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The Ocean Pines Board on Sunday discusses a timeline of missing funds and theft allegations that started a year ago. A large crowd was present during the meeting, held in the community center.

## OPA Board addresses theft, fraud

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(March 1, 2018) "Obviously there's a lot on everybody's minds, so we're going to address that in today's meeting," Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors President Doug Parks said at the outset of a regular board session Sunday.

Parks said to the capacity crowd there was talk of "questionable financial ongoing things ... having to do with the yacht club and, I guess, the

overall environment in Ocean Pines."

"Trust that we take this information very, very seriously," he said. "This is an important event in our organization and we as the board are prepared to do what it takes to ... [get] all the required information out in front of the membership, so that everybody is aware of the things that are going on."

Parks spoke while a slideshow event timeline was projected onto a screen inside the Assateague Room of

the community center. Throughout the first hour of the nearly five-hour meeting, additional folding chairs were set up in the back of the large room, which can hold perhaps 200 people.

The timeline began last May, when Parks said things occurred "that started to have us ask questions."

He admitted some of the information "was not presented, probably, in the best way."

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## Directors approve forensic audit

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(March 1, 2018) Following allegations of theft and funds gone missing throughout Ocean Pines Association operations, the board of directors will release a request for proposals for a forensic audit this month and likely vote on bids during the March 29 board meeting.

The board on Sunday voted 6-1 to approve a motion by Director Slobodan Trendic to issue a request for

proposals for a forensic audit with responses due by March 16.

To pay for the audit, the directors unanimously agreed to suspend a budgeted charge to fund road depreciation of \$26.50 per homeowner and instead use the \$225,000 it would generate for the audit.

The audit is expected to begin by April 16 and its first stage would focus on food and beverage operations.

Director Tom Herrick, who voted against the motion, agreed an audit

needed to be done, but said it should not be limited to just food and beverage.

"The last 14 months, we've gone through some alarming revelations with what's happening with our accounting department — it's not just food and beverage," Herrick said.

He said Ocean Pines Police investigated accounting procedures and cash management at the yacht club and beach club about 14 months ago,

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## Buckingham only Maryland school designated Title I

By Kara Hallissey  
Staff Writer

(March 1, 2017) Along with 63 other academic institutions throughout the nation, Buckingham Elementary was the only school in Maryland to receive National Title I Distinguished School honors in 2017.

A celebration took place at Buckingham Elementary in Berlin on Monday morning. All schools were honored during the 2018 National Title I Conference in Philadelphia on Feb. 9.

Students received medals, a visit from their mascot, "Bucky," and cupcakes at lunch to celebrate the award this week.

"I am proud of every single person in this room," Buckingham Elementary Principal Karen Marx said.

For two consecutive years, Buckingham Elementary has achieved exceptional student performance. In addition, significantly closing the achievement gap between student groups and excellence in serving special populations of students such as homelessness or English learners were also requirements for the award.

Chief Academic Officer Dr. John Quinn thanked students, parents, administrators, counselors and teachers for being "innovators" and their "ability to try new things."

"At the end of every decision, we ask, 'is this good for kids,'" Quinn said.

He listed after-school and writing programs, new technologies and teaching students with disabilities as some of the highlights taking place at Buckingham Elementary.

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams dubbed Buckingham Elementary students "America's coolest kids in America's coolest small town."

Buckingham Elementary is the second school in Worcester County to receive this distinction. Pocomoke Elementary was bestowed the honor last year.

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# Ocean Pines Board passes budget for fiscal year 2019

Basic assessment to go up \$30; final vote was 5-2, as Trendic and Herrick oppose

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(March 1, 2018) Ocean Pines Association assessments will increase \$30, based on the fiscal 2019 budget approved on Sunday.

Budget adoption by the board of directors followed a series of public meetings begun in early January and including work sessions with both the board and budget and finance committee, as well as three public hearings.

As a result of those meetings, the basic annual assessment was set at \$951, a \$30 increase.

The board voted 5-2 on Sunday to approve the budget, with directors Slobodan Trendic and Tom Herrick opposed.

During the meeting, Trendic unsuccessfully proposed several budget amendments.

First, he moved to adjust health care premiums to include a 10-percent employee contribution for single coverage and a 15-percent employee contribution for family coverage.

Trendic later withdrew the motion to allow for reevaluation by a human resources consultant, a new hire included in the fiscal 2019 budget.

A second motion proposed a reduction of the public relations and marketing budget by at least \$125,000.

General Manager John Bailey said \$60,000 had already been trimmed from the original budget draft. Bailey said he understood the rationale for cuts given the unusually high operations deficit posted during the last two

fiscal years, but was reluctant to gut what would amount to about 35 percent out of any department.

Director Colette Horn said additional cuts could have a negative effect on the consulting group expected to take over operations at the yacht and beach clubs, and Association Vice President Cheryl Jacobs added the board previously considered reductions over a period of several days and with recommendations from advisory committees.

The motion was defeated 5-2, with only Trendic and Herrick in favor.

Trendic also moved to reduce labor expenses for golf by at least \$100,000 from the original budget draft. He said losses at the amenity continue to put an unfair burden on homeowners and the decrease would bring projections closer to industry standards.

However, the board had already cut \$40,000 from golf expenses and the motion fell 6-1, with only Trendic in favor.

Trendic next moved to increase drainage repairs by \$100,000, but the motion did not receive a second.

He also called for a delay of a proposed \$26.50 per-homeowner fee for road depreciation, but that money was instead reallocated to pay for a forensic audit.

The board by a 6-1 vote approved a motion to set the basic annual assessment at \$951.

Trendic was the lone "no" vote. His motion to eliminate the \$30 increase over the previous-year assessment did not receive a second.

To view Ocean Pines fiscal 2019 budget documents, visit [www.ocean-pines.org/forms-docs-cat/budget-for-fy-2018-2019](http://www.ocean-pines.org/forms-docs-cat/budget-for-fy-2018-2019).

# Wor. School Board adopts proposed \$108M budget

By Kara Hallissey  
Staff Writer

(March 1, 2018) Worcester County Board of Education members on Tuesday approved a proposed budget of more than \$108 million for fiscal year 2019.

County appropriations make up more than 81 percent of the budget and Worcester County schools will receive more than \$19 million in state aid this year, which is a \$33,367 increase from 2018.

The budget, which must be approved by the Worcester County Commissioners, includes more than \$1.6 million in employee salary increases, which include step increases on employee pay scales and cost-of-living adjustments.

In addition, the budget shows an estimated 5 percent increase in insurance costs, \$129,586 is estimated on payroll taxes from the salary increase and a \$37,931 increase in retirement expenses.

Other areas of note include \$48,664 to purchase seven new school buses, \$42,000 for a 1 percent increase in hourly and mileage rates for bus contractors and \$45,000 to cover transportation costs for athletics in the high schools.

One-time capital projects include \$700,000 for a new athletic field at Stephen Decatur High School, \$200,000 to replace outdated reading textbooks in the elementary schools and \$75,000 to replace 30-year-old band uniforms at all three high schools.

In addition, \$343,500 is requested to upgrade the energy management systems at Pocomoke and Stephen Decatur middle schools.

The county commissioners have also asked school system officials to contribute to post-employment pensions this year.

To make this happen, school officials have transferred \$75,000 from instructional salary retirements.

School board members will meet with the county on April 3 and the budget is scheduled to be adopted on June 5.

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Mayor Charlie Dorman, left, and 2018 WBOC Jefferson Award winner Tommy Mason share a laugh during the eighth annual Snow Hill Oyster Roast on Sunday. Both men worked the grill, serving up roasted oysters to the more than 400 attendees.

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## Fair weather again greets Snow Hill’s annual oyster roast

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(March 1, 2018) The clouds parted just as the eighth annual Snow Hill Oyster Roast was getting started, as 450 lucky ticket holders descended on the downtown to feast on raw, single-fried, roasted, Rockefeller, and a number of other preparations of local oysters during a suddenly sunny Sunday in February.

The event is the largest money-maker of the year for the Snow Hill Chamber of Commerce.

Volunteers poured cold beer and shucked oysters inside the old firehouse, and at least eight different oyster dishes were available in the nearby parking lot and inside Harvest Moon, the American Legion, and Bishop’s Stock Fine Art, Craft & Wine.

“How they get the weather like this every year is beyond me,” Economic Development Coordinator Michael Day said. “This is amazing. For four years in a row, we’ve had great weather.”

Mayor Charlie Dorman, working the grill and handing out trays of roasted oysters, was equally elated.

“It’s fantastic,” he said. “We sold out in six days and the sun came out, thank God!”

Delegate Mary Beth Carozza said the event seems to grow each year, drawing an audience of people from across the Eastern Shore.

“I’ve already run into people from Somerset County and Wicomico County, and obviously here in Worcester County,” she said. “I know people are even coming down from Delaware. When you have a tradition like this ... it’s a great day for Snow Hill and for all the shore.”

Carozza credited the Snow Hill Chamber with bringing all the components of the event together.

“It is extremely difficult to organize an event like this, and when you sell out of tickets within the first couple of days of putting them out, that shows you what a great tradition this has become,” she said.

Event organizer Lee Chisholm, See PARTNERSHIPS Page 8

# Mayor comes home to Pocomoke

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(March 1, 2018) After spending the last three months in hospitals and rehabilitation centers in three different states, Pocomoke Mayor Bruce Morrison came home Sunday to a town parade led by Worcester County and Pocomoke police, fire and emergency services personnel.

Morrison experienced a traumatic brain injury on Nov. 29 and was rushed to Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury. He was transferred to Christiana Hospital in Newark, Delaware, and on Jan. 2, was taken to Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital in Pennsylvania.

Now, the three-term mayor is recovering at home. “It was a very emotional day for sure,” Councilwoman Esther Troast said. “I couldn’t contain my emotions as the tears flowed and seeing the expression on his face as he entered town was priceless.

“The abundance of love on the downtown area as the crowd was gathering was very evident of the love and respect the citizens of Pocomoke have for our Bruce,” she added.

Troast, a longtime friend and the acting mayor, organized the homecoming that included the Pocomoke High School band, Pocomoke Middle School cheering squad and police color guard.

At about 2 p.m., sirens heralded the parade as it crept across the Pocomoke City Bridge on Market Street. Morrison followed, driven by his wife, Laura, in a white SUV.

Morrison could be seen sitting in the passenger seat, smiling and waving with his left hand.

The marquee on the Mar-Va Theater read “Welcome Home Mayor Bruce” and citizens lining the streets held up handmade signs.

“All the agencies that showed up for the homecoming were there not because I asked, but because they wouldn’t

have had it any other way,” Troast said. “Our fire company family is amazing. A few months back, when I was faced with a similar situation with my husband, they were there for me, they were my rock and my support.

“I couldn’t have made it through the tough days without them and they were there yesterday for Bruce in full force,” she added. “What an amazing town we have, we are family. My heart is full with love for my town and it is an honor to serve it.

“[Sunday] was beyond amazing. It was a true testimony of just how much this city cares for Bruce and his family, and I was overjoyed that I could be a small part of it,” Troast said.

City Manager Bobby Cowger underscored the fact that Morrison still has a long road of recovery ahead, but said See FRIENDS Page 8



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The marquee at the Mar-Va Theater in Pocomoke City welcomes home Mayor Bruce Morrison. A parade was held on Sunday for Morrison’s homecoming. He had been hospitalized and then taken to a rehabilitation facility after suffering a traumatic brain injury in November.

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# Parks admits frustration with investigation

■ OPA continued

According to the timeline, the former chief financial officer, Mary Bosack, resigned last May and John Viola was brought in to fill the director of finance position until a permanent replacement could be hired.

A “concern with missing petty cash” occurred last July and Viola and the then Acting General Manager Brett Hill, led an investigation.

The investigation found that a staff member was involved and Hill fired the employee for cause.

The “terminated employee stated [the] amount of \$2,500 was stolen,” according to the timeline. The “Board [was] notified and after much discussion, and based on AGM (acting general manager) recommendations, decided no charges will be filed as it would cost more in legal fees than could be recovered.”

Parks added Ocean Pines Police interrogated the employee and later clarified there was no board vote, but rather a consensus, not to pursue charges. He said the board was also following the advise of an attorney.

Under the circumstances, Parks said, “A regular audit wasn’t going to be enough.”

According to the timeline, the results of a “deep-dive audit” done by SC&H Group, LLC was presented in a management letter to the board in July and Viola began “implementa-

tion of process changes as recommended by [the] audit[.]”

The board was informed of the potential for additional missing funds in August and Viola introduced changes to cash-handling procedures. Accounting firm TGM Group LLC was contracted to review the changes and make further recommendations.

“To this day, we don’t know how much [money] was involved,” Parks said. “We don’t know if it was any involved at all. But we felt it prudent to move forward with [making changes] to the cash-handling side of it.”

Parks said the situation was then presented to the Worcester County Bureau of Investigations.

“We contacted them. On the advice of the attorneys, [the association] made sure that all we did was provide the information that was requested of us when we first reached out to them ... to get that whole process started and make sure the investigation was ongoing and that they had everything they needed,” Parks said.

That’s also when, Viola resigned, Parks said.

“He had done his duty. The whole time it was temporary. He was stepping in until somebody else could be appointed or hired,” Parks said. “At that point, we felt we had done everything we needed to do to keep this process moving forward.”

Hill resigned in September and

John Bailey was hired as the permanent general manager.

Also in September, the county bureau of investigations was provided with “personnel and payroll information” related to the investigation. Bailey has continued to follow up with the bureau and has been told the investigation continues.

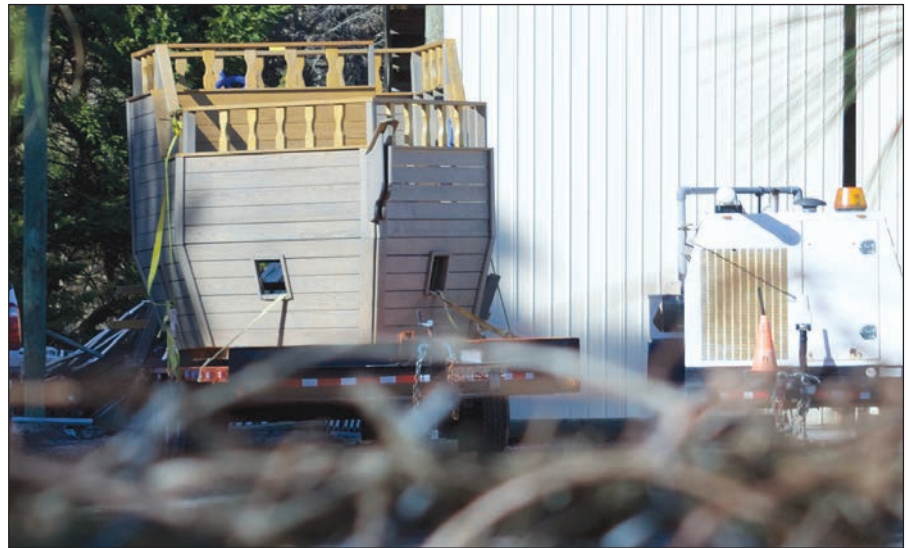
The association hired a new finance director, Steve Phillips, in Jan-

uary.

Parks said the slow pace of the county investigation is frustrating.

“It’s gone through to the point where in my weekly meeting with [Bailey] I said, ‘not good enough — I want the guy’s name,’” Parks said. “I called [the bureau] personally, the detective who is on the case, and basically got the same thing: ‘we are still

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The pirate ship playground installed last year at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club was removed last week because of safety concerns and now sits at public works. General Manager John Bailey on Tuesday said it would be reinstalled at another location, potentially at the beach club or Manklin Creek Park. “It will be somewhere, however a final decision has not been made,” Bailey said.

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# Audit cost likely significant; budget to include \$225,000

■ DIRECTORS continued  
and alarming information about public works invoicing was brought up in May.

“John Viola [the former finance director] and the acting GM [Brett Hill] tried to bring in professional accounting services to try to right the ship – we never got there,” Herrick said. “We find out in the summer 27 ... receipts to a bank possibly were improper [and] that cash was not there from the administrative building.

“This proposed motion is really just putting a Band-Aid on a severed leg,” Herrick continued. “We’ve had major issues here the whole year [in] all departments. It’s not just food and beverage, and I think we owe it to the membership and need to send a message ... that we’re addressing concerns.”

Association President Doug Parks said the language of the motion initially focused on food and beverage, but did not limit it to just that department.

“I’m in absolutely support of doing whatever it takes,” Parks said. “There’s been suggestions out in public that this has been going on for many, many years. Whether that’s true or not I don’t know, but if there’s a perception out there ... I think it warrants the spend.”

Parks said the cost could be significant, at one point throwing our figures ranging from \$75,000 to \$300,000.

“Addressing it now hopefully would set the focus for the future, so that future boards ... wouldn’t have to worry about it, because we as a board did our due diligence to bring this forward, to get it done, to stop the speculation.

“This could cost a lot of money, but we think that there’s benefit there, not only now, but for the future,” Parks continued.

Trendic echoed the audit would not stop at one department and compared it to a treasure hunt.

“You start with a focused area and then, as you discover things, you follow those leads,” he said. “To embark on doing every department in the association, I think we need a reason.”

Director Ted Moroney said for the audit to have value it needed to include actionable items. He also underscored the cost would likely be well over six figures.

“If we have the protections in place for ourselves now, we’re doing this primarily to make sure that we don’t have long-term systematic, systemic issues,” he said. “You may spend \$400,000 or \$500,000 to do it – and I’m not opposed to that – but I want everybody to know that’s sitting in

the audience that nobody else is paying for that [but] you.”

Association Vice President Cheryl Jacobs took issue with the notion that, for months, Trendic was the only one calling for a forensic audit. She said the so-called “deep dive” audit ordered last year was a first step to that end.

Jacobs went onto say certain people were creating hysteria “with outrageous pronunciations of what’s really going on behind the scenes,” adding those claims were “making me so angry and it needs to be addressed.

“I’m not saying that there weren’t problems – we know that there were problems, because that’s what our deep dive uncovered,” she said. “We have an ongoing investigation with [the county bureau of investigations],

**‘If we do this, we may find \$50,000 in fraud and may spend ... a couple hundred thousand dollars on a significant forensic audit.’**

Director Pat Supik

so don’t say that we’re sitting on our hands, we’re not doing anything, we’re covering up – we’re not doing that. That’s the whole point of what we have done and what we will now do.

“It’s going to cost us to make the community feel more comfortable, based on the hysteria created by one person, and I am very angry about that,” Jacobs continued. “We will do the forensic audit. It’s a good thing to do. It will make everybody feel comfortable that we’ve gone as far as we needed to go.”

Director Pat Supik cautioned an audit would not reveal millions in fraud or cover estimated losses for the current fiscal year.

“I’ve seen numbers flying around in the papers or other areas, that I think people have the impression the \$1.8 million lost this year somehow could be associated with fraud. I do not want the community to think we’re going to find \$1 million in fraud,” she said, adding the extreme losses this year were because of “money going out the door legitimately.

“If we do this, we may find \$50,000 in fraud and may spend ... a couple hundred thousand dollars on a significant forensic audit,” Supik added. “I do think we need to do it for the community. [I’m] totally supportive of the motion – whatever we have to do to get it moving forward.”



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# Schreier: CBI ‘in constant contact’ with Pines Board

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looking through records. We’re still requesting information.”

Parks said he asked for a timeline, but was told, “These investigations are thorough. We have to have discipline.”

“Basically, he was buying some more time,” Parks said. “I don’t think any of us can control the speed in which that investigation is being done. I wish I had a better answer ... by all means, I think anybody is free to call the Worcester County Bureau of Investigations on behalf of the membership and say, ‘we’re very concerned with the progress and can we get an update?’

“We’ve been, on a regular basis, continuing to query them, saying, ‘where are we with the investigation? Our membership demands this. We, as a board, demand it. Please help us out,’” Parks continued. “He said ‘we’re getting close,’ but, again, I think it’s just more of a manufactured answer.”

Parks said public allegations last month by Hill that additional thefts occurred started discussions of a fraud audit or forensic audit.

“We’re reluctant to spend the money, but at this point in time ... it’s very important to move forward with this,” he said. “We’re as frustrated as [anyone] as to why these things are happening. We don’t have a lot of information ... [but] at this point in time I think we’ve hit a crescendo or a threshold to where we can’t be protective of the environment.

“We’re going to have to spend some fairly significant funds to get this done, but I think, overall, it’s probably prudent to do so,” Parks added.

He said the board received correspondence from members suggesting, “we’ve been sitting on our hands and doing nothing” regarding all of the allegations.

“That’s about as far from the truth as you can get,” Parks said, adding some information was being kept confidential on the advice of association attorneys.

“It’s frustrating at times,” he said. “Do we have results yet? No. But things are in progress.”

Reached for comment on Monday, Lt. Ed Schreier from the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office confirmed the county bureau of investigations was “currently investigating a complaint.”

“It is not prudent to discuss investigations. CBI has been in constant contact with the Ocean Pines Board and has kept them informed on every step,” Schreier said in an emailed statement. “Investigations must be done in an efficient and thorough manner and should not contain time constraints. The nature of an investigation is to determine if a crime was committed and who may have committed it.”



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Laura Morrison waves to a parade of well wishers on Sunday while driving husband and Pocomoke City Mayor Bruce Morrison home for first time since he suffered a traumatic brain injury in November.

## Friends and family surround Morrison at tearful return

■ MAYOR continued  
the parade was an important moment of togetherness for the townspeople. "It's nice in a small town like we've got to see the people rally and see how much everybody cares for each other," he said. "They go out of their way to really support and help us when we get down. They showed that with all the people coming out and supporting him when he came home."

Sen. Jim Mathias was in the street during the parade, broadcasting video through Facebook Live. In the video, Troast could be seen with Morrison's daughter, Caitlin, as they both cried with joy.

Mathias later continued the video at Morrison's home, where friends, family and members of the Pocomoke Fire Company greeted him.

Morrison sat in a wheelchair in the driveway, smiling and laughing. He was given a quilt from friend Donna Clarke, stitched with dozens of well wishes.

When the mayor spotted the senator, he reached out and pointed to the camera, visibly grinning.

"God bless you, man. We love

you," Mathias could be heard saying as the two embraced. "I'm so happy you're home."

Reached for comment on Tuesday, Mathias said he's known the Morrison family for about 15 or 20 years.

"It was hugely gratifying to see him," Mathias said. "I've had challenges in my life, and to know you're making forward progress and see all these people that care for and love for you – there's no words."

Mathias recalled talking to Morrison about the Pocomoke Christmas parade last November, just days before the apparent aneurysm occurred.

He said the homecoming had a uniting effect for the Pocomoke.

"Through adversity you become stronger – stronger as a family, stronger as a community, stronger as a people," Mathias said. "He is beloved here."

"The day in your life when you're richest is when you have your family, your friends and your health. And in that case, they were all right there," he added. "He's a very wealthy person with his family and his friends – and we're working on his health."

## Partnerships help Snow Hill Chamber to successful event

■ FAIR WEATHER continued  
past president of the Snow Hill Chamber, said he couldn't have asked for a better day.

"We're in the high 70s, the sun is shining – I don't know what we did to deserve this kind of weather, but I'm not going to ask any questions," he said. "We have eight different kinds of oysters, the lines are short, people are having a good time. It's just a great event."

He also shared the credit with volunteers, sponsors and others who

help make the oyster roast a continued success.

"I don't do this by myself – I have a bunch of people that do it with me and I can't do it without them," Chisholm said. "This is a small town, coming together, making a great showing, bringing people that don't normally come here and showing them a good time. I think this is what's going to bring people back to Snow Hill and it's going to benefit our community, so I'm very happy with what I see right now."



# Final filings set up 2018 federal and state elections

Other races in Ocean City, Ocean Pines, Snow Hill, Berlin and Pocomoke City

**By Brian Gilliland**  
Associate Editor

(March 1, 2018) The deadline to file for state and federal office ahead of the Nov. 6 election passed on Monday, which sets the stage for the June 26 primary in races with more than one candidate from the same political party.

Maryland is a closed-primary state, which requires primary voters to be members of either the Democrat or Republican parties before they can cast a vote for their preferred candidate.

However, some local elections have different filing deadlines. For example, Ocean City has three seats on city council that will be decided in November, but the deadline to register isn't until Oct. 6.

First-term OC councilman Wayne Hartman is seeking a state delegate post and is facing a primary against three other Republicans: Joe Schanno, Jim Shaffer and Ed Tinus. If Hartman is defeated in the primary, he could file to retain his seat on the Ocean City council. Hartman, Matt James and Lloyd Martin's council seats, as well as Mayor Rick Meehan's chair, will be decided in November.

No Democrats have filed to challenge the contenders for the District 38C seat being vacated by Mary Beth Carozza, who is challenging Jim Mathias for the state senate seat in November.

In district 38A, which covers portions of the southern county, incumbent Republican Charles Otto will face Democrat Kirkland Hall in November.

Also statewide, incumbent Larry Hogan is the sole Republican candidate for governor, while seven democrats will vie for the chance to face Hogan in November. There is also one Libertarian candidate, Shawn Quinn, and a Green Party candidate, Ian Schlakman, who will both be on the November ballot.

At the federal level, Andy Harris will face Martin Elborn and Lamont Taylor in the primary, while six Democrats will compete to face the Republican candidate in November. Of those six, only Michael Brown is from the lower shore and lives in Salisbury. There is also a Libertarian candidate, Jenica Martin, who will appear in the general election.

On the U.S. Senate side, 10 Republicans have filed to challenge sitting Senator Ben Cardin, none of which are local to the area. Cardin faces seven challengers in the Democratic primary, where none of those candidates are local to the shore, including Chelsea Manning, who disclosed nearly 750,000 documents to Wik-

iLeaks in 2010. There is also a Libertarian candidate in this race, Arvin Vohra.

All seven county commissioner seats are up for election this year, but only four seats are contested. In District 1, Democrat Josh Nordstrom will face incumbent Merrill Lockfaw. District 3 has three candidates, where Gary Millhoff will face Bud Church in the primary, and the winner set against Democrat Zach Tyndall in November.

District four currently features another faceoff between Republican Ted Elder and Democrat Virgil Shockley. This is the fourth consecutive election where the two have faced each other, with Shockley winning three contests to Elder's one.

In District 5, Judy Butler filed to run against Chip Bertino.

Incumbents Diana Purnell, Joe Mitrecic and Jim Bunting are running unopposed.

Two Republicans, Kris Heiser and Bill McDermott, will compete in the primary for the State's Attorney's Office, while four Republicans, Mike McDermott, Matt Crisafulli, George Truitt and Scott Bernal, are seeking to become Sheriff.

Three additional candidates filed for the Register of Wills post, Aaron Redden, Steven Sisk and Terri Westcott for the Republicans and Nicole Caudell as a Democrat.

Clerk of Court Susan Braniecki is running unopposed.

Four candidates for three Orphan's Court judgeships filed, including Mike Diffendal, Linda Hess, Cheryl Jacobs and John Quinn, all Republicans.

Four spots uncontested spots on the nonpartisan school board are available, with Bill Buchanan, Bill Gordy, Eric Cropper and Todd Ferrante registered.

The Ocean Pines Association will elect three this year, during its annual board elections. The seats occupied by Ted Moroney, Cheryl Jacobs and Tom Herrick will be contested during the election, which is conducted by mail-in ballot. Ballots are sent out in July, and due back on Aug. 8.

Berlin is scheduled to hold its municipal election in October, with an August filing deadline, according to Laura Allen, town administrator. The seats currently occupied by Troy Purnell, Thom Gulyas and Dean Burrell are up for grabs.

Snow Hill has an election scheduled for May 1, with a filing deadline of March 30. The eastern district council seat, currently held by Allison Cook, as well as the mayor's office, currently occupied by Charlie Dorman, are up for grabs.

In Pocomoke City, Esther Troast will retain her district five seat, and the district four seat will be decided between Todd Nock and Ryan Hurley. The election is scheduled for April 9.

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# Mathias files for reelection to senate seat

**By Brian Gilliland**  
Associate Editor

(March 1, 2018) Cementing his candidacy for reelection to another term in the Maryland Senate, Jim Mathias has filed paperwork ensuring his spot on the ballot in November.

“My constituents can expect the same level of full commitment, and the same level of accomplishment” during another term, he said. “My most valuable assets are the relationships I’ve built and my record of service. I don’t have to say I’m bipartisan or nonpartisan because it’s all right there.”

Included among the accomplishments he lists in his formal filing announcement are a law forcing insurance companies to provide the best pill-form chemotherapy to cancer patients, tax exclusions for family farms and helping to defeat the phosphorus management tool, championing the school after Labor Day movement, helping to dismantle

Worcester’s liquor dispensary system, requiring most state buildings to fly the POW/MIA flag, helping to defeat the National Aquarium’s sanctuary proposal off the coast and securing funding for the final three phases of Route 113 dualization.

“What’s not on there are the thousands of constituent issues” he said he’s worked to resolve since beginning his political career in 1987.

As a parent and new grandparent, Mathias said his goal is to make the future better for children and grandchildren, which he believes he’s done as a city councilman, mayor, state delegate and senator.

“I didn’t have to go out of the state or region to find an opportunity once I was educated here,” he said. “Once you decide to come here, you should



Jim Mathias

have the opportunity to stay here.”

Expanding opportunities at Wallops Island and at local colleges and universities will help bolster growth that locals will need to capitalize on, he said.

“All the pieces are put into place for the area to realize,” he said. “From education to economics, to the work on the everyday tourism, poultry and other industries we have to make certain we have the workforce and obstacle-free pathway to capital investment.”

Moving onward, Mathias said he is focused on the findings of the Kirwan Commission, the state board tasked to adjust state funding for public schools.

The initial findings of the commission, provided by a hired consultant, recommended zeroing out state funding for Worcester County.

Mathias said he was able to use his relationship with Senate President

Mike Miller to block that recommendation from becoming reality.

“I want to protect and enhance the best education that we’ve been able to deliver here in the past,” he said.

On the other end of the spectrum, Mathias said he is working to ensure pensions are secured.

“I want to make sure people who have worked their whole lives in Maryland have their pensions protected,” he said. “It’s highly unlikely we’ll be able to take away the sales tax, like Delaware, but we can make sure pensions are protected.”

By doing so, Mathias said he hopes to keep people here, rather than losing them to places like Delaware or Florida.

“Look, I can’t pass a law to make every day 75 degrees and sunny,” but he could keep leveraging the relationships he’s fostered through years of service to benefit District 38 as a whole, he said.

# Route 113 exempt from state scoring system

Route 50 bridge, Route 90 dualization and Route 589 work will require studies

**By Brian Gilliland**  
Associate Editor

(March 1, 2018) Only one of the county’s top priority transportation projects, Route 113 dualization, will escape state-mandated feasibility study, numerous checklists and detailed costs estimates, before moving on to a new scoring system required by legislation passed last year.

All projects with an estimated cost exceeding \$5 million are subject to the new scoring system. That includes replacement of the Harry Kelly bridge, dualization of Route 90 and improvements to Route 589. All of these projects are included in the county’s annual transportation priorities.

ity letter to the state.

Every year, each county submits a list of its most important road and

the dualization of Route 113. With that project approved and construction continuing, Worcester County faced a question it hadn’t in a long time: What projects come next?

For a long time in Ocean City, that question had a specific answer — the replacement of the Route 50 drawbridge leading downtown. However, last year, Mayor Rick Meehan made the case before the county to switch priorities to add lanes to Route 90, the resort’s midtown access point.

Ocean Pines residents have also made a case for improving Route 589, and a project in Snow Hill included in the previous letter was not discussed during the meeting.

All these projects may still be sub-

mitted to the state for review, Ed Tudor, development review and permitting director, told the Worcester County Commissioners Tuesday. The catch is, he explained, the projects will not be scored by the state until the preliminary work mandated by the new law is complete.

Tudor said the county has not determined how expensive the feasibility study, checklists and developing cost estimates for the projects are, but that step is not yet necessary.

Tudor recommended including the projects in the state request, but not moving forward until the county had a better understanding of what’s involved.

The commissioners agreed with his stance, and voted to approve sending the letter, including all of the projects, to the state.



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# Berlin seeking more grants for stormwater

Town Council on Monday approves list of priorities estimated to cost \$3.5M

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor  
(March 1, 2018) As the Town of Berlin prepares to wrap \$2 million in grant-funded stormwater projects on Flower Street and William Street, planners are eyeing five new projects estimated to cost \$3.5 million.

At Monday's Town Council session, Town Administrator Laura Allen and Darl Kolar of EA Engineering, Science and Technology Inc. went over what they said were two tiers stormwater-related projects.

The first tier referred to finished or nearly completed projects, which include culvert replacement and installation of a large stormwater pond, or offline wetland, on Flower Street.

A new culvert with increased capacity was also put in on William Street, as was a smaller offline wetland.

Construction is scheduled to start soon on the final tier-one project, storm drain replacement on Franklin Avenue and Pine, Grice and Nelson streets.

Kolar said each project had both a water-quality and a water-capacity component. Asked by Mayor Gee Williams if the improvements helped reduce flooding, Kolar replied, "we like what we see so far."

Allen said the town would seek Department of Natural Resources grants of \$750,000 to finish the storm drain replacement and \$350,000 for channel stabilization on Bottle Branch Road.

She said a separate Department of Natural Resources funding source, through the Community Resilience Grant Program, could pay for design work for stormwater improvements at Henry's Green and Henry's Mill.

The town will then seek \$1.2 million to increase conveyance and piping capacity, and create an offline wetland, near West Street and Abbey Lane.

Allen said the final tier-two project would be stream relocation and restoration of Bottle Branch at Decatur Street, estimated to cost \$725,000.

"We did submit a letter of intent with all five projects and the feedback we've received from [The Department of Natural Resources] is there's some interest in projects one and two," Allen said, adding representatives from the Community Resilience program expressed interest in the third project.

Allen said there could be additional funding available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"We would probably focus on leveraging the funding that we're getting for existing projects first ... before we move onto [projects] four and five, partly because they're pretty significant in size," Allen said.

The Town Council unanimously approved the priority list.

Kolar said the town "went a long way" with the initial \$2 million in grant funding.

"I am so pleased with the outcome of

the completed projects and how we are progressing toward addressing the flooding situation throughout the entire town," Councilman Dean Burrell said.

"I have sat up here years and heard citizens concerns about flooding, flooding, flooding. It may not be perfect, but we're trying to address the concerns of the entire thing, and I think it's a good thing," Burrell added.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, resident Marie Velong expressed her disappointment with West Street being placed fourth on the priority list. She said flooding in the area

was eroding her property.

"The people on the other side of the road have had to replace basements and their downstairs several times," she said. "It just seems that, that being a main road ... we need a sidewalk and the sidewalk won't come unless you do the [stormwater] work there.

"I would like to see it be the number three [priority]," she said.

Williams said the sooner funding could be obtained, the sooner the town could deal with those issues.

"I am hopeful," he said, adding he met with representatives from the Depart-

ment of Natural Resources to "discuss our general approach and ... make sure that we were applying for the right grants in the right places for the right needs."

"I felt very good about that [meeting]," he said. "We all know we're ahead of most communities in Maryland and it's still a new venture, so I feel that our funding support is going to be given a very fair chance.

"My experience so far has been ... if you do a good job it makes it a little easier," he added. "The better job we do, the sooner we'll get the additional money to get all the projects done in both tiers."

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# Snapshots



## LOCAL LEADERS

African American community leaders shared their experiences during the February Worcester County NAACP meeting held at Germantown School Community Heritage Center in Berlin. This inspirational discussion highlighted the obstacles overcome while growing up during the years of segregation on the "Old Eastern Shore" and was held in recognition of Black History Month. Pictured, from left, are Michael Pullen, Congressional candidate District 1, Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing, historian Greg Purnell, NAACP President Dr. Roxie Dennis Achon-Ionu, Commissioner Diane Purnell, businessman Gabriel Purnell and Dr. Kirkland Hall, UMES professor and 38A Maryland House candidate.

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## NEW REALTORS

The Coastal Association of Realtors welcomed 20 new members during New Member Orientation on Feb. 21. Attendees are introduced to services provided by the association. Pictured, in back, from left, are Anne Tingle of Keller Williams Realty of Delmarva; Nona Clubb of Clubb Realty; Andrea Whittington of Condominium Realty; Jo Ann Brandt of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices PenFed Realty; Douglas Kifolo of Condominium Realty; Linda Slacum of ERA Martin & Associates; William Quillin of ERA Martin & Associates; Terence Wittstadt of CTW Real Property Appraisals; Kelly Wright of Long & Foster Real Estate; Karen Taraila of Keller Williams Realty of Delmarva; Leslie Scherlag of Keller Williams Realty of Delmarva; Chelsea Cloyd of Century 21 New Horizon; George Pierson of Whitney-Wallace Commercial; Chase Church of Coldwell Banker Bud Church Realty; and George Mitchell of Long & Foster Real Estate; and in front, Rachelle Hurd of Coldwell Banker Residential; Jessica Jersey of Condominium Realty; Leigh Enterlein of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices PenFed Realty; Bonnie Arthur of EXIT Realty at the Beach; and Cheryl Hollis of Keller Williams Realty of Delmarva.



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## GOLD STATUS

Cheryl Nottingham was honored with Worcester GOLD Board Member Emeritus status during the organization's December meeting held at the Worcester County Developmental Center in Newark. Pictured, from left, are Worcester County GOLD, Inc. Board Members Beverly Thomas, Bethany Didriksen and Mary Dale Craig; Carol Jacobs, board president; Sandy Sipes, Worcester County GOLD, Inc. executive director; Nottingham; Joan Baraloto, board vice president; Pam Marshall; Eloise Henry-Gordy; and Chris Woodley. Not pictured are Shelly Adams, board secretary; Barry Laws; Alex West, board treasurer; and Shannon Wright.



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## KIWANIS VISIT

Elena McComas, a member of the Worcester County Board of Education, recently visited the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City. She is pictured with Kiwanis Club President Ralph Chinn.



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## GUEST SPEAKER

Amanda Buckley, a licensed dietician from Atlantic General Hospital, was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of the General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Buckley spoke about food, nutrition and health tips for older adults. The DAR is a women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education. Buckley, left, is pictured with chapter Regent Patricia Ayers.



# Ocean Pines and Matt Ortt working out F&B contract

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(March 1, 2018) Ocean Pines appears close to an agreement with the Matt Ortt Companies to run the association's yacht club and beach club. General Manager John Bailey said Sunday that a contract was being finalized.

"That is with the legal beagles at this point, to work out final details," Bailey said.

Those details apparently include how financial reporting would occur and how employees at the clubs are handled.

"I can tell you this, they would be employees of the Matt Ortt Companies," Bailey said. "They would not be employees of the association."

The board of directors recently met with representatives from Matt Ortt and a consulting group led by former yacht club manager Joe Reinhart.

Association President Doug Parks previously promised presentations from both groups, but said Sunday that would not occur because Reinhart was no longer in the running.

"Although we were very satisfied with the presentation [from Reinhart] ... unfortunately there was a part of the terms and conditions that were

critical to the operation that we could not honor as a contract," Parks said. "We decided that we couldn't move forward with their proposal as presented. They wouldn't negotiate."

"With that in mind, we've only got one and we'll proceed ... we've got the Matt Ortt group and those discussions are ongoing," Parks added. "There is an open issue with the terms and conditions of the contract ... being worked out by both parties. Our attorneys are negotiating with them in good faith to make sure we get all that done. More to come on that as things develop."

Bailey said some practical issues were being worked out "with the Matt Ortt Companies as contractual issues were worked out, because we didn't want to lose any more time in getting to an open date," believed to be Memorial Day.

He said about a dozen representatives from Matt Ortt met with Ocean Pines staff last week to tour both buildings and look at kitchen equipment and inventory. Also discussed were point of sales system and some general maintenance, including painting, Bailey said.

"The board should have a contract within a week or two," Bailey said.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Ocean Pines officials announced on Sunday it was close to an agreement to hire the Matt Ortt Companies to run the beach club and yacht club. General Manager John Bailey said an association lawyer was working out details for a contract.

# Substantial election reform passes Pines Board test

Winner announcement to come immediately after votes are tabulated in Aug.

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(March 1, 2018) For the first time, vote totals in Ocean Pines elections will be released immediately after they are counted.

A second reading for changes to Resolution M-06, governing elections, was approved by a board of directors vote on Sunday.

Similar changes were rejected by a prior board a year ago because several directors were more comfortable with the longstanding practice of announcing election results during the annual membership meeting, a day after ballots are counted. At the time, several directors said the announcement helped drive attendance to the annual meeting.

This time, approval of resubmitted reforms was postponed from a meeting in January to seek recommendations from the bylaws and resolutions committee. According to Director Slo-

bodan Trendic, the bylaws committee reviewed and endorsed the earlier announcement of voting results.

The Ocean Pines Election Committee drafted the amendment, which was vetted by an association attorney.

While the election committee language stated results would be "announced to all present, emailed to the board of directors and posted on the Ocean Pines Association website," Director Ted Moroney offered a friendly amendment to announce results live on Ocean Pines television and streaming platforms, post to the website, and email board members and candidates.

"The idea here is to have maximum transparency, and the best way to do that is use the resources we have and put it out there," Moroney said.

Directors Cheryl Jacobs and Tom Herrick did not support the amendment. Herrick said the previous membership of the elections committee resigned because they did not support the change in procedures.

Both the amendment and the original motion as amended passed 5-2.

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# Fager's fundraiser for Berlin family

Historic home ravaged by fire last year; money raised will help Koenigs to rebuild

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(March 1, 2018) A fire on Main Street in Berlin severely damaged the

century-old home of Hank and Julie Koenig last December.

The massive blaze was extinguished by firefighters from the Berlin Fire Company with help from the Showell, Ocean Pines, Newark and Ocean City fire departments.

Since then, the Koenig family has vowed to rebuild all they can of the

home, built in 1914 and known locally as "The Pruitt House." Last month the family month earned unanimous support from the Berlin Historic District Commission to do so.

To aid those efforts, Fager's Island on 60th Street on Ocean City will host a fundraiser for the family on Saturday, March 10 from 2-6 p.m.

Koenig knows Fager's well, having played there as lead guitarist for Tranzfusion for four decades.

The classic rock group started as "Just Us" in Cambridge around 1975. Koenig joined the band in 1981 and two years later it was renamed Tranzfusion.

Drummer Bobby Malaby said the group started playing at Fager's during the late 1970s and frequented other Ocean City venues such as the original Green Turtle and the Sundown Lounge.

The band has played benefits for friends and area nonprofits for as long as they've been together, but Malaby said it was a first to hold a concert for one of their own.

"It's good to be able to do it," Malaby said. "Because we've been together for this long, we can help support him and get his house rebuilt. It's been a hard time for him."

The benefit will include live music from Tranzfusion, Opposite Directions and Kevin Poole, as well as deejay sets from DJ BK and DJ Wax, and special appearances from other area musicians.

A silent auction and raffle will also be held during the event, and food, craft beer and wine are included in the ticket price, \$40 per person.

All proceeds will go to the Koenig family.

"It's awesome to have all these local musicians coming out to support Hank," Malaby said. "And for longtime fans, I think it'll be cool for people to see some really great players and singers sitting in with us."

Tickets can be purchased at the door or online in advance at [www.fagers.com/events/hank-benefit](http://www.fagers.com/events/hank-benefit).

# Bay Restoration Fund exemption extended in OPA

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(March 1, 2018) Ocean Pines residents have saved millions of dollars over the last 12 years by being exempted by the Maryland Department of the Environment from paying into the Bay Restoration Fund.

Jessica Wilson, enterprise fund controller for the Worcester County Treasurer's Office, said Ocean Pines residents saved about \$4.4 million in total, or roughly \$540 each, since the fee became effective in July 2005.

"The Ocean Pines Sanitary Service Area has been granted an exemption from paying into the Bay Restoration Fund because the wastewater treatment plant facility has not received a federal or state grant and the prior-year discharge monitoring reports show the facility is in compliance with the Enhanced Nutrient Removal requirement," she said in an emailed statement.

Wilson said compliance levels were an annual average nitrogen and phosphorus concentration of 3 mg/l and 0.3 mg/l, respectively.

"The wastewater treatment facility was upgraded from a Biological Nutrient Removal to an Enhanced Nutrient Removal plant in the early 2000s, which provided better performance and helped to protect the environment," Wilson said.

She announced the exemption was granted for calendar year 2018 during the most recent Worcester County Commissioners meeting, last Tuesday.

"Just want to say thanks to our public works for just keeping that plant in the quality it is," Commissioner Jim Bunting said at the time.

"This is very beneficial to the Ocean Pines service area to get this exception," Wilson said, adding, "They do a very good job, the public works does. I just submit it on their behalf to get the exception."

The current exemption expires on Feb. 1, 2019. The exemption is granted annually if the facility meets the requirements, Wilson said.



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Fager's Island will host a benefit for Tranzfusion guitarist Hank Koenig on March 10. Koenig's century-old home in Berlin suffered severe damage during a fire in December. Pictured, from left, are bassist Al Cook, drummer Bobby Malaby, keyboardist Bob Davis and Koenig.

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# Irish Atlantic coastline comes to First Friday

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(March 1, 2018) Work from Christie Taylor’s five-week fellowship in Ballycastle, Ireland will be shown at Bishop’s Stock Fine Art, Craft & Wine in Snow Hill this Friday and Saturday, during the First Friday Weekend art stroll.

Nonprofit Ballinglen Arts Foundation awarded the fellowship to Taylor, who was in Ireland from Nov. 8 through Dec. 17.

“It was excellent,” she said. “It was so nice just to plant myself in another environment that was beautiful and full of wonderful people. I just had a blast.

“There’s something about having the freedom to do what you want to all day,” Taylor added. “I’d go out and I’d paint, and then I’d come home and I would drink beer. That was my life!”

She said the small and picturesque village sits on the northern tip of the Republic of Ireland, bordering the Atlantic Ocean and about two kilometers away from a bay.

“They told me they had 17 pubs at one time – now they’re down to three,” she said. “The Ballinglen Arts Foundation picked this area because they wanted artists to paint in rural Ireland, so you have a very small town and all around you have sheep farmers. And then the ocean is right there, so you have watermen as well.”

Nearby is the town of Downpatrick, which has a “head,” or cliff that goes out into the water, Taylor said.

“During the 1300s, part of it separated [from that land], so it sits out there and is called ‘a stack,’” Taylor said. “It’s a place people will come to see, so the town has these really beautiful, natural sites.”

While there, Taylor also took advantage of a program called the Wild Atlantic Way, which maps out 2,500 kilometers of road along the Atlantic coastline.

“They’ve got it all designated, all these places you can just drive and see these amazing views,” she said. “That’s how I spent a lot of my time – I’d just get in the car and go some-



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Christie Taylor sets up paint along the Irish coastline during a residency there last year. Work from Taylor will be featured at Bishop’s Stock Fine Art, Craft & Wine in Snow Hill during First Friday Weekend, this week.

where and spend the night, and sketch and paint along the way. It was really, really special.”

Taylor said she did sketches and studies, both types of drawings, each day, creating perhaps 60 finished pieces of art in five weeks.

She was especially struck by the dramatic skies in coastal Ireland, going so far as to change the aspect of her canvases from four-by-six inches, to six-inch squares to capture a broader view.

“The sky had to be a part of the landscape,” she said. “It’s like living in a snow globe without the snow – you feel like you’re encompassed in the sky.

“It’s not like the landscape here, where it feels horizontal,” Taylor continued. “Because the weather coming off the ocean changes all day long, it would be raining or hailing and then the sun comes out. The joke over there is you have four seasons in a day and you can feel that so much. It was really exciting to work in that environment ... and it really was a great

challenge for a painter to have that changing on you all the time.”

Several of Taylor’s new works will be on display during an opening reception from 5-8 p.m. at Bishop’s Stock on Friday. The gallery will also be open and showing work on Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Along with Taylor, printmaker Erick Sahler will display his newest serigraphs during the exhibition “New Work by Gallery Artists.”

“My goal [in Ireland] was to capture the energy of where that edge is, where the land meets the sea,” Taylor said. “I think of myself as sort of responsive, like a jazz player, so the water would come in and make the first beat and I would respond. My hope is when people look at this that they can feel the presence of being there too.”

Taylor kept a blog of writings and images from her trip. To view it, visit [www.christietaylorpaintings.com/ireland-2017](http://www.christietaylorpaintings.com/ireland-2017).

For more information on Bishop’s Stock, visit [www.bishopsstock.com](http://www.bishopsstock.com).



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Studies by artist Christie Taylor show the breadth of her work while overseas in Ballycastle, Ireland. Taylor will display several pieces from the recent trip during First Friday weekend in Snow Hill.

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# First Friday becomes First Friday Weekend

Snow Hill extends monthly art stroll to two days; Fifth Friday events also planned

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(March 1, 2018) Snow Hill’s First Friday art stroll and Third Saturday celebrations are combining into one weekend-long event to be called “First Friday Weekend.”

The inaugural two-day happening will occur this week.

“We just felt that Third Saturday needed something, and through a lot of conversation the merchants decided it would be a good deal to move it to the Saturday right after First Friday,” Economic Development Coordinator Michael Day said.

Day said many downtown merchants agreed to allow artists displaying work outside their shops to

“just move their stuff inside their shop and stay over for the next day.”

“It’s a move to see if we could improve on Third Saturday – it just wasn’t working the way we had it going,” he said. “It’s just a way to try to improve the event and make it a little better.”

Snow Hill will also host four “Fifth Friday Festivals” in 2018, on March 30, June 29, Aug. 31 and Nov 30.

Day said Diana Nolte would organize those and is preparing corn-hole tournaments for all ages. Winners will receive cash prizes.

Fifth Fridays will also feature food and beer vendors, and a bounce-house for children, Day said. The November Fifth Friday will be Christmas-themed.

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# County sets speed limits on three streets

Mumford, Selby and Back Creek roads in Bishopville area changed to 40 mph

By Brian Gilliland  
Associate Editor

(March 1, 2018) Responding to resident complaints, three county roads in Bishopville will now have speed limits of 40 miles per hour, following Worcester County Commissioners approval on Tuesday.

Mumford Road, Selby Road and Back Creek Road were previously uncontrolled, which set the speed limit to 50 mph by default, Public Works Director John Tustin said.

This was questioned by Commissioner Ted Elder, who thought the default rate was lower, but was reassured by other county staffers that the figure was correct. Nevertheless, other staff said they would double-check the law.

Commissioner Jim Bunting brought up the issue several months ago, and a

traffic study was undertaken by the county roads department. Each road was examined for a week, and each road connects to St. Martin Neck Road.

Back Creek Road was the busiest of the three studied, and counted about 3,350 vehicles during the study period. The average speed was 44 mph, with the 85th percentile moving at 52 mph. Almost 87 percent of vehicles on the road were traveling faster than 36 mph.

Selby Road was used by approximately 2,640 vehicles during the obser-

vation period in early December 2017. The average speed was 25 mph, with only 38 percent moving faster than 36 mph.

Mumford Road was studied in late November into early December 2017. The weeklong study found 909 vehicles traveled the road at an average speed of 31 mph, with the top 85th percentile moving at a rate of 48 mph. More than half of the vehicles measured were traveling faster than 36 mph.

Based on the study, the speed limit was set at 40 mph for all three roads.

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Snow Hill woman hikes Appalachian

Local artwork on display at capital

**By Kara Hallissey**  
Staff Writer

(March 1, 2018) Snow Hill resident Jean Schrecengost and her friend, Melissa Ordway, had planned to hike the Appalachian Trail from New Hampshire to Pennsylvania, but winter weather forced them to change their route.

The duo instead headed to the



PHOTO COURTESY JEAN SCHRECENGOST

Melissa Ordway, left, and Jean Schrecengost, planned to hike the Appalachian Trail from New Hampshire to Pennsylvania, but winter weather changed their route and they headed to the Florida National Scenic Trial instead. They traveled to support the Jesse Klump Suicide Awareness and Prevention Program.

Florida National Scenic Trial to raise awareness and funds for the Jesse Klump Suicide Awareness and Prevention Program.

“We hiked in New Hampshire for one day, but we were not well equipped or prepared for the winter weather. There were not many hikers [on the trail],” Schrecengost said. “We talked to most people about suicide prevention off the trail. It brought to light the stigma of suicide for me and how hiking can be a good relief to feeling melancholy.”

The women started their trek near Pensacola Beach on Dec. 20 and hiked for about 75 miles before Ordway went home for a family emergency. Schrecengost continued for another month and hiked about 600 miles to Ocala National Forest in the Juniper Springs area.

Close to \$300 was raised for the Jesse Klump Suicide Awareness and Prevention Program.

The nonprofit organization’s main objective is to end the threat of suicide in Worcester County and beyond through outreach and education.

The Jesse Klump Suicide Awareness and Prevention Program hosts several community-organized events throughout the year. Each month, there is a support group meeting for those who have lost loved ones to suicide and who are having difficulty coming to terms with their grief.

Personally, Schrecengost, 37, has watched members of her family struggle with their mental health; her uncle committed suicide.

“The more we talk about it, the more we reduce the likelihood of suicide and help people seek assistance with their mental health issues,” Schrecengost said.

Ordway, 36, of Alaska, has also lost loved ones to suicide. Her 14-year-old nephew after being bullied in school and a friend who was battling post-traumatic stress disorder and frequent seizures from epilepsy both took their lives.

“I think it’s important for people to be aware and talk about these things because you never know what a person is dealing with and sometimes getting out into the wilderness and away from everyday life can help clear your head,” Ordway said.

The duo, who met about six years ago in Antarctica, also completed the Springer Mountain, Georgia, to Pine Grove portion of the Appalachian Trail, from April to July in 2013. The entire Appalachian Trail is approximately 2,181 miles.

Donations can be made directly at <https://jessespaddle.donorpages.com/OntheTrailtoEndSuicide> or check out “On the Trail to End Suicide” on Facebook. For more information on the Jesse Klump Memorial Fund, visit [www.choosetolivemaryland.org](http://www.choosetolivemaryland.org).

(March 1, 2018) The Worcester County Arts Council exhibition, “Brushes of the Eastern Shore,” is on display at the Lowe House Building in Annapolis, outside the office of Del. Mary Beth Carozza through April 9.

This special exhibit features a selection of artwork by 14 artists from Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties showcasing beauty of the Eastern Shore through their own creative expression and interpretation of the region.

The display reflects on beaches, abundant wildlife, charming small towns, weathered boats and the life of the Eastern Shore.

Many of the artists represent various art organizations such as the Worcester County Arts Council, Ocean City Center for the Arts, Salisbury Wicomico County Arts Council and the Ocean Pines Camera Club.

Exhibiting artists include Dee Brua, Charlie Ewers, Debra Howard, Laura Jenkins, Barbara Kern-Bush, Patrick Henry, Ron Michaels, Dennis McLead, Charlotte Poore, Erick Sahler, Ellen Scott, Joseph Scukanec, Marcy Snyder and Joan Stockman.

The exhibit is on display during the Maryland General Assembly legislative session from Jan. 11 through April 9.

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# Opinion

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## Audit is right thing to do

Before Ocean Pines Association members get too excited over the prospect of finding real dirt via a forensic audit of the association’s finances, they should consider a variation of what is known as Hanlon’s Razor rule of reasoning. It postulates, “Never attribute to malice that which is adequately explained by stupidity.”

In this case, the more appropriate way to put it would be to “assume mismanagement before misconduct.”

As eager as people might be to find a smoking gun that proves various boards of directors conspired to deceive the public, it is unlikely such a thing exists.

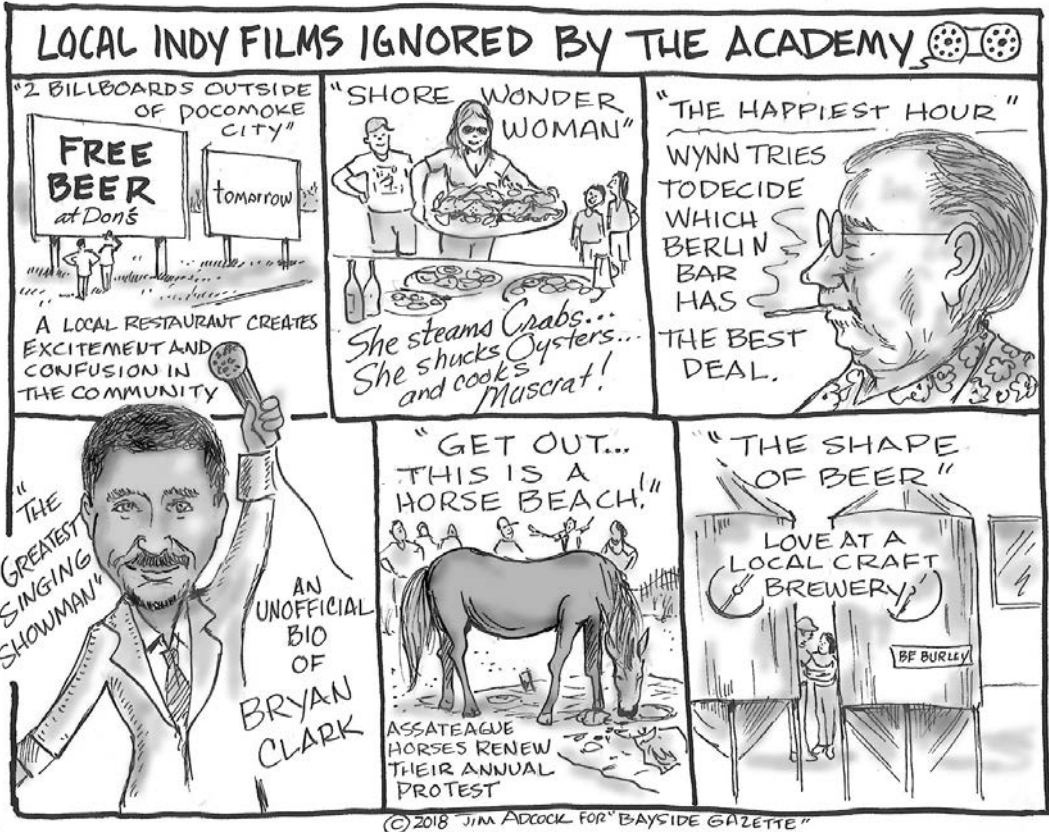
A more probable conclusion of this audit would be that the association’s huge losses of the past years were the result of terrible decisions permitted or inspired by a system impaired by political loyalties, grand ambition, egotism, arrogance and personal animosities on the board and among association voters themselves.

While it is true that some thievery did occur, and more probably will be found, this will hardly add up to the nearly \$2 million that the current board now has to make up with its increase in assessments.

As for the matter of what did various board members know and when did they know it, it makes little difference at this point if the goal of association members is to see this mess cleaned up.

They can continue, pointlessly, to seek some degree of self-vindication by fighting the old battles just to prove they were right, or they can allow the current board and management work to establish a more accountable and efficient structure of governing and operating.

Conducting a forensic audit is the right thing to do, but association members must get over the belief that this or any other board is or was out to get them. Similarly, this and future boards must accept that the easiest way to mollify an angry population is to flood them with information — over and over and over.



## Letters

### Let the auditors conduct the audit

The following letter was also sent to the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors Editor,

[On Sunday] the Board took the first step in regaining the trust and confidence of the homeowners in its ability to govern the Association in approving a forensic audit.

Although some differences were apparent in how broad the audit should be, when it should start and in what specific area it should begin, the consensus of the Board was to move forward and to do so immediately. The audit firm selected for this task should have a strong track record and impeccable credentials.

As an interested homeowner I have a suggestion that I would like to respectfully make to the Board. The suggestion is based upon my experience as an Ocean Pines homeowner for the past five years.

My suggestion is that the Board should sit with the firm selected to conduct the forensic audit and to go over the timeline presented in the Feb. 25 meeting, along with all the information covered

in closed sessions relating to the events listed in that timeline.

After that review I am suggesting that the firm sit with Brett Hill to go over his allegations and to get his input regarding the timeline and information he gave to the Board, providing he is willing to do so.

After these meetings, let the auditors decide where, when, and how to begin the forensic audit. They are professionals with in-depth, specific knowledge on how to uncover theft, fraud and corruption. I am suggesting that you let them do the job that they are trained and proficient in doing.

One lesson we should all have learned and recognized by now from our experience in the food and beverage operations: when inexperienced and untrained people get involved with managing the details of the operations, you get bad results — very bad results. Let the auditors do their job. Ask for and follow their guidance based upon what they hear from the Board and Mr. Hill.

You have taken the first step. Thank you, Director Trendic, for making the motion; and thank you, Director Herrick, for arguing that the audit should be Associa-

tion wide.

As the audit moves forward, the community needs to have confidence that the auditors can go where they need to go, when they need to go there, to uncover any theft, fraud and corruption that may have occurred. Give them the facts as you see them. Let Mr. Hill give them the facts as he sees them. And then let them do their job without interference.

Frank Daly  
Ocean Pines

### In defense of offshore wind

Editor,

There appears to be some disagreement between proponents and opponents of the proposed offshore wind farm project.

As an environmentally conscience Eastern Shoreman, I would like to register my support for the concept, if not the exact execution, of this project. The facts appear to show that all the concerns of rational stakeholders in our area have been addressed.

Yet some still seem to oppose the project on a purely political basis. I would like to point out to those unreason-

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## Berlin Briefs

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(March 1, 2018) The Berlin mayor and council discussed the following items during a public meeting at Town Hall on Monday:

### Shriners to honor Turner

Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said shoe donations brought to the bathtub race car that honors the late Jesse Turner were overwhelming — three 32-gallon trash bags worth given to Diakonia. The racer is kept inside the Berlin Welcome Center on Main Street and memorializes Turner, former owner of the Berlin Shoe Box, and a bathtub race champion.

The Shriners will make a public donation at the center on Saturday at noon, and the Lady Shriners will make a public donation on Tuesday at 4 p.m., Wells said.

### Bathroom break

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said both faucets froze at the newly installed restrooms at Dr. William Henry Park. He said the faucets were tested at the factory, but likely froze at

some point while in storage. Engelhart said new plumbing would be installed and inspected by the county this week. Public Works/Water Resources Director Jane Kreiter said the bathrooms would “hopefully be ready to roll in a week or two.”

### More water, more beer

The council voted 4-0 to allow Burley Oak Brewing Company to purchase and finance five EDUs, or equivalent dwelling units used to measure water consumption. One councilmember, Troy Purnell, was absent during the meeting. As an incentive for growth, town policy allows new and existing businesses to finance up to five EDUs over five years. Brewery owner Bryan Brushmiller said the added capacity was needed because, “as we make more beer, we use more water.”

### Grant policy

The council unanimously adopted a resolution establishing a nonprofit grant process, although four organizations were exempted: Atlantic General Hospital, the Berlin Fire Company, Town of Berlin Energy Assistance Program, and

Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services. Mayor Gee Williams said “a separate pot of grant money” would be available to all other organizations. “Those are unique services and they’re all, quite frankly, one of a kind,” Williams said. “We’re doing more nonprofit granting now than any time in the town’s history, but we’re also trying to be responsible.” Williams added the policy “memorializes the fact that this town does do grants to nonprofits that serve the Town of Berlin and the greater good.”

Under the new policy, organizations can apply for funding after a fiscal year budget is passed. Any organization entering into an agreement with the town would have to provide a grant report within 90 days, both written and as a presentation during a Town Council meeting. Representatives from several nonprofit groups were present during the meeting. Offered the chance to comment, none did so. Full text of the policy can be viewed in the meeting packet, available at [www.berlinmd.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/02.26.18.pdf](http://www.berlinmd.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/02.26.18.pdf).

## Letters

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ably opposed to the project that they still use carbon-base electricity, which generation of continues to foul our air and water. They still pay for electricity that contributes to our losses in our balance of foreign trade.

Further, a good case can be made that it further fuel our increasing national debt. All of which we will leave to our children and grandchildren, simply because the opponents do not want their view of the ocean changed. And that view would have to be from the penthouse portion of the hotels.

I hope I am not stepping on anyone’s toes that are wealthy enough to be in such a location, but I wonder if these people would give up their government-subsidized flood insurance protection for damage from hurricanes and rising sea levels?

I wonder if any local officials will give up government subsidies for their shoreline protection dredging? Better yet, I wonder if those opposed to this project can come up with another environmentally sustainable method of generating electricity, which does not impact someone else?

I hope I can be assured that those opposed to this project are also opposed to the offshore oil drilling being proposed.

Simply put, are you in favor of smoke stacks, nuclear dangers, or windmills turning in the ocean breezes? We need to decrease our dependence on carbon-based energy. I support sustainable energy.

Tom Wieland  
Bishopville

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## Ocean Pines Association Briefs

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(March 1, 2018) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors discussed the following items during a public meeting in the community center on Sunday:

### GM report briefs

General Manager John Bailey said the association was finalizing a contract for some bulkhead repairs and would issue a request for proposals for additional work to be done “after the coming season.”

Bailey said drawings for renovations of the second floor of the country club were “90 percent complete.” He said they would be finalized and a request for construction bids would soon be released.

A cost estimate was not yet available, but would be determined when bids were received, he said.

Bailey said the technology work group met with staff to discuss new management software, but talks have stalled because implementing new systems for the coming season “may be a bit more than anybody wants to swallow” at the moment.

He said three-to-four companies would provide demonstrations during the next few months and discussions on implementation would likely resume following the summer.

Staff, county officials and two or three “at large members” of the com-

munity will meet this week to discuss drainage issues, Bailey said.

“If we haven’t contacted you yet, we may,” Bailey said. “We do want to have some input that’s not staff or county officials.”

### HR consultant

The board unanimously approved a motion to spend \$5,000 for a human resources consultant for work specifically to be done between now and April 31.

Director Colette Horn said the consultant was needed to review employee benefits, conduct a salary survey, create job descriptions and update the employee handbook “all in the service of an urgent need to ensure that our compensation package is fiscally responsible and also consistent with local standards.”

Director Pat Supik said money for a consultant was included in the next fiscal year budget, but that does not go into effect until May 1.

The motion was amended to state the consultant hired would continue into fiscal 2019.

### Beach club sprinkler

The board put off approval of a \$100,000 capital purchase request to replace the sprinkler systems at the beach club in Ocean City. Bailey said the current system could be

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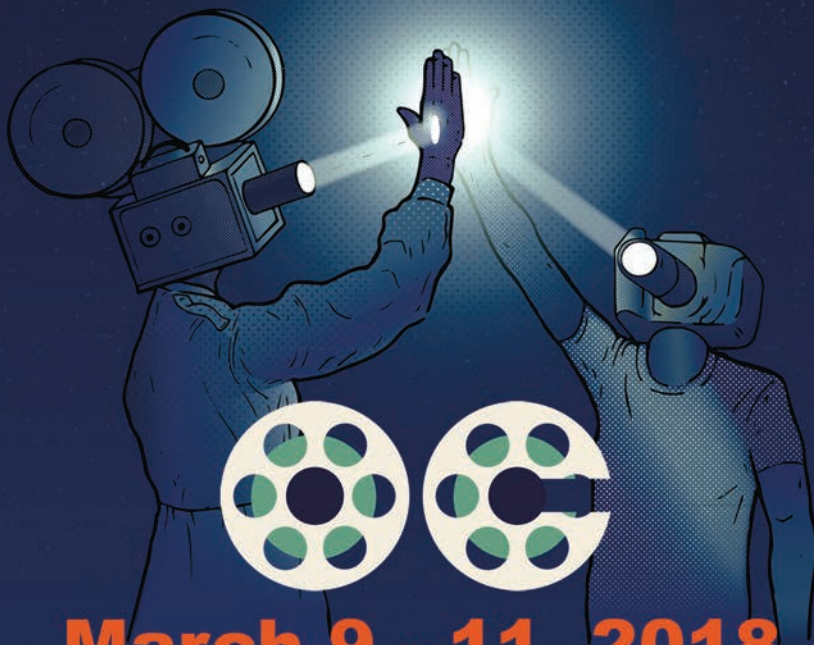
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# Annual Finnegan's Wake at Seacrets, Sat.

**By Kara Hallissey**  
Staff Writer

(March 1, 2017) Live Irish music and food, happy hour drink prices and contests are all part of Ocean City's sixth annual Finnegan's Wake, which will be held Saturday, March 3, from 5-9 p.m. in Seacrets' Morley Hall.

The mock Irish funeral is a fundraiser for the Friends of the Worcester County Developmental Center.

"There are lots of St. Patrick's Day celebrations, but only one Finnegan's Wake," said WCDC Executive Director Jack Ferry. "There is audience participation and it is all for a great cause."

The doors to Morley Hall open at 4:30 p.m., and the Ocean City Pipe and Drum Band will lead the mock funeral procession of Tim Finnegan at 5:15 p.m., along with clergy members, mourners, pallbearers, leprechauns and St. Patrick himself.

"People should get their green on," Ferry said. "Wear your wildest Irish costume."

Once the procession concludes, Finnegan's casket will be placed at its viewing site in the 49th Street venue, where mourners will have the chance to tell him a funny story or joke for \$1. The goal is to raise Finnegan from the dead by making him laugh. If the jokester succeeds, he or she will win a free drink.

Following the Irish tradition of hiring professional keeners to cry or wail for the departed, a contest will take place with the most enthusiastic 10-second wailer taking home \$50. Participants will be judged on volume, style and feeling.

Folk Heroes are back to headline Finnegan's Wake this year, with Celtic and folk songs both acoustic and electric. They are known for their classic Irish sound and the use of multiple instruments on stage.

In addition, the Ocean City Pipe and Drum Band is slated to perform two sets of highland and military songs throughout the event.

There will be a silent auction with

gift cards from local restaurants and businesses, art, Irish and Disney princess baskets, among other items.

"It is unique," Ferry said. "What other party do you get to view a guy in a coffin? It is fun and it raises money for a very important cause by supporting people with intellectual disabilities."

Around 140 people attended Finnegan's Wake in 2017, which raised a little more than \$4,000 for the Worcester County Developmental Center in Newark, Maryland. It provides employment opportunities, day habilitation training, residential services and community-based support for adults with intellectual disabilities in Worcester, Somerset and Wicomico counties.

Money raised during last year's event went to client services and support such as equipment to enable

them to work, and a lift to transfer clients who use a wheelchair, Ferry said.

Traditional Irish wakes last several days with crying, drinking, conversation and jokes to mourn the passing of a loved one, in addition to celebrating their life with a lively party. Ocean City's Finnegan's Wake came from a similar event in Pennsylvania and is loosely based on the Irish song of the same name.

Cheers Beer, Wine and Spirits of Berlin, Realtor Steve Cohen, Fins Ale House and Raw Bar in Berlin, Apple Discount Drugs and Robert W. Nock Insurance Solutions are major sponsors of the event this year.

Finnegan's Wake admission cost is \$20. Visit [www.wcdcservices.org](http://www.wcdcservices.org) to learn more about the WCDC or call 410-632-2383 for more information about Finnegan's Wake.

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made operational, but if a problem occurred it would likely take six weeks to repair.

"We've got to get this done before May 1 ... I really don't want us to lose six weeks of operation during the summer. Otherwise we'll be right back to not making money at the beach club again," Bailey said.

Bailey said bids were requested from four companies, but only one responded, Sure Fire Protection.

Several directors wanted to see more bids and said the matter should have been addressed when it first came to light, apparently last September.

Bailey said he would seek additional bids and also determine whether a fire department assessment of the current sprinkler systems could be done.

**Country club**

After some debate as to whether the most recent set of material

changes to country club renovation plans were discussed in public, the board voted unanimously to approve the current set of plans.

Director Ted Moroney said homeowner feedback led to three changes from a previously approved design: moving the location of the upstairs bar, addressing storage space concerns, and adding a half-wall between the bar area and main meeting space.

Herrick asked for the board to allow one more period of member comments before bids are awarded and construction starts. Parks agreed that would be prudent.

**Appointments**

The board unanimously approved three committee appointments: Everett Myers to the comprehensive planning committee (first term), Kathy Grimes to the aquatics committee (third term) and Brenda Wascak to the elections committee (first term).

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# Business Briefs

## New hire

Raymond M. Thompson, president and chief executive officer of Calvin B. Taylor Bank, has announced that Debbie A. Rickards has joined the bank as a customer service associate.

She will be located at the bank's main office in downtown Berlin.

Rickards comes to Taylor Bank with over 25 years of banking experience, specializing in consumer banking and branch operations. Her banking career started with Baltimore Trust in Selbyville, Delaware and then she moved to Mercantile Bank in the Bethany Beach area.

After a few years, Rickards became the merchant account executive at PNC Selbyville, Delaware (formerly Mercantile Peninsula). Most recently, she served as teller supervisor for PNC Berlin.

She is a graduate from Delaware Technical Community College where she studied business administration and banking.

Rickards is very active and involved in the local community. Some of these activities include serving the Ladies Auxiliary in Selbyville, Delaware.

Calvin B. Taylor Banking Company, the bank subsidiary of Calvin B. Taylor

Bankshares, Inc., founded in 1890, offers a wide range of loan, deposit and ancillary banking services through both physical and digital delivery channels.

The Company has 11 banking locations within the eastern coastal area of the Delmarva Peninsula including Worcester County, Maryland, Sussex County, Delaware and Accomack County, Virginia. There is also a loan production office located in Onley, Virginia.

## Gormley welcomed

Atlantic/Smith, Cropper & Deeley welcomes Jill Gormley as the agency's human resources director. She will



Jill Gormley

be responsible for developing and implementing new human resources programs that will both support growth goals and enhance the experience of ASC&D's existing team.

Gormley joins the team with over 20 years of human resources experience. She specializes in establishing and implementing HR policies and programs for growing organizations.

Her secret to success in the workplace is to be open to feedback and to always be ready to learn and grow. In her free time, she enjoys watching her children play sports, going to the beach and watching Ohio State foot-

ball games.

Headquartered in Willards, Atlantic/Smith, Cropper & Deeley is an independent insurance agency specializing in employer benefits, business and personal insurances. Clients represent all industries including top restaurant, hospitality, trucking and construction firms.

To learn more, please visit [www.ascd.net](http://www.ascd.net).

## Top producer

EXIT Realty At The Beach announce that Tim Halligan was recognized as top producer for January.



Tim Halligan

Since being invited to join EXIT Realty At The Beach, Halligan said business has increased dramatically. This is partially due to his clients, as well as the helpful and friendly, no-pressure attitude of Broker/Owner Bernie Flax and all the agents and staff at EXIT Realty At The Beach, he said.

EXIT is a proven real estate business model that has to-date paid out more than a third of a billion dollars in single-level residual income to its associates across the U.S. and Canada.

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EXIT Realty At The Beach is located at 11002 Manklin Meadows Lane #3, in Ocean Pines. For more information, call 410-208-EXIT(3948) or visit [www.exitrealtyatthebeach.com](http://www.exitrealtyatthebeach.com).

## Emergency alert signal test set for Saturday, March 3

(March 1, 2018) Saturday, March 3, Worcester County emergency alert signals will sound from area fire sirens.

A steady alert tone will sound at 10 a.m. for approximately one minute. The signals are tested the first Saturday of each month.

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# Snapshots



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## ANTI-BULLYING ASSEMBLY

The Ocean City Surf Club funded the “Bully No More” assembly at Ocean City Elementary School. The assembly teaches students important things to do if they are the target of a bully, if they witness bullying or even if they are doing the bullying. This message reinforced the OCES Stand Up, Speak Up program which teaches students strategies for dealing with bullying and the Ocean City Surf Club motto of “Give Respect, Get Respect.” Pictured are students from Sarah Tilghman’s second grade class with school counselor Linda McGean and Tommy Vach of the Ocean City Surf Club.



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## SCHOOL PLAY

Fifth grade students from Berlin Intermediate School attend Pocomoke High School’s play “Beauty and the Beast.” Pictured is Mason Glover, Mariabella Morse and Clay McCabe with Tatyana Waters who starred as “Belle.”



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## FIRE COMPANY BANQUET

Pocomoke City Volunteer Fire Company held its 95th annual banquet on Feb. 24 at the Community Center in Pocomoke City. The Auxiliary presented a check for \$25,000 to the Fire Company. Pictured, from left, are Auxiliary members Rhonda Wilkerson and Kay Cowger, Stan Finch PCVFC president and Dicky Gladding PCVFC chief.



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## POWER SQUADRON

Past Commanders of the Ocean City Power Squadron pose for a photo during the election of New Bridge Officers on Feb. 23 for 2018-2019. Pictured, from left, are Frederick F. Stiehl, Wallace J. Stevenson, William E. Killinger, Peter M. Fox, Antonino G. Curro, John W. Tellman, Morton N. Brown, D/C C.M. Kohlenberg, John Hess and Stuart C. Glassman. The election was held on “Founders Day” celebrating the anniversary of the United States Power Squadron, founded in 1914 and the local unit Ocean City Power Squadron founded in 1981. Bridge officers elected for the coming year are: Commander – Anthony D. Smith; Executive Officer – Lt./C. Joseph A. Salafia; Administrative Officer – Lt./C. Linda M. Hess; Secretary – Lt./C. Bonita M. Curro; Treasure – Lt./C. Neal M. Lookner and Education Officer – Lt./C. Morton N. Brown.



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## LAW FIRM OPENING

The Chambers of Commerce from Ocean Pines, Ocean City and Berlin were on hand Feb. 20 to help open the law firm of Procino-Wells & Woodland, LLC’s newest offices at 616 Williams St. in Berlin. Procino-Wells & Woodland specialize in Elder Law, Asset Protection Planning, Estate Planning and Estate & Trust Administration. Holding scissors is attorney Amber Woodland, with partners Michele Procino-Wells, center, and Leslie DiPietro, center, right.



# Puzzles

## LETTER RECYCLING

BY WILL NEDIGER / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

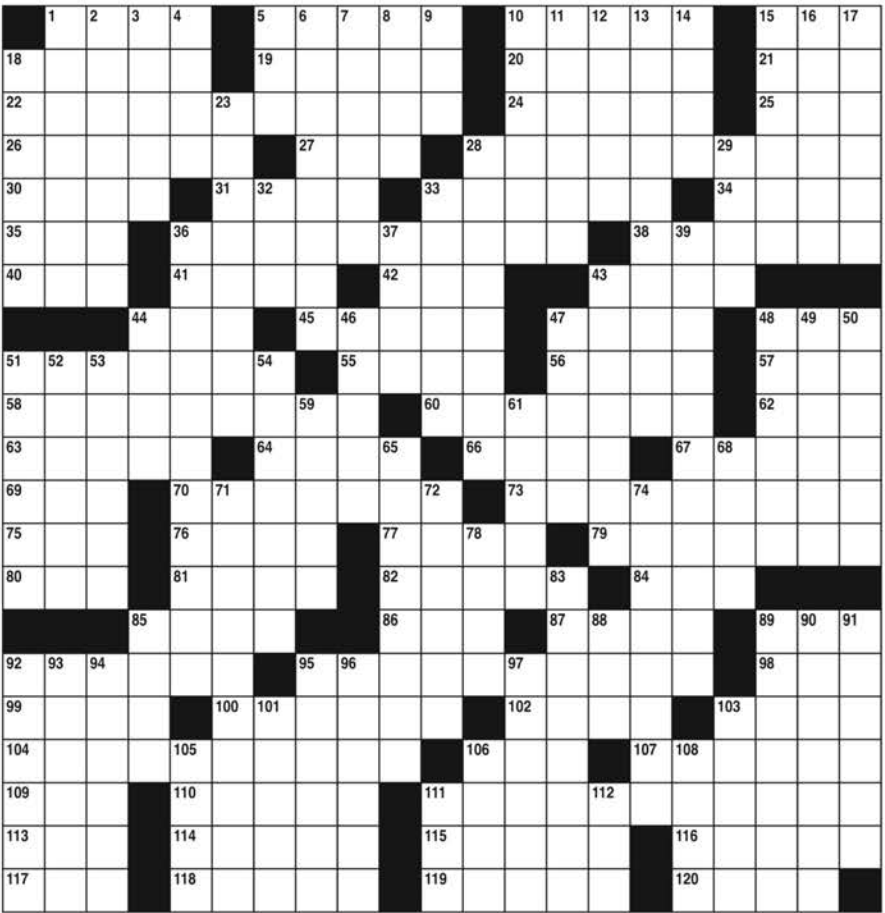
**ACROSS**  
1 Small flute  
5 Tries to beat the buzzer?  
10 Throws together  
15 Airport waiter?  
18 404 Not Found, e.g.  
19 Energize  
20 Not happy, to say the least  
21 Kitchen brand  
22 Historical period spelled using only the letters of 2-Down  
24 Singer who once spelled her name with a “\$”  
25 Word before data or deal  
26 Unlikely to be talked out of  
27 “That wasn’t nice!”  
28 Revolutionary War hero spelled using only the letters of 13-Down  
30 Website with a “Sell an item” option  
31 Order to go  
33 Enter the fray  
34 Woman’s name that sounds like its second and first letters, respectively  
35 Fix  
36 Snack items spelled using only the letters of 36-Down

**DOWN**  
1 It’s comped  
2 Historical period  
3 Double a score  
4 Therefore  
5 Jamaican export  
6 Was dateless  
7 Muhammad’s favorite wife  
8 Young \_\_\_\_  
9 Place to get pampered  
10 Nanki-Poo’s father, with “the”  
11 Glacial ridges  
12 Whole-grain cereal brand  
13 Revolutionary War hero  
14 Jamaican rapper \_\_\_\_ Paul  
15 Shade of blue  
16 Armpit, medically  
17 Ones not up to par?  
18 Grandfather of Alfred the Great  
23 Aloft  
28 Sarcastic response to a fail  
29 Basil, e.g.  
32 Word before “before”  
33 Hypothetical  
36 Snack items  
37 Jackie of “The Tuxedo”  
39 Really impressive  
43 Holder of shells  
44 “Hey!”  
46 Approve another season of  
47 Seaweed in Japanese cuisine  
48 Amount of jam or jelly beans

**ACROSS**  
38 Inner tubes?  
40 Casual top  
41 Ancient theaters  
42 Prince of Shakespeare  
43 Screw up  
44 Fund-raising org.  
45 Be annoying  
47 Garment that’s often plaid  
48 Sukkot celebrant  
51 Christmas drink  
55 Geraint’s wife, in Arthurian romance  
56 What assayers assay  
57 Butt’s end?  
58 Many an office worker’s problem  
60 It’s imagined  
62 TV demonstrator at the 1939 World’s Fair  
63 Page 1, e.g.  
64 Oscar winner with four #1 Billboard hits  
66 Bass player  
67 When it comes to  
69 You can lend one without letting go of it  
70 Jewel-case holder  
73 Combo-meal entree  
75 Spanish “Listen!”  
76 Mound  
77 Future stallion  
79 Tin lizzies  
80 Basket part  
81 “That so?” reply  
82 “See you later”  
84 Basket part  
85 Put the pedal to the metal

**DOWN**  
86 Word that might be helpful on a class reunion name tag  
87 Rack site  
89 Photog’s purchase  
92 What a press pass provides  
95 Really impressive, spelled using only the letters of 39-Down  
98 Chalked stick  
99 Stern-looking  
100 Many a year-end list  
102 Alpo alternative  
103 Drive-\_\_\_\_  
104 No-good, spelled using only the letters of 71-Down  
106 Include without notifying others, in a way  
107 Bygone deliverers  
109 Cause of a tic, for short  
110 “The Master Builder” playwright  
111 Bagel topping spelled using only the letters of 89-Down  
113 Penguins’ org.  
114 Group of stars  
115 Temporary tattoo material  
116 Writer Nin  
117 Sun spot?  
118 Track schedule  
119 Much-abbreviated Latin phrase  
120 “Aw, rats!”

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- 49 Part of a motorcade

50 Berth places

51 “You and I have a deal!”

52 Roger in the Navy

53 Clandestine

54 Brand in the dairy aisle

59 Breakfast spots

61 Relish

65 Took back one’s story

68 Cherry throwaway

71 No-good

72 Was mounted atop

74 Kind of medicine

78 In \_\_\_\_ of

83 Six things in some six-packs

85 Neighbor of a Montenegrin

88 Pep

89 Bagel topping

90 Slyly attracts

91 Gets back together

92 Extras

93 Nickname of Duke basketball’s Mike Krzyzewski

94 Huggable

95 Challenge for a college-bound student, maybe

96 Medical inserts

97 \_\_\_\_ Creed (Christian statement of faith)

101 Actor Davis

103 Lead role in “Boys Don’t Cry,” 1999

105 Neeson of “Schindler’s List”

106 Fostered

108 Ballot hanger

111 X

112 Dojo surface

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

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	9						2	

**Answers to last week’s puzzles**

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

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# Cuisine

## Tired of tacos? Cook up these tostadas

How many times must I suffer through taco night at my house? I know the kids love them, and I'm happy to make the "kit" tacos for them, but sometimes I just have to branch out and make a different form of this tasty Mexican treat.



By Paul Suplee,  
MBA, CEC, PC-3

If you know me (and you read last week's article), you will understand that there are only a few tastes that do not sit well with me. Of course, last week I lambasted red pepper flakes, but I'm here this week to kvetch about something else entirely; cumin.

Cumin is the ubiquitous seasoning used in the store-bought taco kits, reminiscent of the well-known taco fast food emporium on the lips of every late-nighter. Cumin, while a delicious flavoring agent in its own rite, is so overused that I can't take it seriously sometimes.

As such, you won't see a lick of it in this recipe, although I welcome you to add it if you see fit. One of my brothers lives in California, and as you can imagine there are more than a handful of authentic Mexican eateries. On one occasion, Fred was confused at how delicious the Carne Asada was, and asked the chef his secret.

His answer was very telling: "salt, pepper and a hot grill." It doesn't need to be difficult to be perfectly delicious. It doesn't have to have the over-complication factors of a good mole sauce. No, just a small selection of ingredients can enliven the plainest of foods, elevating them to a majestic place.

Using ground beef and the taco kit for the kids, I decided to grill up some chicken breast, adding some zip with from fresh lime juice and adding just a hint of spice from Hank's Hot Sauce. On a side note, if you haven't tried Hank's yet, you need to; I demand it. Locally, I know they sell it at Gilbert's Provisions and Malibu's Surf Shop, and Parker's Produce once he reopens in the spring.

A good hot sauce is worth its weight in gold, and when I say "good" I don't mean burn a hole in your stomach hot. I mean a balance of incredible flavors, a tangy bite and some heat that will not interfere with your taste buds as you work your way through your food. There's nothing worse to me than ordering hot wings that are so hot that you can't taste any after the first two. It's still going to cost you \$20 for the outing (assuming you have at least one beverage) and all for nothing.

No, I like things flavorful, but not painful. And this tostada is a simple way to work past the eternal taco night, if for no other reason than to have a little more flavor on the table.

### Grilled Chicken Tostada

*serves 4*  
4 Soft corn tortillas  
2 Tbsp. Peanut oil  
1 Large heirloom tomato, diced  
1/2 Sweet onion, diced  
Cilantro, chopped, as needed  
20-ounces Grilled chicken (recipe follows)  
2 Soft avocados, cut into chunks  
1/4 cup Green herb sauce (recipe follows)



1/4 cup Crema fresca (recipe follows)

1. Heat peanut oil in a small pan and fry the tortillas individually until they are crispy
2. Drain on a paper towel and set aside
3. Toss the avocados in a little bit of the herb sauce to keep them from turning brown (it also adds a nice zip to them)
4. Stack and serve. This goes great with margaritas (hold the salt, please) or a good Mexican beer, such as Pacifico. If you don't imbibe, a nice fresh limeade would definitely do the trick!

### Grilled Chicken

*makes 20 oz.*  
1 1/4 pound chicken breast  
3 cloves garlic, smashed  
Juice of 1 lime  
Salt & Pepper, as needed  
1 Tbsp. Hank's Hot Sauce

1. Combine all ingredients in a bowl and allow to sit for at least 30 minutes
2. Heat a grill or grill pan and cook it up, ensuring two things; that it's cooked through, but not cooked until it is dry as dust
3. Remove and chop, setting aside until ready to assemble

### Green Herb Sauce

*makes about 1 cup*  
1 bunch Italian parsley  
1 bunch cilantro

cloves roasted garlic  
3 Tbsp. Olive oil  
2 Tbsp. red wine vinegar  
Salt & Pepper, as needed

1. Wash the herbs and rip them at the base of the leaves. You will have a little stem in there but that's fine for this dish
2. Place them and other ingredients in a good blender and blend away until it is nice and smooth
3. Adjust seasoning and set aside until ready to use

### Crema Fresca

*per cup*  
1 cup Heavy cream, high fat content if possible  
1 Tbsp. Buttermilk

1. This is the recipe that I've been using for years, and it this comes in handy in sweet applications as well
2. Heat the cream in a small saucepan just for a few minutes until it is warm but not hot
3. Add the buttermilk, mixing well
4. Place in a mason jar or bowl that has a loose-fitting lid and let sit on the counter overnight, as long as it's warm
5. After it has sat out for 12-24 hours, you will notice some thickening. Tighten the lid and place in the refrigerator until ready to use

— Paul G. Suplee is an Associate Professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College. Find his ePortfolio at [www.heartofakitchen.com](http://www.heartofakitchen.com).



# Calendar

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

## THU, MAR. 1

**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

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

## FRI, MAR. 2

**STAR CHARITIES MONTHLY MEETING**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. Anyone interested is welcome. Anna Foults, 410-641-7667

**FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION**  
Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., Ocean City, MD, 5 to 7 p.m. Meet the artists, enjoy hors d’oeuvres and refreshments and see the new exhibits for March. Open to the public. Free admission. 410-524-9433, <http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org>

## SAT, MAR. 3

**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

**FOCUS ON PRAYER 3.0**  
Holy Trinity Catholic, 11021 Worcester Highway, Berlin, MD 21811, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. A non-denominational, Spirit-led gathering for women who want to grow in their prayer life. Book table, group discussions and complimentary refreshments. No registration fee. RSVP: [dorisoceancity@aol.com](mailto:dorisoceancity@aol.com) or 443-859-4238. 410-641-4882, <http://ww.htcanglican.org>

**FREE TAX PREPARATION**  
Ocean City Senior Center, 104 41st St., Ocean City, MD, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free, individualized tax preparation for low- to moderate-income taxpayers. By appointment only.

**OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY CITIZENS’ FORUM**  
St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Community Life Center, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 9:30 a.m. Invited guests include Mayor Richard Meehan

and the Ocean City Council. Larry Ryan, [larry@stpetersoc.com](mailto:larry@stpetersoc.com)

**FIRST SATURDAY WRITERS’ WORKSHOP**  
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The group meets once a month to share their creative writing. New members and occasional visitors welcome. This month’s theme (optional) is “madness.” Jean Marx, 443-880-0045

**ANNUAL FINNEGAN’S WAKE FUNDRAISER**  
Seacrets, 117 49th St., Ocean City, MD, 5 to 9 p.m. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Festivities will commence at 5:15 p.m. with the funeral procession led by the Ocean City Pipes and Drums. Included in the cortege will be St. Patrick, clergy members, mourners, pall bearers and a leprechaun or two. Also providing music will be Folk Heroes. Admission is \$20. Happy hour prices and an Irish menu available. Proceeds benefit the Worcester County Development Center. Cathy, 570-956-4721

## SUN, MAR. 4

**HOMECOMING**  
New Hope United Methodist Church, 7338 New Hope Road, Willards, MD, 2 p.m. Guest speaker will be Bob Hudson; music by The Reunion Quartet. Dinner served immediately following the service.

**MERLE DIMELER & THE JAMMERS BENEFIT CONCERT**  
St. Matthews By-the-Sea Methodist Church, 1000 Coastal Highway, Fenwick Island, DE, 7 p.m. Duos, soloists, string instruments, jammers, horn players, fiddle aficionados join together for a night of country, gospel, rock and blue grass music to benefit disaster relief efforts, primarily in Puerto Rico. No tickets necessary, but an offering will be taken. Merle Dimeler, [mdimeler383@comcast.net](mailto:mdimeler383@comcast.net), 717-395-2419 or 302-436-1938

## MON, MAR. 5

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

**FREE TAX PREPARATION**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free, individualized tax preparation for low- to moderate-income taxpayers. By appointment only. 410-641-5036

**AARP MEETING**  
Ocean Pines Community Center, As-

sateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. Social time begins at 9:30 a.m. This month’s guest speaker will be Glen Ferber with Glen Charles Financial. The topic will be Medicare Supplements. Collections taken for Diakonia.

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

**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. Joy Chestnutt, 443-365-5815

**AGH DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**  
St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, MD, 6 to 7 p.m. Open to the public and meets the first Monday of each month. Speakers and education related to diabetes. AGH Diabetes Out-patient Education program, 410-208-9761

**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, MAR. 6

**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](mailto:jeanduck47@gmail.com)

**MARYLAND SAFE BOATING CLASS**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 6 to 9 p.m. Held March 6, 7 and 8. This class meets the state requirement for those born after July 1, 1972 and is highly recommended for anyone who wants to be informed about safe boating regardless of age or experience. Class fee is \$15 and includes study guide. Barry Cohen, [CGAUXOC@gmail.com](mailto:CGAUXOC@gmail.com), 410-935-4807

**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, MAR. 7

**GRACE PARKER ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST**  
First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. Eggs any style, pancakes, buckwheat pancakes, sausage, ham, hash browns, grits, biscuits, coffee and tea. Cost is \$8 to eat in or \$6 to carry out. 410-289-9340

**KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OP/OC**  
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>

**STEPPING ON FALL PREVENTION WORKSHOP**  
North Worcester Senior Center, 10129 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Free, 7-week, interactive program proven to improve the participant’s risk of falls. Class runs Feb. 7 through March 28. Heather Griswold, 410-742-0505, Ext. 169

**HYPERTENSION CLINIC**  
Rite Aid, 10119 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, MD, 1 to 3 p.m. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Wednesday of every month. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Michelle, 410-641-9268

**HYPERTENSION CLINIC**  
Rite Aid, 11011 Manklin Creek Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 1 to 3 p.m. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Wednesday of every month. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Michelle, 410-641-9268

**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](mailto:dance@delmarvahanddancing.com), 410-208-1151, <http://delmarvahanddancing.com>

**OC/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](mailto:cliff0917@aol.com), 410-641-1700

**AGH DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 7 to 8 p.m. The support group is open to the public and meets the first Wednesday of each



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month. Speaker and education related to Diabetes provided at the meetings. AGH Diabetes Outpatient Education program, 410-208-9761

## ONGOING EVENTS

**KIWANIS ITALIAN DINNER TICKETS ON SALE**

Tickets for the Kiwanis Club’s Annual Italian Dinner to be held on April 8 are now on sale. Two seatings, 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., at DeNovo’s Trattoria, 11310 Manklin Creek Road in Manklin Station at the South Gate of Ocean Pines. Tickets cost \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 11 years and younger. Tickets: 410-208-6719. Reservations recommended. Walk-ins welcome – space permitting. Carryout is also available. Proceeds benefit local youth.

**‘WONDERS OF WATER’ BUS TRIP**

The Junior Auxiliary Group of Atlantic General Hospital will be taking a spring bus trip to Philadelphia for their flower show, “Wonders of Water.” Tickets for the trip cost \$68, which includes the cost of the flower show ticket. The bus will depart Berlin on March 10 at 8 a.m., returning at approximately at 9:30 p.m. Enjoy Philadelphia and the flower show, which is in walking distance to Reading Terminal Market, Chinatown and City Hall. RSVP to Ashley at aafurbay@aol.com or 410-213-0823.

**BOOK A LIBRARIAN**

Any branch, through February. Need some one-on-one help with your resume, job application, E-Reader or basic computer skills? Contact your closest library branch to schedule a personal appointment.

**MAKE & TAKE ‘RAINBOW BOXES’**

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, all through February. The Make & Take cart will feature supplies to decorate your own rainbow box. 410-524-1818

**2018-2019 PREKINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Ocean City Elementary School will begin the registration process in February. Children who will be four years old on or before Sept. 1 may be eligible for the OCES Pre-Kindergarten program. Space is limited and children from families who meet the federal income guidelines will be given priority enrollment. Children who will be five years old on or before Sept. 1 and are not already enrolled in pre-kindergarten, must register for kindergarten. Call 410-632-5370 to schedule a registration appointment.

**NOMINATIONS SOUGHT**

The Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame, Inc. (MSCHF) is seeking nominations of Maryland residents, 65 years of age or older, who as active volunteers (since age 65) have made outstanding contributions to improve the lives of others in the community. Nominations are accepted until April 10. Approved nomi-

nees are inducted into The Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame at our annual Awards Luncheon held in October. The nomination form and specific details for eligibility are available on our website at mschf.org, by emailing mschf.mail@verizon.net or calling 410-828-5852.

**‘ACHIEVING SURGICAL WEIGHT LOSS SUCCESS’ SEMINAR**

Atlantic General Bariatric Center Conference Room, 10231 Old Ocean City Blvd., Suite 207, Berlin. Weekly sessions are held at 1 p.m. on the first, third and fourth Monday of each month and the second Tuesday of each month. Free, 20-minute, informational seminar. Register: 410-641-9568.

**STAR CHARITIES MONTHLY MEETING**

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m., on the first Friday of each month. Meeting of volunteers. Info: Anna Foultz, 410-641-7667.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH**

RCIA is a process for individuals, adults and children 8 years and older, who are seeking Baptism. Also for those already baptized in another Christian tradition who want to come into the Catholic Church. Call Rita at 410-289-7038 or come to a session held on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Father Connell Parish Center, 1705 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD. All are welcome.

**RAVENS ROOST 58 MEETS MONTHLY**

28th St. Pit & Pub, 2706 Philadelphia Ave, Ocean City, MD, the first Tuesday of each month and for the Sunday NFL games to raise money for local families in need. Ravens Roost 58 is seeking new members and new officers. Dues are \$20 per year. Stop by the restaurant if interested.

**AUMC THRIFT SHOP**

Atlantic United Methodist Church, 105 Fourth St., Ocean City, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Open Monday through Saturday, year round. Located behind the church with a donation drop off room that is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. 410-289-4458

**WSW SUPPORT GROUP**

OC Office, 12216 Ocean Gateway, Unit 1500, West Ocean City, 1 p.m., third Wednesday of each month. Info: Mary Henderson, 410-213-1177.

**FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES**

Temple Bat Yam, 11036 Worcester Highway, Berlin, every Friday, 7:30 p.m. A reform Jewish Synagogue. Info: 410-641-4311.

**MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT & ADVOCACY GROUP**

St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, noon to 1:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Fridays of every month. Info: 410-524-7474.

**WORCESTER COUNTY PARKINSON’S SUPPORT GROUP**

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, second Tuesday of each month, 2:30



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**PRESIDENT’S DAY**

The Republican Women of Worcester County celebrated President’s Day during their luncheon meeting on Feb. 22 at the Ropewalk restaurant in Ocean City. Seventy-six attendees heard Patrick O’Keefe, MDGOP political director, talk about the workings in Annapolis and the upcoming election. In addition, Grant Helvey, chair of the Worcester County Republican Central Committee, described to everyone the structure and the workings of the Republican Central Committee. Pictured are O’Keefe, left, Beth Rodier, president of RWWC, and Helvey.

p.m. Speakers, exercise, discussions and more. Info: 410-208-3132.

**PINE’ER CRAFT AND GIFT SHOP OPEN**

Pine’er Craft and Gift Shop, White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines. Shop will be open every Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and every Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featuring the latest creations by members of the Pine’er Craft Club.

**AARP**

Ocean City AARP 1917 meets the second Thursday of each month (except July and August) at the Ocean City Senior Center, 104 41st St., Ocean City. Social begins at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10 a.m. Info: aarp1917.org.

**NAACP MEETINGS**

NAACP meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month. All are welcome. Info: 443-944-6701.

**SUICIDE GRIEVERS’ SUPPORT GROUP**

Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, the third Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m. Also held at the Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., the fourth Thursday of each month, 6 p.m. Open to anyone who has lost a friend or loved one to suicide. Free of charge. Info: 410-726-3090 or www.choosetolivemaryland.org.

**POSITIVE OUTLOOK THRIFT SHOP**

Positive Outlook Thrift Shop, 12637 Ocean Gateway, Trlr 2, West Ocean City, Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Located next to Seaside Christian Academy behind White Marlin Mall. Info: 410-251-6971. Sponsored by OC Baptist Church.

**THE SHEPHERD’S NOOK THRIFT SHOP**

Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road. Open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays,

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Accepting donations of gently worn clothes and small household items.

**DIAKONIA THRIFT SHOP**

Used to be Mine, Route 611 and Sunset Avenue, Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Newly expanded and redecorated. Furniture, clothing, toys and linens. Info: 410-213-0243.

**OCVFC LADIES AUXILIARY**

The group meets monthly on the first Monday at 7 p.m. at the West Ocean City Fire Station, second floor, Keyser Point Road. New members welcome. Info: Denise, 443-359-2014 or any Ladies Auxiliary member.

**CPR/AED, BLS AND FIRST AID COURSES**

The American Heart Association is offering these life saving skills. Great for families, communities with pools, teachers, construction workers, lifeguards, coaches, physical trainers, camp counselors. Also Basic Life Support training for medical professionals, pharmacists, dentists, doctors, CNA’s, LPN’s, RN’s or nursing students. Weekly classes offered. Sign up: 302-462-5594.

**FREE DIABETES SUPPORT GROUPS**

Takes place the third Wednesday of each month at Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 1-2 p.m., and the third Thursday of each month at Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 1-2 p.m. Anyone interested in learning more about diabetes and its treatment is invited to attend. Info: Worcester County Health Department, Prevention Services, 410-632-0056.

**FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN CITY LIBRARY**

Group meets the first Friday of each month at 1 p.m in the library meeting room. Discussions on library and volunteer needs and often includes interesting speakers. Followed by refreshments. New Friends always welcome.



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