of l'ann e

132 Singer Reed

133 Four-time World Series-winning manager

134 In the near future

135 Superfund org.

136 Something to build on

137 Looks fabulous, in slang

138 Pincher

DOWN

1 England and Spain fought one in 1588

2 Smirnoff Ice, e.g.

3 Lacking polish

4 Push

5 Verbal stumbles

6 Walks or runs, for short

7 Work together

8 Fashion inits.

9 Elected

10 Degree of freedom

11 Lightens

12 Like hounds and most bunny rabbits

13 See 83-Across

14 Guru, maybe

15 "Pretty cool, huh?"

16 Johannesburg neighborhood much in the news during apartheid

17 Underground locale

19 Give a ring while on the road?

24 Tizzy

27 Typical Vanidades reader

30 How many TV shows are shown

32 Port. is part of it

36 One caring for a beb 

37 Classical poem

40 Email openers

41 Egghead?

46 Deceitful sort

48 Grp. with lots of pointers

50 Like the verbs "eat" and "drink": Abbr.

52 Bobcat relative

53 Fund-raising org.

55 Fair

56 Warm up for a bout, say

57 Bug

58 Ages and ages

60 With politesse

61 They're symbolized by slashes

62 Minecraft or StarCraft

63 Fantasy novel hero who rides the dragon Saphira

64 Capital 175 miles east of Venice, Italy

66 Lottery winner's cry

67 Record again

70 Dernier ____

72 Philosophy-class suffix

75 Marc of fashion

76 Follows a pattern?

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89 Amt. of seasoning

92 Loch on the border of the Highlands

95 Worn-down pencil

97 Say quickly

99 One way to run

101 Greyhound offering

102 Most visibly frightened

103 Develop a limp

104 Hybrid music genre of the 2010s

106 Houston-to-Dallas dir.

107 Desert, in a way

108 City west of Binghamton

110 Pulitzer-winning novelist Jennifer

111 Total jerks

113 Group with two Top 10 rock operas

116 Runs to

117 They have long necks and round bodies

120 Bear's advice

123 Bearlike creature in sci-fi

124 Oil crisis?

126 Murmur

128 Cook in oil

130 Only three-letter scale note

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Calendar

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

THU, DEC. 7

BERLIN CHRISTMAS PARADE
Berlin Main Street, 2 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 7 p.m. The parade route will be revised to begin at the Berlin Welcome Center and Main Street and will travel north to the Berlin Fire Company. Main Street will be closed from the railroad at North Main Street down to Worcester Preparatory School beginning at 5:30 p.m.

LETTERS TO SANTA
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, All Day Write a letter to Santa. All supplies will be made available. Leave it in the special box to be sent to Santa and he will personally answer your letter. 410-957-0878, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

PLAY TIME
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10:30 a.m. Learn new skills while playing with educational toys. For infant to 5 year old children. 410-208-4014, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

STORY TIME ‘SHIPS’
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. 410-632-3495, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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

POCOMOKE BOOK OF THE MONTH
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 2 p.m. Selection is “Wicked” by Gregory Maguire. Copies are available in advance at the library. 410-957-0878, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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

LAP TIME
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 3:30 p.m. Children, under 2 years old, will be introduced to songs, games and finger plays. 410-524-1818, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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

WE LOVE A MYSTERY BOOK CLUB
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 2 p.m. Discuss and compare the many types of mystery novels. 410-641-0650, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

FRI, DEC. 8

LETTERS TO SANTA
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FIBER FRIENDS (FORMERLY BALLYCASTLE KNITS)
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bring your lap work and join these informal get-togethers. Knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, etc. are welcomed. Victoria Christie-Healy, moonlightknitting@gmail.com, 703-507-0708

LAP TIME
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 10:30 a.m. For infants and toddlers up to age 2 and their caregivers. 410-641-0650

OCEAN PINES BOOK OF THE MONTH
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 2 to 4 p.m. Featuring “The Darkest Child” by Delores Phillips. Copies are available in advance at the library. 410-208-4014

BOREDOM BUSTERS: MAZES
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 3:30 p.m. Fun off-screen activities for ages 8 years and older. 410-957-0878

ROCK PAINTING
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 4 to 6 p.m. The library will supply the rocks and painting supplies, but feel free to bring your own rock to paint, if you prefer. All ages welcome. 410-632-3495

RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY
Chesapeake Pediatrics & Adolescent Associates P.A., 29 Broad St., Suite 201, Berlin, MD, 6 p.m. For the new Berlin offices of Chesapeake Pediatrics & Adolescent Associates P.A., which will offer pediatric care up to 24 years of age. Mayor Gee Williams will give a few remarks and assist with the ribbon cutting. 410-543-1616, <http://www.chesapeakeped.com>

PUTT PUTT WITH SANTA
Old Pro Golf, 6801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Registrations begins at 5:30 p.m., shot gun start at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$65 per team and includes lite fare at the post party and snacks and beverages on the course. Post party will be held at Pit-n-Pub. Visit with Santa, ac-

tivities, raffles and more. Hole-in-one contest. Proceeds benefit The Children’s House By The Sea. Dress up as your favorite Christmas character or wear an ugly Christmas sweater. Maria McEvoy, 443-944-4763 or 410-390-3937

41ST ANNUAL CHILDREN’S THEATRE
Stephen Decatur High School, 9913 Seahawk Road, Berlin, MD, 7 p.m. Stephen Decatur High School’s Theatre Department will present “Jack and the Beanstalk.” Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

SAT, DEC. 9

INAUGURAL COMIC CON
Grand Hotel and Spa, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Featuring cosplay, anime screenings, panels, vendors, independent artists and guests. Wear a costume and receive \$1 off admission and the opportunity to enter a costume contest. Attendees who bring a nonperishable food item for Diakonia will receive \$1 off admission. In addition, \$1 of each full-priced ticket will be donated to the Hero Initiate. General admission costs \$7. Kids, 9 years and younger are admitted free with a paying adult. <http://www.oceancitycomiccon.com>, promotions@plbcomics.com or search “Ocean City Comic Con” on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK
Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, West Ocean City, MD, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Home-made fancy holiday cookies and candy sold by the pound. Christmas decorations and ornaments also for sale. 717-658-4227

DIAKONIA’S ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
Lighthouse Sound Restaurant, 8 to 11 a.m. Featuring Santa and his elves, a special gift for each child and live holiday music. Menu includes pancakes, sausage links and beverages. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 4-12 years and free to those 3 years and younger. Tickets are by cash or check only at the door. info@diakonia.oc.org

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

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET WITH SANTA
Buckingham Presbyterian Church, 20 S. Main St., Berlin, MD, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$4 for children ages 3-10 years and free to those 2 and younger. Tickets available at the door. Take your cameras and camcorders. Reservations recommended for large groups. 410-641-0234

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
28th St. Pit-n- Pub, 2706 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 9 to 11 a.m. A \$10 for adults and free to children 6 and younger, small donation would be appreciated. Includes all-you-can-eat breakfast. There will be arts and crafts, bake sale, visit and photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, raffles, Tricky Tray auction and more. Proceeds benefit The Children’s House By The Sea. Every dollar raised is a vote for Maria McEvoy. Maria, 443-944-4763 or 410-390-3937

OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 9:30 a.m. Highlights of the Kids Fishing Contest and Believe in Tomorrow programs will be presented by Jack Barnes and Buddy Seigel. Updates also provided on any new or proposed fishing regulations and awards presented to the top Anglers for 2017. Members are encouraged to bring dry/canned goods or monetary contributions which will be donated to the Diakonia homeless shelter. All welcome. Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662

STEM ‘VOLCANOES’
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Learn all about volcano geology and historic volcanoes. Make a volcano in a cup. For children 6 years and older. 410-208-4014

SCRAPBOOKING DAY
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bring your scrapbooking supplies and share the library’s materials to organize and play your scrapbooks. 410-641-0650

AN HERBAL HOLIDAY
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 11 a.m. Learn how to make unique gifts using herbs for health and healing. 410-957-0878

DOLLAR STORE CRAFTING
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stop by to make some holiday inspired crafts with materials from the dollar store, recycled materials and old Christmas cards. For adults, older children and teens. 410-524-1818

HOLLY JOLLY ARTFEST 2017
Berlin Intermediate School, cafeteria, 309 Franklin Ave., Berlin, MD, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children, ages 3-12 years, will have the opportunity to create different holiday themed projects, ornaments, paintings and crafts. Admission is through the front entrance and the fee is \$3, which includes an Artfest tote and access to all reaction stations. Children are advised to wear paint friendly attire. Every child must be accompanied by an adult.

‘THE CORDDRY COMPANY CROSSING’ TRAIN GARDEN
The Pocomoke River Canoe Company, 2

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River St., Snow Hill, MD, 1 to 4 p.m. Featuring an operating O gauge train garden. Fun for all ages.

SWIM WITH SANTA
Sports Core Pool, 11143 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$6 for swimmers and \$3 for non-swimmers. Donations of food and unwrapped toys will also be accepted on behalf of the Worcester County Sheriff Department’s “Christmas for the Needy” program. Open to the public. Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052

SANTA’S HOUSE
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 4 to 7 p.m. Children are encouraged to come visit Santa and mail their letters in Santa’s special mailbox. Open to the public. Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052.

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Stephen Decatur High School, 9913 Seahawk Road, Berlin, MD, 7 p.m. Stephen Decatur High School’s Theatre Department will present “Jack and the Beanstalk.” Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

SUN, DEC. 10

20TH ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF
Greene Turtle, 9616 Stephen Decatur Hwy, Ocean City, MD, 1 to 5 p.m. Local restaurants will provide samples of their chili in the audience-judged competition. There will be a 50/50 raffle and DJ BK. Admission costs \$10 or a new, unwrapped toy. Benefiting Worcester G.O.L.D. (Giving Other Lives Dignity).

CHRISTMAS CANTATA
St. Matthews By-the-Sea United Methodist Church, 1000 Coastal Highway, Fenwick Island, DE, 10:45 a.m. Featuring “The Silence and the Sound.” Free and open to the community. Additional parking is available at the Bank of OC across from the church.

‘THE CORDDRY COMPANY CROSSING’ TRAIN GARDEN
The Pocomoke River Canoe Company, 2 River St., Snow Hill, MD, 1 to 4 p.m. Featuring an operating O gauge train garden. Fun for all ages.

MID-ATLANTIC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, Ocean City, MD, 3 p.m. “Holiday Joy” will feature selections from “Messiah,” “Hanukah Overture” and “The Nutcracker” as well as familiar carols and hymns. Tickets: midatlanticsymphony.org or 888-846-8600.

MON, DEC. 11

WRITING FOR WELLNESS
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Writing about stressful experiences, like illness,

may boost health and psychological well-being. No prior writing experience needed. 410-208-4014

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

STEAM PM ‘HOLIDAY CARDS THAT LIGHT UP’
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 3:45 p.m. For children 6 years and older. 410-632-3495

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

TUE, DEC. 12

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

STORY TIME ‘GINGERBREAD’
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. 410-957-0878

A BRUDERHILL HOLIDAY: CELEBRATE FASHION
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 2 p.m. Representatives from Bruderhill Boutique will show how to dress and accessorize for holiday parties and events. Learn how to wear scarves and jewelry to accentuate any outfit.

COFFEE HOUR
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 2 p.m. The group meets on the second Tuesday of each month for coffee, refreshments and casual conversation on favorite books and authors. 410-632-3495

MCBP REPORT CARD RELEASE
Ocean City Marlin Club, 9659 Golf Course Road, Ocean City, MD 21842, 2 p.m. The goal of the Report Card is to provide a transparent, timely and geographically detailed assessment of the 2016 Coastal Bay’s health. The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend. Report cards will be available after the event at the Maryland Coastal Bays office and area visitor information locations. Contact Sandi Smith at sandis@mdcoastalbays.org or 410-213-2297, ext. 106, for information about school projects and citizen groups.

PARKINSON’S SUPPORT GROUP
Gull Creek Senior Living, 1 Meadow St., Berlin, MD, 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. For individuals suffering from Parkinson’s.

Group provides education on exercise, nutrition, coping techniques, medications and developments in treatment. Kay Rentschler, 410-641-4765, <http://www.delmarvaparkinsonsalliance.org>

MEDICAL MONDAY
Ray Room, 124 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Free educational session that occurs the second Monday of each month. Dr. Thomas Beck will be speaking on “Treatment Options for Knee Arthritis.” Reservations requested but not required: Dawn, 410-641-9268 or visit www.atlanticgeneral.org/MedicalMonday.

STEM FAMILY NIGHT ‘ELECTRICITY’
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 4:30 p.m. Enjoy books, crafts and games for the whole family. 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

NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP
Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 2, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Offers shared wisdom and problem solving for family members of persons with mental illness. The group is free. Info: Carole Spurrier, 410-208-4003, carolespurrier@msn.com or Gail S. Mansell, gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9725

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

WED, DEC. 13

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>

LAP TIME
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10:30 a.m. For children under 2 years and their caregivers. 410-208-4014

STORY TIME ‘PENGUINS’
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10:30 a.m. Best for 2 to 5 year old children but all are welcome. 410-524-1818

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING ON AN AFFORDABLE BUDGET
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road,

Ocean Pines, MD, 12 p.m. Tips and tricks to make your get together stand out above the rest. Deborah Lee Walker will share her expertise. Be prepared to take lots of notes. 410-208-4014

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>

GIFT WRAPPING 101
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 2 p.m. Learn the basics of gift wrapping from measuring techniques to bow making. Bring a gift and wrapping paper for hands on learning. Registration is necessary. 410-957-0878

IRELAND: UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 2 p.m. Join presenters Mike and Victoria Healy and learn about the history, culture and traditional of Ireland. 410-208-4014

COFFEE & COLORING
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 3 p.m. The group meets the second Wednesday of each month. Coloring has become a popular way for adults to relieve stress. Coffee and refreshments provided. Adults only. 410-524-1818

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

ONGOING EVENTS

BAY TO OCEAN WRITERS CONFERENCE
This is a day for all who have been inspired to write a blog or poetry, research non-fiction, get cracking at that next novel or increase your income with other forms of writing. Offering a holiday gift discount for non-members, now thru Dec. 31, of \$95. Go to www.easternshorewriters.org and register before Dec. 31. After that the price is \$120.

WINTERFEST OF LIGHTS
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, through Dec. 31. Featuring more than one million holiday lights and hundreds of animated light displays. The heated Winterfest Village pavilion, features photos with Santa and hot chocolate. Admission is board the train is \$5 for adults 12 years and older. Children, 11 years and younger, ride free. Hours are Sunday through Thursday, 5:30-9:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 5:30-10:30 p.m. www.ococean.com

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