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Hundreds of Berlin Little Leaguers on Saturday marched down Main Street during the annual opening day parade, then held opening ceremonies at the Northern Worcester Athletic Complex.

Q&A session at town hall, tonight

By Josh Davis Associate Editor

(April 19, 2018) The Ocean Pines Association will host a town hall today, Thursday, at 7 p.m. in the Assateague Room of the Community



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE The Ocean Pines Association will host a town hall at the community center today, Thursday, at 7 p.m.

Center on 235 Ocean Parkway.

The agenda includes a presentation by the Matt Ortt Companies, which have been hired to run association food and beverage operations, and a Q&A session.

According to a press release, "The membership is encouraged to come with questions, concerns and ideas. Questions may be submitted in advance via email to info@oceanpines.org.'

Association President Doug Parks said he has two goals in mind.

"One, to let Matt Ortt present what they're going to do," he said. "Everybody is concerned and excited and the yacht club and food and beverage operation is top of mind, as it should be. It's an area that clearly needs improvement.

'We stepped forward as a board and put this management company in place, and we want to get everybody exposed to that before things start, so they know where everybody is going with it," he added.

The second goal, Parks said, is to 'provide a question-and-answer session that can't be done at a regular board meeting, because board meetings are regulated by our governing documents."

He said public comments during those meetings are restricted to just that – comments.

"This, since it's not a regular board meeting where we would conduct board business, is an open dialog," Parks said. "So, it eliminates any restrictions of not being able to ask a question or have a conversation.'

The meeting will be streamed online at www.OceanPines.org and broadcast live on Mediacom channel 78.

Berlin introduces \$7.05 million gen. fund budget draft

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(April 19, 2018) The Town of Berlin introduced the first draft of its fiscal 2019 general fund budget Monday by unveiling a \$7.05 million package that contains a projected decrease of almost 9 percent.

General fund spending covers elected officials, administration, finance, customer accounts, buildings and grounds, police, public works, sanitation, streets, economic development, planning, parks and recreation and debt service.

Town employees look to get a 3 percent across-the-board pay in-See BUDGET Page 4

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Ocean Pines Elections Committee Chairman Steve Habeger, left, last Friday discusses a unique aspect of the upcoming election. Also pictured is committee member Rick Turner.

Three election winners, but not all will get equal terms

By Josh Davis Associate Editor

(April 19, 2018) There's an interesting wrinkle in the Ocean Pines election this year, according to newly confirmed Elections Committee Chairman Steve Habeger.

After ballots are mailed on July 10, voters may select up to three candidates for the board of directors. However, not all of the winners will serve equal terms.

Speaking at an elections committee meeting last Friday, Habeger said the top-two vote getters will serve threeyear terms on the board, but the third-place candidate will serve for just one year. That's because Brett Hill vacated his seat last year and Ted Moroney was appointed to serve until voters could choose a replacement.



Hill, elected in August 2016, would have had one year remaining on his term.

Habeger also discussed procedures for counting and then immediately announcing votes, an association first.

He said the newly altered Resolution M-06, governing elections, requires the elections committee to announce the results during a live online broadcast on Aug. 10. Results would also be emailed to the candidates and to Ocean Pines members, and announced on the association website, Habeger said.

The results will be validated at the annual meeting on Aug. 11.

"My suggestion ... is that when we announce the ballot vote totals, that's what we announce, and at the annual meeting we speak to the fact that we have a partial term and the bylaws require that the top-top vote getters will receive three-year terms and the third-place vote getter will fulfill the unexpired vacant term that Ted Moroney is currently occupying," Habeger said.

"There's a difference between announcing ballot totals and validating the election, and that's my approach to complying with both of those," he continued. "I almost see Friday [Aug. 10] as being numbers and Saturday being what they mean."

Director Slobodan Trendic, the committee liaison, said it is important to cite relevant passages from the association bylaws.

According to Section 5.01(d) of the bylaws, "The election shall fill only those vacant positions included on the ballot. Those candidates receiving the higher numbers of votes shall be elected to three-year terms and those receiving lower numbers of votes shall be elected to serve for the remainder of any unexpired terms in descending order of votes received."

"That makes the rule very clear, very explicit," Trendic said. "If you make a point of associating the bylaws ... it's going to help the community to understand what's going on – what's so different about this election versus previous elections."



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Budget first draft includes funding for parking study

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crease, along with a one-time \$500 per-employee payment, to be given on Thanksgiving.

Among the significant projects funded in the preliminary budget were a parking study, \$20,000, and comprehensive plan update, \$10,000, both of which would be booked to administration.

The buildings and grounds budget listed \$200,000 for a Town Hall renovation and \$70,000 for a Town Hall elevator.

A 95 percent drop in spending for capital projects accounts for most of the projected decrease, and the bulk of that, \$1.7 million, was for equipment for the new police station, which was covered in last year's budget.

Utilities for the much larger standalone station near Flower Street and Assateague Road are projected to increase about \$29,000 more.

Ten body cameras at \$10,000 and a Chevy Tahoe for \$40,000 were also listed in the police budget.

A more than 1,200 percent increase in the sanitation capital outlay equipment request was because of a new automated-arm garbage truck, \$280,000, and a recycling truck at \$190,000.

Parks and recreation budgeted \$133,000 for permanent restrooms at Stephen Decatur Park, \$20,000 for playground equipment at the new Oceans East apartment complex and \$5,000 for improvements to the tot lot at Dr. William Henry Park. The majority of the restroom cost, \$120,000, could come from a state Community Parks and Playgrounds grant.

Separate from the parks and recreation budget was \$100,000 earmarked for Berlin Falls park capital projects. Town administrator Laura Allen said allocation of that money would be up to the Berlin Falls Park Committee.

The budget includes \$250,000 for the Berlin Fire Company and \$150,000 for EMS services. Allen said that number is consistent with recent years and unlikely to change, although fire company personnel are expected to discuss the funding request at the next Town Council meeting, April 23.

Much of the discussion during a budget introduction meeting Monday night at Town Hall was on the rising cost of health insurance.

Employee health insurance was projected to increase about 24 percent, while health insurance claims look to rise 80 percent.

However, Human Resources Director Jeff Fleetwood said those numbers were skewed because the town was forced to switch carriers last September when Evergreen Insurance went bankrupt. He said actual health insurance costs were projected to increase about 3.68 percent and could be as low as 3 percent when the budget is finalized.

He said the change in carriers also affected health insurance claims, because the plans were structured differently. Chris Carroll, vice president of Atlantic/Smith, Cropper & Deeley, said demographics were the biggest factor in employee health insurance costs, and Mayor Gee Williams added a large percentage of town employees were within retirement age.

"They're very experienced, but I think we have to keep in mind ... 10 or 12 years from now we're going to have a very young workforce," Williams said.

Williams said workers' compensation at the police department was the highest in memory and is projected to more than double from \$93,000 to almost \$200,000.

Fleetwood said overall workers' compensation is expected to grow from \$242,000 in fiscal 2018 to \$372,000 in 2019.

He said he could discuss the matter further during closed session, but added in the police department there were "two very expensive claims, one of which there's not a thing on God's earth we could've done differently" to prevent.

"The good news is, that particular officer is now back to work," Fleetwood said. "To call it like it is without using names, he's had two spinal fusions."

He said those costs would likely decrease over time, because workers' compensation is determined by a three-year average and several anomalous years were due to come off the books.

A utility fund work session is scheduled for April 30 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

Allen said introduction of a full budget draft would occur in May, with adoption likely during council meetings on June 11 or June 25.

Parks: committee meeting with Ortt was not scheduled

(April 19, 2018) Ocean Pines Association President Doug Parks released the following statement regarding a meeting last week involving the Ocean Pines Clubs Advisory Committee and representatives from the Matt Ortt Companies:

"The Board of Directors acknowledges the meeting was not scheduled in accordance with Resolution C-01, which clearly states the requirements for scheduling a meeting and notifying the Membership.

"We regret this situation unfolded the way it did. Director Cheryl Jacobs takes responsibility for the confusion regarding how the meeting was handled, and offers her direct apology to those members who were asked to leave the meeting.

"As a follow-up the Board will address the proper protocol for all advisory committees with both the Board liaisons and committee chairpersons."

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Light-hearted signs point to downtown Berlin

Along with volunteering at town events, Wiley handles slogans at Rt. 50 entrance

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(April 19, 2018) Although some issues were reported with new parking systems in the Ocean City inlet lot, parking in downtown Berlin remains free and relatively painless.

A town sign near the corner of Route 50 and Main Street this week poked a little fun at the juxtaposition.

Berlin resident Mike Wiley has been in of charge of the sign for several years, dating back to when Michael Day was the town economic development director.

Wiley, 71, is a retired Anne Arundel County firefighter and prolific volunteer, assisting his wife, Helen Wiley, at the Church Mouse Thrift Shop and helping with downtown Berlin events such as the annual Bathtub Races and Spring and Fall Cruisers.

"I took over helping [Day] with the sign when it got real busy and it gradually evolved into doing it all the time," Wiley said. "I really enjoy it – you're out here alone and people don't bug you!"

On Tuesday Wiley put up an advertisement for the Jazz and Blues Bash, May 5, on the eastbound side. "That's the side that tourists always see coming into town," he said. "On the westbound side going out of town it's just going to say we have over 50 shops and there's free parking."

ing." The westbound sign currently reads:

LOOK MA! FREE PARKING

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That's as opposed to "paying in other towns," Wiley added.

He said the signs are changed as needed, which is rarely during the winter months and more frequently as event season heats up, May through October.

"With spring starting you change it almost weekly," he said. "I keep the town's little calendar and pencil things in as they come."

Wiley said he first workshops ideas on his computer at home. He figured out whatever fits on one line using a 48-point Arial font will translate well onto the sign.

The postings cannot promote a specific business, but instead focus on "generic stuff about the town or public service announcements."

"It's all prepped before I come out," he said. "I figure I've probably done about 100 signs over the years.

"I've had a couple of unique ones that have gotten a chuckle out of both the mayor and Sen. Jim Mathias – both of them comment all the time," Wiley added.

For example, several times during the Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention and Conference in Ocean City Wiley has posted, "Stop, drop and roll into America's Coolest Small Town."

During Jeep Week the sign has read, "4x4 into Berlin," and when the Dew Tour was in Ocean City the side said, "Dew drop in."

"That brought some people in, I think," Wiley said.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Berlin resident and prolific volunteer Mike Wiley on Tuesday switches up the town sign near the corner of Route 50 and Main Street. Wiley has been in charge of the sign for a number of years, changing it as often as once per week during the busy event season.





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OPA looking for diverse candidates

Application deadline May 10; Association will elect three to board of directors

By Josh Davis Associate Editor

(April 19, 2018) Ocean Pines officials are encouraging homeowners in good standing to file for board of directors candidacy ahead of the May 10 application deadline.

Three slots will be available on the seven-member panel this year.

"For anyone interested in public service, the Ocean Pines Board of Directors is the avenue in which you can make a difference," Denise Sawver, director of Marketing and Public Relations for the Ocean Pines Association, said. "Property owners who are passionate about Ocean Pines and its progress are encouraged to run for election."

Association Secretary Colette Horn encouraged people from all walks of life to file.

"One of the things that [Association President] Doug [Parks] and I discussed informally about the search and the election process is the importance of letting it be known far and wide that all different kinds of people are needed," she said. "We don't need just one toolbox, one skill set in directors. The more diverse the board is, in some ways, the more rich the conversation is.³

According to association bylaws, "The affairs and business of the association shall be managed by a board of seven directors, each of whom shall be a member of the association eligible to vote. The terms of the directors shall be for three years and until their respective successors are duly selected. No member of the board of directors may at the same time be an employee of the association.'

To be eligible, candidates must be "one of the owners of record of real property in the subdivision on the first day of January of the year in which the election is to be held and eligible to vote under Section 3.01(c). No member may be a candidate for election as a Director of the Association if he or she is an incumbent Director completing a second consecutive elected full term of office.'

Section 3.01(c) states, "Payment of the annual charge levied by the board of directors is a prerequisite to the right to vote. No member may vote if, thirty-five days prior to the voting deadline, the member has failed to pay the annual charge, including any assessed interest levied by the association. The voting rights of a member may also be suspended during any period the member is in continuing violation of the Declarations of Restrictions after the existence of the violation has been declared by the board of directors."

Candidate applications can be obtained from the administration building on 239 Ocean Parkway, online at www.oceanpines.org/forms-docscat/board-member-application, or from any member of the Ocean Pines Search Committee. For a full list of committee members, visit www.oceanpines.org/administration/advisory-committees/searchcommittee.

Per association bylaws, at least two more applicants than vacancies are required. This year, because there are three vacancies, at least five are needed. Three have filed as of press time.

A candidate information meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 26 at 7 p.m. in the East Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center on 235 Ocean Parkway.

According to a press release, "The meeting aims to outline the responsibilities of board members, describe the qualifications of the candidates, and receive input from attendees about finding interested candidates."

Search Committee Chairman Ken Koroknay said he is working to promote the meeting, to include Parks and members of the elections committee as well.

"Past history would suggest this doesn't get a lot of foot traffic, but I think there's at least a couple people that have contacted me that are going to show up," he said. "My thinking is any candidate can read the bylaws, any candidate can read the application ... but the idea is to let them know this is kind of an open session."

He said the intention is to give "a little bit more color to the election process.

You don't have to view it as some kind of a torture chamber out of an Edgar Allen Poe novel," he said. "We're trying to make them a little more comfortable as what they might look at and feel during those summer months [during the campaign], and also give a little background ... as to the director role - how much personal time it takes ... to be a director, what are the most effective ways to be a director, how do you do work sessions and committee assignments – a little bit of background information you might not otherwise get from the bylaws.

"Let that person say, 'Yeah, I think that kind of fits my profile. I think I could be successful in that role.' Or, perhaps they might learn something and say, 'Nah, this year is not my year to run,'" Koroknay added.

The association recently updated its list of important upcoming elections dates. They are:

• Friday, June 8: Candidates will draw for position on the ballot, 11 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Administration Building, boardroom

• Wednesday, June 20: Candidates' forum, 7 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center

• Tuesday, July 3: Cutoff for Ocean Pines voter eligibility

• Tuesday, July 10: Ballots are mailed

• Saturday, July 14: Possible second candidates' forum, 10 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center (if deemed necessary by elections committee)

• Wednesday, Aug. 8: Deadline for ballot receipt

• Friday, Aug. 10: Ballots counted and announced

• Saturday, Aug. 11: Annual meeting/validation of election results, 10 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room

For more information, call 410-641-7717 or email elections@oceanpines.org.



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Search committee to meet in closed session on May 11

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(April 19, 2018) Search Committee Chairman Ken Koroknay wagered last Friday that the Ocean Pines Association would have enough board of director filings by the May 10 deadline.

As of press time, three applications had been received and at least five are required during this election cycle. Association bylaws require "two more than the number of vacancies to be filled," which this year totals three.

If not enough candidates file, the bylaws state, "the board of directors shall attempt to solicit sufficient candidates to bring the total number to at least two more than the number of vacancies to be filled. The additional candidates' applications shall be submitted to the secretary before the ballots are submitted for printing."

Koroknay said he believes there will be enough interest.

"It's no secret that it's been a challenging half-year or so for the board, but my own view is I think a lot of the stuff that has come out has offered a window for some candidates to come in and say, 'I think we can turn a corner and start something new," he said.

"If think we're getting interest," Koroknay continued. "If I had to bet ... I would bet that we're probably going to have [several] candidates.

Following the candidate filing deadline, Ocean Pines Association Secretary Colette Horn will have several weeks to verify the eligibility of each applicant before a formal announcement is made, on or before June 1.

Koroknay said his committee would meet in closed session on May 11 to discuss the applications.

"We will have the delivery of the candidate application forms to the search committee, and we will look them over, review them, take control of them, and deliver them to [Horn]," Koroknay said, adding the closed session was necessary because of "confidential information" on application forms.

Bylaws require candidates to be property owners in good standing, which means current on assessments and free of any violations.

"It's still confidential information as to who the candidates are until Dr. Horn delivers those, certified," Koroknay said. "Personally, I would look at Resolution M-09, which is the resolution for the search process, and it's very clear that you've got to respect the confidentiality of the candidate applications. For me, that's the justification for going into a closed session."

Koroknay said he talked to association President Doug Parks, who advised him to open the meeting, offer public comments, and then go into closed session.

Elections Committee Chairman Steve Habeger said he believed the closed session was justified, based on language in the Maryland Homeowners Act.

"If you're having a committee [or] subcommittee task force, it's pretty broad," Habeger said.





Bayside Gazette

Take Pride in Berlin Week returns, April 21-28

Clean-Up Day on Saturday calls for volunteers to help spruce up three town parks

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(April 19, 2018) The annual Berlin Clean-Up Day, Saturday, kicks off the weeklong "Take Pride in Berlin Week," April 21-28.

"The basic idea is for volunteers to come to the parks and help us spruce up, clean up, do some planting and mulching, and put in some new playground surfacing [to prepare for summer]," organizer Mary Bohlen, Berlin's administrative services director, said. "But we also encourage people to take a look around their own neighborhood and see if they can do some cleanup, help a neighbor with a project, or whatever moves the spirit."

On Berlin Clean-Up Day, April 21, volunteers can begin signing up at 8:30 a.m. at Dr. William Henry Park, Stephen Decatur Park, or Berlin Falls park. Students can earn service hours by volunteering.

"We have some yard tools available, but we always encourage people to bring their own as well. That way we always have plenty to go around," Bohlen said.

Volunteers also are needed to help clean up Hudson Branch, an activity

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"They're going to have to get down in the ditch and there could be some heavy lifting," she said. "Signup for that is also at Henry Park,"

Volunteer work is scheduled to finish at 11 a.m., after which SonRise Church will provide free lunch for volunteers at Henry Park.

Residents can show off their Berlin pride by placing a "Take Pride in Berlin Week" yard sign at their home or business. For more information, contact Bohlen at 410-641-4314 or mbohlen@berlinmd.gov.

"This really is a great place to work and visit," Bohlen said. "[Take Pride in Berlin Week] is an opportunity to do some spring cleaning, and at the same time show your pride in our town."

Additionally, Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said a Town of Berlin Night was scheduled at Shorebirds stadium on Tuesday, April 24 at 7:05 p.m. Tickets are \$8.

"If you haven't heard, Cal Ripken's son is now playing for the Shorebirds, so there's a good possibility that you may get a Cal Ripken sighting that night."

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The town is also promoting participation in the "Meet Me at the Park" Earth Month campaign to win \$20,000.

"That is through the National Parks Association, which we belong to," Bohlen said. "If you look at some of the cities we're competing against population-wise, we're not doing so great, but we can try. That would be a \$20,000 grant to use at one or more of our parks."

Those who make nominations are entered into a sweepstakes to win a GoPro HERO5 prize pack. The town with the most nominations at the end of April will receive the funding.

For more information, visit www.meetmeatthepark.org.

Berlin also is awaiting news of Program Open Space grant funding from both the state and Worcester County.

April 19, 2018

The Town Council, last month, approved a parks priority list of projects that included funding requests and a total price tag of \$303,450, spread out over five projects.

"I should be receiving an indication of whether or not the project is approved [at the state level] really at any time, but then the funding wouldn't be available until after the state passes their 2019 budget," Bohlen said.

She added money from the state was very likely, but additional county money was not a certainty.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Town of Berlin is asking volunteers to help beautify local parks during Berlin Clean-Up Day, Saturday. The annual event is the kickoff for Take Pride in Berlin Week, April 21-28.



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Ahoy! Pirate ship makes landfall at White Horse Park

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(April 19, 2018) After sitting adrift in the public works yard for several months, the infamous Ocean Pines pirate ship playground this week sailed into White Horse Park.

Fueled by a donation from the Mary Mac Foundation, Inc., the structure was installed last year at the yacht club, but removed because of safety concerns related to surfacing and fencing surrounding it, General Manager John Bailey said.

"[Concerns] were not with the equipment, but with the fall area and the way it was fenced in and structured – it wasn't real good," Bailey said. "The pirate ship itself was fine. It had one loose board on it and we've been doing some cleanup as we're moving it in [at White Horse Park].

"The functionality of it is safe and we wanted to make the fall area and all of that much safer in this location," he added. "The perimeter around it [at the yacht club] was my concern."

White Horse Park, off Ocean Parkway, borders the community center and administration building, and is also home to the popular Ocean Pines Farmer's Market.

Bailey said re-installation began on Tuesday. He said the initial desire was to move the ship to the beach club in Ocean City, where it could have sat on the shore of the Atlantic Ocean. City setback regulations, however, would have required the playground to be installed virtually "in the parking lot," Bailey said.

"It would have been cool to have the pirate ship at the beach," Bailey said. "There were two negative aspects about that though. One, you wouldn't be able to use it year-round and, two, the practical aspect that we can't put it in there anyway."

He said the Manklin Meadows playground was also considered, but it lacked enough space.

Bailey said the ship would replace some of the older equipment at the White Horse Park playground, include a mini excavator.

"Parts and pieces of that had been welded multiple times to keep it working, so that's just going to disappear, unfortunately," he said. "Being a guy and having a boy at one point in time who was little, he would've loved that ... but maybe we'll look at getting another one of those later on."

Bailey said the pirate ship would be a front-and-center-feature at the park and Tim McMullen, who oversees the Mary Mac Foundation, is "very excited" about the new location.

"I thought this was a good location," Bailey said. "It adds a new element to White Horse Park and it's a prime location – everybody will see it. The folks who willingly donated their money for this should be pleased.

"We'll get it in and probably put some caution tape around it until we're sure it's OK and stabilized, and then we'll open it back up," he added. **Bayside Gazette**

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Friends of the Berlin Library will host a fundraiser at Sisters in Berlin today, Thursday, to help raise funds for amenities at the new library.

Get 'booked up' at library fundraiser

Guest bartenders, raffles to raise funds for new building on Berlin's Harrison Avenue

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(April 19, 2018) "A Novel Affair," a Friends of the Berlin Library fundraiser, is scheduled today, Thursday, at Sisters in downtown Berlin from 6-9 p.m.

Along with live music by Scott Dustin, finger food, a 50/50 raffle and guest bartenders, Sisters, on 113 North Main Street, will donate 20 percent of sales to support the new Berlin library on Harrison Avenue.

Guest bartenders will include Berlin Councilman Thom Gulyas, Worcester County States Attorney Candidate Kris Heiser, and Berlin Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells. "I am a bookworm and the library is one of my favorite places to go, so I was honored to be asked to be a guest bartender for this event, because I'm always all 'booked up," Wells said. "I'm really excited about it and I will pour everyone's drinks happily."

Harriette Creter, Friends of the Berlin Library president, helped organize the fundraiser.

"We're also going to have library mugs for sale and information about purchasing a brick [for the new library], and also information about membership to 'Friends," she said.

Mugs are \$10, bricks are \$100 and \$150, and membership to Friends of the Berlin Library, a volunteer group that raises money for library facilities and services, is \$5.

The \$6.25 million Berlin branch of the Worcester County Library, expected to open in July, was built to be long-lasting and energy-efficient, an approach planners say will save taxpayers money in the long run. The new building is four times larger than the current single-story library on North Main Street.

Creter said fundraising proceeds would help pay for additional furniture, computers and supplies for the children's area in the new library.

"I get excited every time I come down the street to look at [the new library]. I can't wait to get in the building," Creter said. "I'm very excited to go into it and I'm excited for the opportunity for the library to be able to have more programs – and to do them comfortably."

For more information on the event, search "Berlin Library Fundraiser" on Facebook.

For information on Friends of the Berlin Library, visit www.worcesterlibrary.org/index.php/worclibrary/p age/friends-of-the-library.





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Berlin 2nd Friday



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Artist of the month Shirley Eppard poses with Pemberton Elementary School student of the month Zooey Davis, 6, during the 2nd Friday art stroll at Baked Dessert Café in Berlin



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE Martha Graham, with her pooch Limo, wins first place during an opening reception for the "My Favorite Subject" exhibition at the Worcester County Arts Council last Friday.



Charlie Flagiello strums away on Main Street during the 2nd Friday art stroll in Berlin, last week.



Artists participate in the "My Favorite Subject" exhibition at the Worcester County Arts Council, last Friday. Pictured, from left, are Peggy Warfield, Mitzi Ash, Judy Benton, Maryland State Arts Council councilor Lily Bengfort, Keren Dimaio, and Worcester County Arts Council Executive Director Anna Mullis.



Steve and Friends play at the corner of Main and Commerce streets during the monthly 2nd Friday art stroll in Berlin, last week.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Burley Oak 2nd Friday artist of the month Gary Miller donated proceeds from sales of his work to the Healthway Drive Community Garden project. A guest bartending event at the brewery on Monday raised an additional \$870 for the garden. Pictured, from left, are Tracey Mullineaux, Michelle Mc-Gowan and Amanda Buckley from the Healthway Drive Community Garden Task Force, and Miller.

Committee against candidate advertising; board to weigh in

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(April 19, 2018) The Ocean Pines Elections Committee last Friday approved a motion to ban candidate advertisements from association publications.

Committee Chairman Steve Habeger said there is ambiguity about certain campaign materials in the government documents.

On one hand, the articles of incorporation state, "the association shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office."

Additionally, Habeger said the advertising policy for the Ocean Pines newsletter prohibits "Advertising considered adversarial, political, religious or suggestive in nature."

However, two board of director candidates bought ads in the summer newsletter last year.

"The other candidates had been led by this committee to believe that such ads were not allowed," Habeger said. "The situation needs to be clarified to be fair for all candidates.

"The elections committee unanimously feels that the mere act of standing for election in any organization is a political act," he added. "We propose that, for clarification, the board direct that hence forth advertisements on behalf of candidates standing for election as a director in the Ocean Pines Association shall not be permitted in publications of the association."

Director Slobodan Trendic, the com-

mittee liaison, said he was "in full support of the committee's actions."

"I believe clarity is required and your motion makes a lot of sense," he said. "This approach makes it pretty explicit and it's going to be up to the board to endorse the policy as written ... I think the intent is to have this on the agenda at our next regular meeting, which I believe is April 28."

Director Colette Horn, also present during the committee meeting, said she supported the motion.

"I think your rationale and approach is well-founded," she said.

Marketing and Public Relations Director Denise Sawyer was also in support.

"I did have questions about this previously, before it went to publication. Those inquires were brought to the acting GM [last year] and before proceeding with publication, we were given approval to print," she said. "I think having it very clear and on the books makes it best for both parties."

Committee members voted 4-0 in favor of the motion with one member, Virginia Sutula, not present.

Also during the meeting, the committee voted 4-0 to approve upcoming election dates and Habeger presented four drafts for discussion: the 2018 letter to candidates, the process for drafting forum questions, a script to announce the election vote totals, and a script for the election validation report.

Habeger said the committee will vote all on four items during its next meeting, May 11 at 10 a.m. in the administration building on 239 Ocean Parkway.

Richardson named 'Officer of the Year' by American Legion

Also won Silver Star Award; called 'wonderful example' and 'courageous' by chief

(April 19, 2018) American Legion, Synepuxent Post #166, named Ocean Pines Pfc. David Richardson as its Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

The award, which especially takes into account heroic acts, is presented annually and celebrates officers who exceed their duty requirements and demonstrate a distinct pattern of community engagement.

Richardson is also the recipient of a Silver Star Award for 2017.

The award stems from his handling of a domestic complaint. According to the incident report, a suspect was identified as having assaulted several individuals with a knife. The suspect, who had barricaded himself inside a residence, was seen by Richardson holding a knife and refusing to cooperate with police.

Units of the Maryland State Police and Worcester County Sheriff's Office



responded to assist at the scene. While Ocean Pines Police Chief Dave Massey was engaged in verbal conversation with the suspect, Richardson and other units made forcible entry into the

home. Richardson tackled the armed suspect and was able to take the knife away. The suspect was then taken into custody, uninjured, and charged with first-degree assault. For risking his life, and not resorting to deadly force, Richardson was awarded the department's highest honor.

"Pfc. Richardson is a wonderful example of the courageous police officers in our department," Massey said. "He never complains and is not afraid to step up when the situation demands it. It is officers like Pfc. Richardson who contribute to making Ocean Pines the safest community, for its size, in the State of Maryland."



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Strong opposition to proposed Burley Street subdivision

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(April 19, 2018) Residents of Burley Street in Berlin were not happy about a proposed residential subdivision discussed during the planning commission meeting last Wednesday.

Planner Bob Hand of R D Hand & Associates Inc. described the proposal as a four-lot subdivision on Burley Street, just shy of two acres, with one shared "serpentine" driveway accessible by all. One of the lots, 33 Burley Street, has a home on it already.

Residents said the proposal was not analogous to the neighborhood, currently made up of homes set just off the street and spaced close together, with deep backyards backing up onto Stephen Decatur Park and bordering the tennis courts.

Planners said the proposed new constructions would instead be built staggering away from the street and partially disguised by landscaping.

Planning Commission member Newt Chandler called the concept "bastardized ... where people look into other people's back yards building houses," and wondered if two larger homes would be more desirable.

"I don't think people would want



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Residents of Burley Street in Berlin last Wednesday during a planning commission meeting voiced objection to a proposed subdivision. The area would include the existing home on 33 Burley Street as well as three new homes, all accessible by a single driveway.

to live like that – I wouldn't want to buy lot three with lot four looking in my backyard," he said. "I think you could get more money selling two big lots."



Resident George DeGroft said, "The whole idea is totally out of character for the neighborhood."

"It's a nice place to raise a family," he said. "This doesn't strike me as developmentally friendly to the small town idea of Berlin."

Resident Patricia Dufendach said when she purchased her home she was told subdivisions were not permitted on Burley Street.

"This is a subdivision. It's named a subdivision in the paperwork. I don't know when this changed," she said. "When did the community have an opportunity to weigh into whether or not it's a subdivision?"

She added residents were not made aware of an easement appar-

ently granted to property co-owner John Collins regarding the "paper street" known as Commodore Alley or Commodore Lane that borders the park.

"It's a street that everybody walks up and down to the park on from Burley Street, because it's a public street," Dufendach said. "We've not had a chance to weigh in on that.

"[The development] is not in character of our neighborhood," she continued. "We want to be sure that all of these things are covered, because we have some very strict details about how subdivisions are supposed to be and I just want to know that we followed all these rules."

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Residents say proposal not in character of neighborhood

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Resident Jennifer Neeb said she is worried about setting a new precedent on the street.

"If this is the new position, then we'll take down our garage, create an easement, and propose to build something in our back lot," Neeb said. "If everybody on Burley Street that owned their back lot did that ... I just think you're losing what we wanted.

"We had ... children playing baseball on the big lot behind us. Our neighbors' children play lacrosse and when the ball crossed over they use our yard – it's one big lacrosse field," she continued. "I don't think this is in the best interest of the residents on Burley Street."

Husband Barry Neeb joked he agreed with everything his wife said, "Because I don't want to get beaten when I get home."

"The bottom line is, you're getting ready to open Pandora's Box. The idea of a subdivision on Burley Street is frightening to me," he said. "It's a beautiful street. Yes, it's kind of peculiar that [the homes] are all close to the road with huge backyards – that's a selling feature to me. That's why we bought the house and we have utilized that backyard since our kids were little.

"To be able to now, if you so choose, to petition you all to have a subdivision will completely change the change the character of that street," he added. "I'm not opposed to them making a profit off of this piece of land ... [but] I do stand in the way of subdivisions on Burley Street."

Resident Diane Frederick's concerns were about the stormwater impact of any new development. She said the owner of 26 Burley Street wanted to build a mother-in-law apartment, but was denied and instead built an addition.

"When they did that addition, it raised the ground level of that entire piece of property and now my lot floods," Frederick said. "What you allowed them to do at 26 has had a negative affect on the topography of my land and I now have water in my basement constantly and the whole back portion of my lot floods.

"I don't know what this might do [to neighboring properties] ... or if it will have any southerly flow into my property," she added.

"The decisions you make will impact how water flows on Burley Street," Dufendach said.

Because only a concept plan was presented, Planning Director Dave Engelhart said there was "no motion to be made" during the meeting.

"The next step would be that they prepare a plat for your approval," he said to the commission members.

"Or disapproval," Commission Chairman Chris Denny said.

Property co-owner Chris Davis said he would take all of the resident opinions into consideration.

"You've heard it from the neighbors – this is a unique street, which has a consistent design plan on each lot," Commission member Pete Crosby said. "This would have an impact, on my opinion, on the streetscape of Burley Street that would be significant. And it also could set a bad precedent."

Collins did not agree and said one of the empty lots would "only allow for a small house."

"And that house has to has a driveway [and] has to have a garage to maintain the character of Berlin," he said. "My contention is that if you have two houses up on Burley Street it's going to be very tight and all the guests are going to be parking on the street and that's where the problem is going to arise.

"My contention is we move these in the back and landscape the front," he continued. "They'll have the opening area – a field with more trees like they've had all their lives – and they won't even know those houses are in the back.

"I think this is a good plan for the Town of Berlin. I think this is a good plan for the street of Burley Street," Collins said. "That's why we're here – to try to make it better."

'May Day' festival and 5K, Saturday at Worcester Tech

(April 19, 2018) Worcester Technical High School in Newark, will hold its first "May Day" Spring Festival and 5K Fun Run on Saturday, May 5.

The event proceeds benefit the school's student organizations: Future Business Leaders of America, Future Farmers of America and Skills USA.

The goal is to raise enough money to assist in travel and competition costs for students to help them achieve the highest level of success. Registration for the 5K can be completed online at https://worcestertechhs.com or by printing the registration form and mailing it to: 6290 Worcester Hwy., Newark, Maryland 21841.

The cost is \$10 for students and \$30 for adults. Race shirts are guaranteed to those that register by April 21.

Online registration will close one week prior to the event. On-site registration will open at 9 a.m. the morning of the event. The school will also host a "May Day" Spring Festival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 5.

A wide variety of activities for all ages are planned including games, a car show, Mother's Day flower sale, and a corn hole tournament. This event is rain or shine.

For more information, contact Worcester Technical High School at 410-632-5050.



'Hide and Seek,' 'Wheel of Fortune' coming

New promotional ideas to keep kids, shoppers busy and help improve parking

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(April 19, 2018) Berlin Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells is working on several promotions to keep people moving downtown.

For visitors, Wells has ideas for both children and adults.

The first, geared toward children, will be called "Berlin Hide and Seek."

"Kids basically walk around town and they look for some of these items, and they have to determine where they are," she said during a Town Council meeting last Monday. "It gets them to look up instead of looking down at their phones."

Checklists will be available at downtown shops and can be turned in for prizes, Wells said.

"It's probably just going to be a blowup beach ball with a Berlin logo on it – something cute like that," she said.

The second, "Berlin Shop, Search and Solve," is aimed at grownups.

"It's like a 'Wheel of Fortune' [game] and letters will be put in the windows," she said. "People walk around, they try to solve the puzzle, and then the businesses are pitching in ... there will be a drawing every month and the winner will win 'Berlin Bucks' [good at downtown stores]."

Wells is also tackling parking concerns in Berlin, but said there is not so much a "parking problem" as there is "a walking problem."

"With the [new] way-finding signs, hopefully that helps solve some of that," she said. "I think what happens is ... as a new person coming into town, you automatically look for signs on where to go for parking, and if a parking lot is full, people are just driving around because there's no direction for them where else to go."

She said a new sign would be placed near Tripoli Street, pointing toward Stephen Decatur Park, which has ample free parking. Using a Fitbit, Wells said she measured about 500 steps from the park to downtown.

"We're going to have a sign at Decatur Park that says it's only 520 steps to get to downtown," she said. "I'm also going to think of some cute ways – almost like a game – for people to be able to get from Decatur Park to downtown."

Further addressing parking, Wells encouraged downtown business owners and their employees to park in the St. Paul's Church parking lot on Church Street.





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The old Berlin way-finding signs, seen here, will soon be replaced. Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said last week at least one of the new signs would point visitors to additional parking at Stephen Decatur Park.

Safe Boating Class offered April 24-26 at Pines library

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary to oversee; future sessions set for June, July and Sept.

(April 19, 2018) The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will offer the Maryland Basic Boating Safety Course Tuesday through Thursday, April 24-26 at the Ocean Pines Library from 6-9 p.m. each night.

Maryland requires that everyone born after July 1, 1972 needs to pass the state Safe Boating Class and have their certificate with them when operating a powerboat; however, it's highly recommended that everyone who wants to be informed about safe boating regardless of their age or experience take the class.

Taught by Maryland and USCG Auxiliary certified instructors, the class is a fun and relaxing three-night event culminating in the administration of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources test and awarding of the Safe Boating Certificate. The course is a chance to brush up on general boating knowledge and get practical insight and advice from Coast Guard Auxiliary instructors. Other than the state-mandated material, legal responsibilities, safety equipment, navigation and good boating practices, the class covers other pertinent subjects like marlinspike (knots and lines handling), local Ocean City water knowledge and marine radio protocols.

Future Maryland Safe Boating Classes are scheduled June, July and September in the three-evening format, at the Ocean Pines library. It will also be taught twice in a one-day format, Saturday, May 5 and Saturday, Aug. 4. The Saturday class will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Class size is limited. The fee is \$15 per student which includes study guide.

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(April 19, 2018) The Worcester County Arts Council is taking registrations for a bus trip to the Brandywine Museum of Art and Longwood Gardens on Tuesday, May 29.

The bus will depart on May 29 at 8 a.m. from the Walmart parking lot on Route 50 in Berlin and return approximately around 8 p.m. in the evening.

Registration fee is \$80 for Arts Council's members and \$85 for nonmembers and includes deluxe motor coach transportation, admission to self-guided tour of the Brandywine Museum of Art in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania, admission to a selfguided tour of the Longwood Gardens in Kenneth Square, Pennsylvania, snacks and beverages on the bus.

Bus registration form is available on the Arts Council's website, www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org. Deadline to register is May 19. Seats are limited and early reservations are highly recommended.

For additional questions, call the Worcester County Arts Council at 410-641-0809 or email curator@worcestercountyartscouncil.org.



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BJ's membership returns to Pines

Worcester County Veteran's Memorial to benefit from special offer, April 13-27

(April 19, 2018) BJ's Wholesale Club is once again partnering with the Ocean Pines Association to bring a special membership offer, effective April 13-27, to benefit the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines Foundation.

In addition to offering special membership benefits, BJ's will donate \$5 of each membership fee to the foundation. The offer, which is available to new and renewing members, is not available for purchase online or at any BJ's location. Current EZ Renewal members are not eligible.

With this offer, an annual BJ's Inner

Circle Membership is \$40 and a BJ's Perks Rewards Membership is \$80. New members also receive a \$50 Restaurant.com card.

One free month of membership will be added to all paid memberships renewed through the Ocean Pines offer. Paid memberships renewed within two months after their expiration will be extended 12 months from the expiration date. Paid memberships renewed more than two months after expiration will be extended for 12 months from the last day of the month of renewal.

This special promotion is only offered through Ocean Pines two times a year. The next promotion will be in October. Current BJ's members whose memberships will expire before then are encouraged to renew during the spring offer. BJ's operates over 200 clubs in 15 states from Maine to Florida, including a location in Millsboro, Delaware.

BJ's membership applications are available at the Ocean Pines Association Administration Building at 239 Ocean Parkway and online at www.Ocean-Pines.org.

Applications must be returned with payment by April 27. Check and credit card payments will be accepted. Applications may be dropped off at the administration building or mailed to Ocean Pines Association, Attn: Denise Sawyer, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, Maryland 21811.

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



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ished, it will be a great asset to the town."

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said

To get it over the goal line, we had a

the permanent bathrooms at Dr. William

real team effort - Tim's electric people,

public works, water resources - we had

a lot of help from Mr. [Jeff] Fleetwood and

I'm glad we could get it open before the

a.m. to 8 p.m. Engelhart said those

could be extended during the summer,

when the park basketball courts are

Engelhart said he recently met with

Worcester County Health Department of-

ficials to discuss a Worcester County

Walkability Plan, to be submitted to the

document "and that should go out shortly."

the marketability of it, getting that public

outreach through the schools, possibly a

link with the hospital [and] more walking

walking trails connected to town parks

and brochures, 'Little-known Places to

Walk in Worcester County," Engelhart

said. "It's an older document [and] a new

one is going to be coming out, so we'll try

and ... make sure everything we have is

He said assessment of sidewalks and

"They have some marketing cards

He said planners came up with a draft

"The main influence for us would be

used often during the evenings.

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Henry Park are officially open.

warm weather," he said.

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events in town," he said.

would be included.

on there."

Berlin Briefs

By Josh Davis Associate Editor

(April 19, 2018) The Berlin Mayor and Council discussed the following items during a public meeting at Town Hall last Monday:

Town newsletter

Town Administrator Laura Allen said the first "Berlin Bulletin," an electronic newsletter sent to residents and property owners, was issued last week.

"The idea here is to provide immediate information on a monthly basis of what's going on in town and have a link to the press releases, save the date information, and updates on projects," Allen said.

"Right now we're working on a subscription page for the website and you'll be hearing more about this later. If you're interested in subscribing and you haven't already received it, just let us know and we'll get you on the list."

Swearing in

The council swore in several new Berlin board and commission members appointed during a previous meeting.

Appointed were: Woody Bunting, Joe Moore, Jay Knerr and Doug Parks to the Board of Appeals; Mary Moore, Norman (Nornie) Bunting and Alan Palmer (alternate) to the Historic District Commission; Phyllis Purnell and David (D.J.) Lockwood (alternate) to the Planning Commission; and Tony Bowen for the Board of Supervisors of Elections.

"We're so happy for all of you who are returning and, for those of you who are beginning a new adventure, we really appreciate it," Mayor Gee Williams said. "[Volunteering] is something that makes small towns work so well.

"I just want to thank you and congratulate you – all of you," he continued. "It means a lot to the mayor and council and to the citizens."

Fair Housing Month

Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen introduced a proclamation designating April as "Fair Housing Month." She said the designation, an annual practice during the first meeting in April, is required for the town to qualify for "certain grants and funding opportunities." The council unanimously approved the proclamation with one member, Councilman Dean Burrell, absent.

Williams also read a proclamation designating April 21-28 as "Take Pride in Berlin Week." He said the designation was five years old and kicks off each year with Berlin Clean-Up Day on the Saturday closest to Earth Day.

"There is a lot of pride initiated by the citizens that we all benefit from," Williams said. "Many people make that their day now to clean up their backyard ... basically, people help each other out."

Tennis update

Electric Utilities Director Tim Lawrence said his department is continuing work on tennis court improvements at Stephen Decatur Park.

He said Aerial Crane was hired to drill six holes on the perimeter of the courts and new LED lighting was installed. Lawrence said the electric department assembled the lights and control boxes, and Aerial Crane lifted and set the poles.

The lighting system, he said, was a sophisticated design created by the same company that installed lights for Purdue Stadium in Salisbury.

Lawrence said Terra Firma would finish asphalt work on the court and another contractor would bore holes under the light poles, where power lines would be run.

Once finished, three different buttons spread out around the courts would control the lights, he said.

"If you're anywhere on the court playing and the strobe light sends out a warning that the lights are about to go out, you can push any one of those three buttons and reactivate the lights," he said. "Once it's fin-



Berlin Electric Utilities Director Tim Lawrence last week gave an update on tennis court renovations at Stephen Decatur Park, including new lighting systems.

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The Ocean Pines Association town meeting tonight (Thursday) is an excellent idea ... going into the session. Whether it will be perceived that way after it takes place remains an unknown.

The success of this gathering will depend on how the audience responds to the opportunity to communicate directly with the board of directors and the administration.

As there is no such thing as universal admiration for any governing body or official, it's a certainly that some audience members will pose awkward questions, air complaints vigorously and criticize strenuously. That's just human nature.

To some, however, there's nothing more enjoyable than trying to disparage that which appears to be successful just for the sake of knocking it down a level or two in the public's eyes.

That's the kind of thing that could result in placing this town meeting on the endangered species list, even though the willingness of officials to face the public without the protections of regular meeting rules and procedures is admirable and should be encouraged. That's participatory democracy at its best, in principle, and we hope it is in practice as well.

It should be disclosed that one of the discussion's moderators will be Elaine Brady, who is employed by this paper, but will be acting in her capacity as a member of the Communications Committee. We encourage audience members to be civil and as courteous as possible with the moderators not because of this affiliation, but because it's the right thing to do ... assuming that the public would like to see it done again.

Here's hoping that all goes well and that this is just the first installment of a series of similar sessions to be held throughout the year.

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Letters

The NRA: Laying a myth to rest

Editor,

It's come to my attention that, in this newspaper, there's been an ongoing back-and-forth about guns and gun control in America – and I felt the need to address something mentioned in two of the pro-gun control letters. Mainly the ever-persistent myth of the National Rifle Association's funding.

The NRA's tax returns can shed some light on this.

The 2016 filing is currently the most recent one available (and can be found online), but the previous years are up as well. In that year, membership dues made up 44.6 percent of its revenue.

Its next largest chunk comes from private contributions, which include donations from firearm companies and companies that make accessories for firearms. I will discuss to what extent in a moment. In 2016, this made up 33.9 percent of their revenue.

As a note, 2016 was an election year and private contributions always swell in election years. For example, in 2015, this number was only 28.2 perecent.

Then comes advertising –

including the NRA's many magazines such as American Rifleman and American Hunter – at 7.1 percent.

Fourth were program fees (from its various training classes) at 4.8 percent. The last significant contributors are royalties at 4.5 percent and sales (the NRA has its own store selling memorabilia amongst other things) at 3.9 percent.

Assuming not a single penny of the private contributions were made by individuals, 54.1 percent of all funding comes directly from its constituent members – not corporations.

Which begs the next question – what percentage of "private contributions" come from gun companies?

The long and the short of it is – it's difficult to say. However, the Violence Policy Center, a nonprofit organization that advocates for gun control, did a study titled "Blood Money – How the Gun Industry Bankrolls the NRA" which is available online.

I should hope the title makes it clear that this is an (obviously) unbiased source.

Released in 2011, the study concluded that, "Since 2005, corporations have contributed between \$19.8 million and \$52.6 million to the NRA as detailed by its Ring of Freedom corporate giving program. The vast majority of funds – 74 percent – contributed to the NRA from "corporate partners" are members of the firearms industry: companies involved in the manufacture or sale of firearms or shooting-related products. Contributions to the NRA from the firearms industry since 2005 total between \$14.7 million and \$38.9 million."

Problematically for the VPC, the total private contributions during the span of that study were \$333 million. This study suggests, at most, 11.7 percent of the NRA's private donations (not total revenue) came from the "firearm industry."

To put this in perspective, in 2005 the NRA received \$76 million in membership dues alone – nearly double the amount of corporate contributions this study claimed they received over a six-year period.

These facts were carefully omitted from the VPC's study.

What's even more interesting is that the VPC counted donations made by MidwayUSA's NRA Round-Up program – where purchasers could voluntarily choose to round up their See LETTERS Page 21

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Continued from Page 20 order to the next dollar and submit the difference to the NRA – as "corporate contributions."

It did the same thing with "Add a Buck" programs in which individuals were asked to donate a dollar to the NRA when they were checking out – in the same way that McDonald's often asks if you'd like to donate a dollar to the Ronald McDonald House.

These are, technically, corporate contributions, but they are actually paid by individuals.

It does not surprise me that the VPC has not since conducted further studies into this.

There is another problem with this "shill" myth – history does not agree with it. What happens when a gun company crosses the NRA? Ask Smith and Wesson.

On March 17, 2000, Smith and Wesson (via its then owner, Tomkins plc) made an agreement with President Clinton under which it implemented changes in the design and distribution of its firearms (following the President's desired gun control measures) in return for a government "preferred buying program" to offset the loss of revenue from the expected boycott.

The NRA-organized boycott was beyond "expected." By December, the company's stock fell to 19 cents per share. On May 11, 2001 Saf-T-Hammer Corporation acquired the company for a mere 15 million – a fraction of the 112.5 million originally paid by Tomkins plc. They also assumed 30 million in debt and immediately denounced any and all agreements made by the previous owners.

When gun companies oppose the NRA's members, they go bankrupt. This is not surprising.

Millions of Americans voluntarily pay the NRA to represent their views – and when the NRA comes back and informs them of companies acting contrary to those views, they boycott en masse.

Remember, for every person that pays dues, there are many others who do not or cannot financially support the NRA – but that doesn't mean they don't agree with them.

The National Rifle Association is patently not a shill for gun compa-

nies. It's the voice of millions of Americans.

Furthermore, the position that the NRA is funded by gun companies – and is, therefore, suspect – is intellectually dishonest in itself.

It assumes that a corporation could have no other interest in supporting American civil rights than to bolster profits, rather than, perhaps, entertaining the notion that people who own and run firearm companies may have entered into the industry because of their love of firearms.

It also ignores the obvious question – why should we care?

If a gun company supports the Second Amendment, and provides valid reasons for doing so, then those reasons must be defeated intellectually for the opposing position to have any merit. It doesn't matter if they make money selling guns – if they're right, they're right.

For example, if major media groups donated money to protect the First Amendment, would we discount their message because they stood to make money off freedom of the press? I should certainly hope not.

So, why won't this narrative go away?

Partly because it's been repeated so often that many think it's true. Partly because it's terrifying to some to recognize the NRA's real power has always come from the sheer number of motivated people supporting it. And, partly because, when you can't attack the message, you attack the messenger.

By labeling the NRA a "shill," their opposition tries to cast doubt on their arguments without actually facing them.

In debate, this is known as an "ad hominem" attack. An attack on the person or people holding a viewpoint, rather than the viewpoint itself.

It is usually made by people desperate to defend a position that cannot be defended logically. When you can't argue against what someone is saying, quite frankly, there is nothing you can do but sling mud and hope it sticks.

Please, rise above mudslinging. Let's have an honest debate where the truth, not oft-repeated myth, is what counts.

> Eric Mitchell Berlin, Maryland







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DAR ESSAY WINNERS

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The General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently sponsored an American History essay contest in area schools. Worcester Prep students took top honors. Pictured, from left, are sixth grader Vanesska B. Hall, seventh grader Jason Todorov and eight grader Alex Bunting.



AKTION CLUB

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Stephen Decatur High School has a very successful Kiwanis Student Leadership club known as the Key Club which is sponsored by the parent Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City. On March 28, the Key Club held its annual breakfast for the parent club. The Aktion Club, at the Worcester County Developmental Center, sent representatives. Pictured, form left, are Kiwanis Club Advisor to the Aktion Club Carolyn Dryzga, Valarie Reed, Iola Tariq, President Donta Smith, WCDC Advisor Janelle DeShileds and Vice President Tracy Fields.



FLAPPER FUN

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It was a roaring good time in Stephen Decatur High School American literature teachers Kim Patrick's and Kia Terlizzi's classrooms as students went back to the 1920s as part of a culminating activity for "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Students dressed as flappers, listened to jazz, and danced the Charleston as they celebrated the time period. Pictured are SDHS juniors, from left, Daletez Smith, Lauren Barrett and Daniel Mitchell.



ROTARY POLICE VEST

The Ocean City-Berlin Rotary Club, through a district grant, purchased a Kevlar vest for K-9 Cyrus. Pictured, from left, are Cliff Berg, Stan Kahn, Larry Michnick, Margaret Mudron, Frank Baker, Arlan Kinney, Nancy Bradford and Pfc. Aaron Titerance of the Berlin Police Department, and his partner, K-9 Cyrus.The Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Captain's Table Restaurant, inside the Courtyard Marriott Hotel on 15th Street and N. Baltimore Ave. in Ocean City. Guests are welcome.



NATIVE AMERICAN DISCUSSION

General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently learned about the contributions of a Native American soldier during World War I. Chapter member and American Indian committee chair Carol Wanzer, who is of Cherokee descent, left, spoke about Otis W. Leader, a Choctaw from Oklahoma who was described and painted by French artist Raymond DeWarreux as the "Ideal American Soldier" during World War I. She is pictured with chapter Regent Patricia Ayers.



FARMERS BANK DONATION

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Recently, Farmers Bank of Willards presented Worcester County Humane Society with a check for \$2,500 that will be used to help underwrite the rent costs for the no-kill shelter's new thrift store that will be opening soon on Sunset Avenue in West Ocean City. Pictured, from left, are Bank Board Member Donald Bounds, West Ocean City Branch Vice President Celeste Miller, Worcester County Humane Society Board Member Heather Bahrami, Bank Board Member Kim Messick and WCHS Board members Mary Martinez and Sandy Summers.

First Worcester CARES event in Berlin draws 122 people

(April 19, 2018) Berlin hosted the first Worcester Community Access to Resources Expo (Worcester CARES) event on Saturday, at the Multi-Purpose Building on 130 Flower Street.

"We are excited to report the event had a total of 122 attendees accessing resources for themselves and their families," Town Administrator Laura Allen said. "We were able to provide groceries to over 90 families. Most of the families were from Berlin. It was a great way to spend a Saturday, from my perspective."

This family-friendly event featured nonprofit organizations throughout the county creating a one-stop shop for individuals and families looking for support or assistance. Worcester residents had the opportunity to learn all about services they need the most.

The town partnered with Delmarva Power, Choptank Electric Cooperative, Telamon, Worcester County Department of Social Services, Shore Up!, the Salvation Army, and Worcester Youth and Family to organize the event.

Event organizers would like to thank the 42 organizations who participated: Alliance Inc., Atlantic General Hospital Nutrition Department, Atlantic General Hospital Nutrition Department/Kennedy Krieger, Bathfitters, Berlin Head Start, Chesapeake Health Care, Chesapeake Housing Mission, Chesapeake Utilities & Sandpiper Energy, Choptank Electric Cooperative, Inc., Coastal Hospice & Palliative Care, The Cricket Center, Delmarva Power/Pepco, Delmarva Toastmasters The Club, Diakonia, Easterseals, Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay, Habitat for Humanity-Worcester County, Homes at Berlin, Hope4Recovery, Jesse Klump Memorial Fund, Inc., JobCorps, Life Crisis Center, Maryland Insurance Administration, Maryland Legal Aid, Salvation Army, SHORE UP! Inc., Telamon Corporation, The Local Management Board/Behavioral Health Authority, Town of Berlin, Tyree AME Church, Veterans Upward Bound, Worcester County Adult Education, Worcester County Board of Elections, Worcester County Commission on Aging, Worcester County Developmental Center, Worcester County DSS, Worcester County Health Department-Lower Shore Health Insurance Assistance Program, Worcester County Recreation & Parks, Worcester County University of Maryland Extension Office, Worcester County Warriors Against Opiate Addiction, Worcester Youth and Family, and The Youth Care Center.

Event organizers worked with the Maryland Food Bank, Worcester Youth and Family, the Town of Berlin, and Sonrise Church to provide bagged groceries to people attending the event. The remaining food bags were donated to



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Volunteers from organizations including the Maryland Food Bank, Salvation Army, Kiwanis, Town of Berlin and others last Friday help bag 6,000 of food donated by the food bank for use during the Worcester Cares event, Saturday at the multipurpose building. Town Administrator Laura Allen said the food was distributed to more than 90 families.

Shore Up for an upcoming event and the Stephenson United Methodist Church Spirit Kitchen and Food Pantry.

We couldn't hold this event without the support of our sponsors," Allen said. "I want to give a special thank you to Shore Transit, Bayside Gazette, The Dispatch, Choptank Electric and Choptank Chesapeake Electric Trust, Utilities/Sandpiper Energy, Delmarva Power, Ocean 98, Bathfitters, Hope4Recovery, Worcester County Commission on Aging, the Berlin Community Improvement Association, Domino's Pizza, Subway, Uncle Willie's, On What Grounds and the Mayor and Council of the Town of Berlin."

Worcester CARES had 54 volunteers bagging food on Friday and working the event on Saturday.

Event organizers would like to thank:

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Early Friday morning, April 6, N2BHS-AL (Ms. Macky) gave birth to a sorrel foal. The new foal, N2BHS-ALQ, and band live year-round in the very busy developed area and campgrounds. For this reason, the National Park Service expressly reminds visitors that it is essential to remain a minimum of 40 feet away from the wild horses at all times. N2BHS-ALQ will learn how to interact with the environment from Ms. Macky and other members of its band. Seventy percent of foals in the National Seashore are born in April, May and June, but it is not uncommon for foals to be born during any month of the year. A mare will be very protective of her new foal and it is vitally important for their well-being that visitors give them, and all of the wild horses, plenty of space.



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Business Briefs

Recognition

Peninsula Home Care is recognizing two occupational therapists as "Outstanding OT of the Year" for their work and dedication to the patients they serve.



Miranda Wood, of the Salisbury/Ocean Pines Branch, joined the Maryland PHC team in August 2016. As a certified occupational therapy assistant, she educates patients about techniques to make daily

living tasks at home easier.

She has an Associate's degree in Applied Science in Occupational Therapy from Delaware Technical Community College. She is a member of Phi Theta Cappa Honor Society and Magna Cum Laude and actively participates in her local church as a Sunday school teacher. Her favorite part of working in home care is assisting the patients one-on-one.



Helen Serrano, of the Seaford Branch, joined the PHC team as an occupational therapist in January of 2015. She brings 16 years of experience to the job after working for eight years as an internship coordinator,

clinician and college instructor and another eight years as a senior occupational therapist in London, England.

She earned her bachelor of science in occupational therapy and doctor of dental medicine and was

awarded "Best Occupational Therapist" as an intern. She enjoys working with patients in their home environment and finds it very fulfilling to see patients achieve goals and complete everyday tasks in their own homes.

Providing care for more than 30 years, Peninsula Home Care, in Salisbury and Ocean Pines/Berlin, ensures that all patients are involved in their plan of care and strives to give them every opportunity to maintain their independence in the home.

The agency has served more than 39,000 patients on Delmarva and was designated as a Peninsula Regional Medical Center preferred home care provider in 2017. For more information, visit www.peninsulahomecare.com.

Top in sales

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices PenFed Realty, one of the country's fastest-growing real estate brokerages, announces the 2017 top sales associates in its Ocean Pines office.

Top honors went to Debbie Bennington and O'Hare Team who received the Chairman's Circle Gold award.

Cindy Poremski and Cindy Welsh received the President's Circle Award. Mickey Lobb, Michael Rutledge and Sally Todd Stout were presented the Leading Edge Society Award; and Stephanie Bray, Judy Froman, Sandy Galloway, Jim Prete and John Talbott earned the Honor Society Award.

The company made the announcement during its annual Sales Rally and Awards, held on March 15 at the MGM National Harbor.

Swimmers invited to dive for coins at Ocean Pines event

(April 19, 2018) Ocean Pines Aquatics is hosting a Change Plunge at the Sports Core Pool on Friday, April 20 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Children, ages 12 and under, will get a chance to dive for \$100 in coins in the 3-5 feet area of the heated indoor public pool. Whoever collects the most change will win a prize.

Change plunging begins at 5:45 p.m. The pool would then open for swimming after all of the money is collected from the bottom of the pool.

The event, which is open to the public, will cost an Ocean Pines resi-

dent child \$4, a nonresident child \$6, a resident adult \$6, and a nonresident adult \$8. Adults who are not swimming are free.

Ocean Pines Aquatics hosts a variety of aquatic fitness classes, swim lessons and special events yearround, including a Mother-Son Swim on Friday, May 4 from 6-8 p.m. and a Dive-In Movie showing of "The Incredibles" on Saturday, May 12 at 6 p.m., both at the Sports Core Pool.

For more information, contact Ocean Pines Aquatics at 410-641-5255





Cuisine

Practice makes perfect for cured meats

There is something so satisfying in watching a student cure meat and seafood for the first time. I remember



fondly when I cured my first piece of fish in 1984, and it still amazes me about as much as my vacuumpacker does to this very day. There's just something so mystical about science in the kitchen to a

mind like mine.

MBA, CEC, PC-3

I first cured fish at a restaurant in Annapolis, serving it on the Sunday brunch buffet. We would start the salmon on Friday and let it go until Sunday, and it was always a hit, along with the whole roasted pig. I still remember a self-proclaimed and proud Samoan family that would come in on occasion, and the whole family was impressive in stature. Needless to say, whenever they did come in, I (as a scrawny 6-foot 2-inch, 140-pound stick) would try to portion out the roasted pig, but one-by-one they would laugh and say "come on, bro ... more than that." It got to the point that I would just hand the tongs and knife to them and they would artfully dismantle the beast and eat like royalty.

It was here where I learned how to smoke marlin, tuna, bluefish, trout and salmon. Luckily, it is also where I learned proper smoking techniques for anything else that we could push into a 700-pound commercial smoker.

There is just no replacement for a commercially built smoker, and the difference is the smoky nuance that makes a dish delicious versus the "smoke burp," as I call it, caused by over-smoking something. You see, our bodies can't digest smoke. If you use too much, you end up with acrid, cigarette-tasting meats that reward you with disgusting belches that do little to convince your loved one to accompany you to any sort of smokehouse again. What your body can't digest, it will expel and oftentimes it will do so in the form of gas, whether it's out of the attic or the basement, if you know what I mean.

Likewise with curing, it can and often is overdone. Too much salt, or too much time being leached dry by the hygroscopic curing agents, and your finished product will be a salt lick with the bite of shoe leather. It just isn't good.

When smoking and curing, it is a good idea to have ratios in your head. Not only will it make your life easier, but it will also leave you with a more consistent product. When your guests come to know you for certain things, then you can start playing around and deviating from the classics, as long as you still have said classics on hand for those who may not be as adventurous as are we.

Too often, cooks and chefs "wing it" and the customer is left in this strange guessing game as to what is going on with the food, and what they are going to get for dinner tonight. But even pushing this aside; from a financial standpoint, it is always a good thing to control your recipes and food cost. In an industry where margins are razor thin to begin with, everything must be well-ordered and maintained with at least some semblance of regulation.

So from a financial and culinary point of view, it is critical when you are brining, curing or marinating. The salt, sugar and/or acids denature the proteins with which they come in contact and the meat/fish will completely change in texture and flavor. If you leave chicken breast in a high-acid (think vinegar or lemon) marinade too long, it will feel like rubber. You've just lost that batch of yard bird.

In the same bent, over-curing a piece of salmon will have the same effect, as mentioned earlier. As such, it is important to find your magic ratio and practice, practice, practice.

And your first batch may not be perfect, but that's normal. You have to balance the ratio, time and environment. Take notes, and perfect your recipe to your liking. And maybe you'll be as excited as we food nerds are when we do this stuff.

Cured Salmon

makes 2 sides

2 filets fresh salmon, skin on and bones removed

25 percent of fish weight in sugar 25 percent of fish in kosher salt 2 Tbsp. Freshly cracked black

pepper

Handful of fresh dill

Handful of fresh herbs of your choosing

Cheesecloth

Rinse and lay out the cheesecloth so that you can roll everything up when you're done Combine the salt, sugar and pepper and set aside until ready to go

Lay the fish filets skin-side up and sprinkle some salt cure on it, spreading evenly

Place the filets flesh-side up on the cheesecloth

Top with the remaining salt cure and herbs, ensuring that it all stays on the fish

Carefully roll the fish in the cheesecloth so that the two fish filets are facing each other flesh-to-flesh

Flatten them out and lay on a sheet pan that will fit flat in a refrigerator

Lightly weight it down with another sheet pan and refrigerate for 24 hours for a lightly cured, less firm flesh, and up to 48 hours for a firmer, more heavily cured fish

Slice thinly on the bias, removing the fish from the skin. Serve with bagels, cream cheese, homemade chive crème fraiche, diced onions, hard-boiled eggs and the like

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



Calendar

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THU, APR. 19

PAINT SNOW HILL 2018

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OP TOWN HALL MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 7pm. Matt Ortt Companies will present an overview of current and future operations at the yacht and beach clubs. In addition, Lerch, Early & Brewer will report on collections. Advance questions may be sent to info@oceanpines.org. View the meeting live at www.OceanPines.org or on Mediacom channel 78.

PINE'EER CRAFT CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. Refreshments begin at 9:45 a.m. The craft for April is making a rock photo holder. Guests are welcomed. Barb O'Connor, 410-208-2944

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

5TH ANNUAL TOAST FOR THE COAST

West-O Bottle Shop, 12611 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, MD, 5 to 8 p.m. Featuring vendors such as Seacrets Distillery, OC Wasabi and Barn 34. The group will be showcasing ACT's online blog, The Marsh, and their newest campaign, Trash Free Assateague. Two special awards will also be presented. Benefiting the Assateague Coastal Trust and the Assateague Coastkeeper. http://www.ACTforBays.org

FRI, APR. 20

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FIBER FRIENDS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bring your lap work and join this group for informal get-togethers. Knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, etc. are welcome., Victoria Christie-Healy, moonlightknitting@gmail.com, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

GEM, MINERAL AND JEWELRY SHOW

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 12 to 6 p.m. Fine jewelry, fashion jewelry, sterling silver jewelry, wire-wrapped jewelry, beads, pearls, loose gemstones, minerals, crystals and fossils. Admission costs \$5 for adults and free to those 16 years and younger., Ellen White, ellen@treasuresoftheearth.com, 757-641-2124, http://www.treasuresoftheearth.com

BERLIN BOOK OF THE MONTH

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 1 p.m. Happy 200th Birthday Frederick Douglass. This month's selection is "Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass: An American Slave." Copies of the book are available in advance at the library., 410-641-0650, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

HEALTHY EATING FOR SENIORS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 2 p.m. Nutritionist Kristie Williams wil offer a program to give tips and tricks on what to eat to make sure senior years are the best they can be., 410-208-4014, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

Seacrets, 117 49th St., Ocean City, MD, 4 to 8 p.m. Adults 21 and older are invited to a dinner and silent auction to benefit the Worcester County Humane Society. Advance tickets are available online at www.worcestercountyhumanesociety.or g/boardwalkin-for-pets or at the shelter. Tickets cost \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres and music by Lauren Glick.,

SAT, APR. 21

FAMILY FUN FEST

12741 Ocean Gateway, Ocean City, MD. 10 am to - 2 pm. Featuring K-9 demonstrations, children's entertainment, informational displays and more. Plus, "touch-a-truck" activities presented by the Worcester County Sheriff's Department and the OC Volunteer Fire Department. Event held weather permitting., 410-524-1818, http://www.tangeroutlets.com

FLOWER POWER

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, All Day Draw, paint and craft flowers, then take him a packet of wildflower seeds to plant at home., 410-524-1818, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

FREE NATIONAL PARKS DAY

Assateague Island National Seashore, 7206 National Seashore Lane, Berlin, MD, All Day In celebration of the First Day of National Park Week, Assateague Island National Seashore will offer free admission., http://www.nps.gov

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PUPPY PARTY

Backshore Brewing Company, 913 Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, MD, All Day Held in conjunction with the Boardwalk' for Pets. The deck will be transformed into a playpen, and the famous VW bus will be turned into a Puppy Photo Booth. Special logo'd collars, leashes and water bowls, as well as homemade doggie treats for sale. The will be boxes out to collect donations of supplies for the Worcester County Humane Society. The shelter's supply list can be found at www.worcestercountyhumanesociety.org

YARD SALE

Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company Headquarters, second floor, 1409 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tables are available for \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Also accepting gently used goods. Refreshments available. Proceeds go towards the Fire Company, Cadets and Scholarships. To rent tables: Beverly, 443-309-0901.

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

POOCH PALOOZA DOG FESTIVAL

Frontier Town Western Theme Park & Campground, 8428 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, MD, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featuring a variety of activities for dogs and owners, including Dock Diving. This year will also feature Flyball Anonymous, Lure Chase, canine-human team relay, Nosework and the Tower of Temptation, Canine Pie Eating, Costume Contest, the No Costume-Costume Contest and more. The Delmarva Unleashed Cover Model Search will host four different sets inside the Western Theme Park. Competition is free with event admission. There will also be low-cost rabies shots, micro chips, seminars, vendors and adoptable dogs. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Brandywine Valley SPCA in Georgetown, DE. Tickets are available at the gate and online at PoochPalooza.com. Cost is \$12 per day or \$20 for a weekend pass and includes one human and one dog.

BOARDWALKIN' FOR PETS

Ocean City Boardwalk at the Inlet, Ocean City, MD, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. Raise money for the walk and receive prizes. There is a \$25 minimum per person. Bring your pet for a fun day on the boards to help the animals at the Worcester County Humane Society. Also, participants can adopt a shelter dog for the day by making arrangements prior to the walk-athon. Held rain or shine. Sign up at www.crowdrise.com/19thAnnualBoardwalkinforPets. Pledge/registration sheets can also be printed from the shelter's website, www.worcestercountyhumanesociety.org. Refreshments provided. Bring photos of your cats for the Cutest Cat contest., Sandy Summers, 443-235-5647

BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Ocean City Airport, 12724 Airport Road, Berlin, MD, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Menu includes pancakes, bacon, sausage, home fried potatoes, eggs and coffee. Cost is \$8, which benefits the Huey Helicopter Memorial., 410-213-2471

VOTER REGISTRATION

Shepherd's Nook, Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, Berlin, MD, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For first time voter registration, change of address, name or party affiliation. Must be a US citizen, MD resident and at least 16 years old. (cannot vote until 18 years old). Bring current MD drivers license or MVA ID card or last 4 digits of the social security number. In Maryland, individuals convicted of a felony who have been released on parole or probation can vote, but must re-register.,

WALK MS

Jolly Roger Amusement Park entrance, 2901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 9 a.m. Registration, entertainment, vendors and team pictures held from 7:45-9 a.m. Open ceremonies begins at 9 a.m. The event will kick off with registration and breakfast at 8 a.m. The walk will begin at the Jolly Roger entrance and proceed to the Boardwalk for the 5K and 1-mile routes. The 1-mile walk turnaround and rest stop will be between 24th and 25th streets. The 5K turnaround point and rest stop will be at 9th Street. Teams that raise \$5,000 will receive a 10x10 pop-up tent., Whitney, whitney.pogwist@nmss.org,

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WALK WITH A DOC

Ocean Pines War Memorial, South Gate Pond, Ocean Pines, MD, 9 to 10 a.m. There is a short presentation by a doctor on a current health topic followed by a walk around the pond at your own pace while you visit with others and have conversation with the doctor., Michelle, 410-641-9268

CRAFTY SATURDAY MAKE & TAKE 'MON-STERS!'

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Create themed crafts using materials provided by the library. For all ages., 410-208-4014, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

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DOG DAYS 'READING WITH PIERCE'

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 11 a.m. Join Pierce, a giant and lovable Great Dane who is a certified therapy dog. Read stories to. him and make dog related crafts. For for the whole family., 410-957-0878, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

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

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5TH ANNUAL WALK FOR KIDS

Hooters, 501 Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, MD, 12 p.m. Registration starts at 11 a.m. The \$25 fee includes the walk, a commemorative token and admission to an exclusive reception at Hooters from 1-3 p.m. Trophies awarded for to fundraiser for team and individual. Walk to help the fight against child abuse. Register online at www.thecricketcenter.com or call 410-641-0097.,

MID-ATLANTIC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

OC Performing Arts Center, Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 3 p.m. Pre-concert lecture at 2:15 p.m. Featuring soloist Leon Fleisher on piano and guest soprano Janice Chandler Tickets cost \$40 and \$45., 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

MON, APR. 23

LITTLE LEARNERS PROGRAM

Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, 813 S Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, MD, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Children, ages 1-5 years, will learn about local history and wildlife through story time, crafts, live animal encourages and hands on activities. Free for members. Standard admission costs for non-members., 410-289-4991 Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 1:30 p.m. Homeschoolers, age 8-12 years, are invited to join a monthly book club. Books are available in advance at the library., 410-524-1818, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

WRITING FOR WELLNESS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Group uses exercises to stimulate the process for creative expression. No prior writing experience needed., 410-208-4014, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

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., Rosealee Campion, 410-641-0157

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, APR. 24

WOMEN WHO CARE ON THE SHORE MEETING

West O Bottle Shop in West Ocean City, at 5:30 pm. Submissions go into a basket and three potential winners are picked. For information or to become a member, email Mulholland at

mjmulholland@mchsi.com or visit www.facebook.com/100womenwhocareontheshore

'ALL ABOUT ANIMALS'

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 10:30 a.m. Pets, farm and zoo animals. For 3-7 year old children., 410-641-0650, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

MINDFULNESS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 2 p.m. Takes place on Tuesdays from April 24 through May 29. Six-session workshop combining information, discussion and practice to learn how to more "present" in our everyday lives., 410-208-4014, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

FAMILY NIGHT 'POETRY'

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 4 p.m. Come enjoy books, crafts and games for the whole family. Snacks and drinks provided., 410-524-1818, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

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

WED, APR. 25

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

VOTER REGISTRATION

Used To Be Mine Thrift Shop, 12507 Sunset Ave., West Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For first time voter registration, change of address, name or party affiliation. Must be a US citizen, MD resident and at least 16 years old. (cannot vote until 18 years old). Bring current MD drivers license or MVA ID card or last 4 digits of the social security number. In Maryland, individuals convicted of a felony who have been released on parole or probation can vote, but must re-register.

STORY TIME 'PETS'

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

INFORMATION LITERACY 'SMARTPHONE HINTS AND TIPS'

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 2 p.m. Covering the basics, plus extras like adding and removing apps, creating new home screens and accessing file storage. Android and Apple users welcome., 410-208-4014, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

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 and 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. Dance lessons offered the first and third Wednesday of each month from 5-5:45 p.m. Dancing follows until 9 p.m. All are welcome., 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, 410-641-1700

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - LIFE AFTER LOSS

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 6:30 to 8 p.m. A supportive and safe place to allow people to share their stories with those who have lost loved ones to addiction or overdose. No reservation is needed and no sign-in will be done at the door. Refreshments provided., Gail Mansell, gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org

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HELP WANTED

SALES & RENTAL AGENTS NEEDED 410-726-1197

Hiring for a seasonal experienced Maintenance Person. Apply within at the Sea Hawk Motel. Also hiring experienced seasonal **Housekeepers**.

PGN Crabhouse, 29th Street & Coastal Hwy. Help Wanted. Waitstaff, Kitchen Help. Apply Within after 11 am.

Experienced Cleaners needed for Part-time work in Ocean City & Bethany. Must have vehicle and cell phone and pass background check. Please call 410-202-2887.

Sales Associates/ Telemarketers Needed ASAP for busy contractor company. Great hours, Monday-Friday, 9-4pm. No expe-rience necessary; will train right candidate, but experience is always a plus. Hourly pay plus commission! Serious inquiries only! If interested, call Donna at 410-208-4614.

SALES ASSOCIATE Furniture Sales Experience and Weekends Required. Perfect Furnishings. Fax resume to 302-537-5470.

Admin Asst: FT/YR Goodpay. Dependable. Experienced, Excellent customer service and computer skills, Rental/QBook background a plus. Send resume to: Fred@Paradiseoc.com

Live-In Home Health Aides Needed Immediately Must be experienced, reliable and trustworthy (http://www.helping handslivein.com/ employment.htm) Please call 410-219-3445.

fi-na-le Fenwick Island Kitchen Help, Cook, Prep, Dishwasher. Call or text Bill: 215-313-5667 or email: billguckin@gmail.com

FT, YR Maintenance Technician. Exp. preferred. Must be able to lift & carry heavy objects. Email resume to oh@defenderresorts.com. Call 410-520-0003.

Maintenance Person Needed

High-rise Condominium building in OC looking for full-time, year-round Mainte-nance Person. Must have general knowledge of plumbing, electrical, carpentry, drywall and painting. COP license is a plus. Position available immediately.

Please fax resume to 410-723-1288 or call 410-723-3300

HELP WANTED

BALLHI PARK Groundskeeper & Assistant to Maintenance Dept. 40hrs a week. Seasonal 9 mo. \$12 hr. 410-352-3140.

Alex's Italian Restaurant Experienced, Year-round Cooks. Servers & Dishwasher. Apply in Person. Rt. 50, West OC, or call 410726-2158 & ask

for Alex.

A busy contractor company in Ocean Pines, MD is currently hiring **HVAC Maintenance Technicians.** START IMME-DIATELY. **To apply, call** DIATELY. To apply, call Marc at 302-682-1777.

Century Taxi - Now hiring taxi drivers. Call Ken 443-235-5664.

Classifieds 410-723-6397 www.baysideoc.com www.oceancitytoday.net

RENTALS

West OC Waterfront Cottage Available May-Sept Starting at \$4500. 443-831-9898

Summer Bayside Condo near Jolly Roger. 2BR, 2BA, W/D & AC. Cable, Wi-Fi, fully furnished. Sleeps 4-6. 2 units available Mays Sort Control available Mav-S ept. Call Mike at 410-603-6120.

Year-Round Rentals available in West Ocean City. 2 bedroom, 1 bath and 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Call 1-877-289-1616 for more information.

Waterfront Condo w/ 25ft boat slip, 2bdrms 1 1/2 BA. \$8,600. Summer Season, July 1 - Sept 4th. Renter pays elec-tric & Cable, Walk to beach, shopping & restaurants. Se-curity deposit \$500. Email: moll&mollyb.com.

Summer Seasonal 2BR. 2BA Renovated luxury, modern, villa. North OC, sleeps 5. May-Sept \$12,900. Furn. w/major appl.'s, flat screen TV's, deck & pool,

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Daily	Assateague Point, Berlin	1BR/2BR/3BR	Mobile	From \$100,000) Tony Matrona/Resort Homes
Daily, 10-5	Gateway Grand – 48th Street	3 & 4BR, 3BA	Condo	Inquire	Fritschle Group/Condominium Realty
Friday 1-4	718 Bradley Rd., Dolphin Bay	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$269,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Res. Brokerage
Friday 10-1	19 Greenwood Ln., Ocean Pines	2BR/2BA	Single Family	\$219,500	Kathy Lowing/EXIT Realty at the Point
Sat-Mon, 11-4 pm	Heron Harbour, 120th St., Bayside	1BR/2/BR/3BR/4/BR+	Condo, Towns & SF	_	Nanette Pavier/Holiday Real Estate
Saturday 10-2	23 Pintail Dr., Ocean Pines	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$529,999	Phyllis Fennessy/Shamrock Realty Group
Saturday 1-3	9417 Lake View Dr., West OC	4BR/3.5BA	Single Family	\$639,000	Linda Slacum/ERA Martin Assoc.
Sunday 1-4	12608 Whisper Trace Dr.	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$369,900	Katherine Wright Payne/Condominium Realty
Saturday 9:30-1	19 Greenwood Ln., Ocean Pines	2BR/2BA	Single Family	\$219,500	Kathleen Lowing/EXIT Realty at the Beach
Saturday 9:30-1	25 Falcon Bridge Rd., Ocean Pines	4BR/3BA	Single Family	\$229,000	Bernie Flax/EXIT Realty at the Beach
Saturday 11-1	312 Maple Ave #5, Berlin	2BR/1BA	Townhome	\$ <mark>125</mark> ,000	Ann Holtz/EXIT Realty at the Beach
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